



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

TENNESSEE STATE FOOTBALL

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

SET THE SCENE

Location: Nashville, Tenn.
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Capacity: 69,143
Surface: AstroTurf
Forecast: Day 66° Cloudy // Night 48° Rain

TUNE IN

TV: ESPN+
Davis Gregory (PXP)
John Hatler (Analyst)
Chris Brinkley (Analyst)



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107.9 FM (Smyrna)

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Greg Pogue (pxp)

Nick Guerriero (Analyst)



COACHING STAFF

Reggie Barlow Head Coach

Cedric Thornton Assoc Head Coach/
Linebackers

Gregg Williams Defensive Coordinator
Jerod Kruse Special Teams / Secondary

Deion Harris Defensive Line

Dexter Jackson Safeties

Justin Hannah Defensive Analyst

Shannon Harris Co-Offensive Coordinator / QB
Toriano Morgan Co-Offensive Coordinator / RB
Russ Ehrenfeld Offensive Line
Nick Andrews Wide Receivers
Eddie Woods Tight Ends

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WEEK 11 • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 • 1:00 PM

TENNESSEE STATE

2-7, 0-5 OVC-BIG SOUTH
Head Coach: Reggie Barlow
Record at TSU: 2-7 (1st Season)
Career Record: 85-65
Home: 2-5 | Road: 0-2 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: L2

VS

UT MARTIN

4-5, 4-1 OVC-BIG SOUTH
Head Coach: Jason Simpson
Record at UTM: 128-97 (20th Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 2-1 | Road: 2-4 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: W3

BETWEEN THE LINES

14.2	Points/Game	20.9
28.4	Points Allowed/Game	27.3
89.1	Rush Yards/Game	157.6
152.3	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	124.8
167.2	Pass Yards/Game	189.6
195.4	Pass Yards Allowed/Game	250.3
256.3	Total Offense/Game	347.1
347.8	Total Defense/Game	375.1



GAME NOTES

Tennessee State heads to Martin looking to snap a five-game OVC-Big South skid and earn its first win at UT Martin since 2013. The Tigers face a Skyhawks squad riding a three-game winning streak and coming off another strong stretch of conference play as the long-standing series continues Saturday at Hardy Graham Stadium.



SERIES INFORMATION: Saturday marks the 35th all-time meeting between Tennessee State and UT Martin, with the Tigers holding an 18-16 advantage in the series. TSU has dropped the last four meetings overall and five straight at Hardy Graham Stadium.

WEEK 10 BY THE NUMBERS:

3.4: The Tigers averaged 3.4 yards per play against Lindenwood — up from their previous outing and boosted by two explosive drives early.

9: Secondary Brendan Hale paced the defense with a team-high nine tackles — his fourth straight game with at least four stops.

12.0: Quarterback Byron McNair averaged 12 yards per completion, including two passes of 20+ yards in the first quarter.

31: Syncere Safeullah returned an interception 31 yards, marking TSU's fifth defensive takeaway of the season.

43.0: Punter Mark Shenouda continued his consistency with a 43.0-yard average, including a 51-yard boot that flipped

2025 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

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Aug. 30 // 3:30 PM
North Carolina A&T
W, 24-21



Sept. 6 // 1:30 PM
#1 North Dakota St.
L, 3-59



Sept. 13 // 3:30 PM
Alabama A&M
Legacy Series
L, 21-24



Sept. 27 // 3:30 PM
#11 Tennessee Tech
L, 8-35



Oct. 4 // 2:00 PM
at Eastern Illinois
L, 7-31



Oct. 11 // 3:00 PM
at SEMO
L, 12-28



Oct. 18 // 4:30 PM
Homecoming
W, 24-7



Oct. 25 // 1:30 PM
Western Illinois
L, 17-16



Nov. 1 // 3:30 PM
Lindenwood
L, 13-35



Nov. 8 // 1:00 PM
at UT Martin
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 15 // 1:30 PM
Gardner-Webb
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 22 // 1:00 PM
at Charleston Southern
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



All times listed are in CT



TSU TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

OFFENSE

LT	63	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	6-7	275	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
	75	Arlington Williams Jr.	6-4	292	Fr.	Nassau, Bahamas / Anatol Rodgers / Snow
LG	54	Darius Neals	6-4	315	R-so.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
	55	Breon Brown	6-4	287	R-So.	Richmond, Va. / Varina / James Madison
C	53	Steven Nelson	6-3	270	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Rockvale
	54	Darius Neals	6-4	315	R-so.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
RG	70	Jesse Igwe	6-2	330	Jr.	Greer, S.C. / Riverside / Gardner-Webb
	69	KJ McCou	6-3	345	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. Desoto Central Florid
RT	73	Joel Van-Tagoe	6-6	310	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. / Oklahoma City / NE Oklahoma A&M
	77	Jakhye Irby	6-8	342	So.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Powell / Butler CC
QB	10	Byron McNair	6-0	176	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / St. Louis / Kansas Wesleyan
	8	Caleb McCreary	5-11	186	So.	Wetumpka, Ala. / Montgomery Catholic Prep / Troy
RB	30	Zack Simmons-Brown	5-10	170	R-Fr.	Columbus, Ga. / Central / Garden City CC
	31	Trevor Pearson II	5-10	210	R-So.	Montgomery, Ala. / Troy / Prairie View A&M
X-WR	2	Snap Reed	6-2	206	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett
	20	Anthony Taylor	5-9	172	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
Z-WR	17	Justin Hughes	6-3	200	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy / Memphis / Arkansas Baptist
	83	LJ Walker	6-0	197	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz. Perry
SLOT	18	Devaughn Slaughter	6-1	182	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Indianapolis Cathedral
	9	Brock Montgomery	6-2	204	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Riverdale / UConn
TE	87	Connor Ruth	6-3	228	R-Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic
	86	Christian Jones	6-4	230	Sr.	Inola, Okla. / Inola / Missouri Southern State / Northeastern A&M

DEFENSE

DE	18	Jaylon Price	6-3	220	Jr.	Sunflower, Miss. / Ruleville Central / S.W. Mississippi CC.
	49	Brandon Collins	6-2	250	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
NT	99	Lathun Snipes	6-1	290	Sr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte College
	2	Stephon Shivers	6-4	399	Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
DT	4	Marlon Huff	6-3	280	So.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Atlantic
	52	Bryce Gray	5-11	285	Fr.	Belleville, Ill. Cardinal Ritter College Prep
BUCK	7	James Stewart	6-3	247	R-Sr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy / Memphis / MTSU
	97	Terrance Carpenter	6-3	222	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Blackman
MIKE	3	Micah Gay	6-1	205	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Johns Creek
	51	Epoki Fakaosi	5-11	215	Jr.	San Jose, Calif. / Lincoln
WILL	25	Sammy Taylor	6-2	225	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
	35	Alijah Bivans	5-11	225	Sr.	Salisbury, Md. / Parkside / Towson
NICKEL	27	Byron Davis	6-1	185	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Kentucky Wesleyan
	26	Jalen LaBranche	5-8	160	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Miami Central
CB (L)	21	Jayden Cook	6-0	190	R-So.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln-Way East / Kansas State
	10	Syncere Safeeullah	6-3	180	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro / IMG / Nebraska
FS	8	Brandan Hale	6-1	180	R-Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Orange Lutheran / Southern Utah
	17	Mikeece Jones	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro / Iowa Western
SS	13	Dominique Dixon	6-1	195	So.	St. Louis, Ill. / Cardinal Ritter College Prep
	33	Taeshawn Jefferson	5-11	188	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Germantown
CB (R)	1	Jashon Watkins	6-4	215	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. East Nashville Magnet Memphis / UMass
	32	Jayden Coleman	5-10	180	So.	Phenix City, Ala. / Central

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	4	Freddy Perez	6-3	190	So.	Carrollton, Ga. / Carrollton / Georgia Military
	39	Roman Mathis	6-4	185	Fr.	Joelton, Tenn. / Davidson Academy
KO	4	Freddy Perez	6-3	190	So.	Carrollton, Ga. / Carrollton / Georgia Military
	39	Roman Mathis	6-4	185	Fr.	Joelton, Tenn. / Davidson Academy
P	15	Mark Shenouda	6-1	210	R-So.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis
	39	Roman Mathis	6-4	185	Fr.	Joelton, Tenn. / Davidson Academy
KR	19	Trevon Porter II	5-10	219	Sr.	Chicago Heights, Ill. / Elmhurst / DuPage
	38	Lelan Wilhoite	5-11	185	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. Siegel Florida A&M
PR	20	Anthony Taylor	5-9	172	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
	23	TySean Jefferson	5-7	162	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
LS	43	Kyle Hicks	6-3	231	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
	90	Connor Ridderhoff	6-2	240	R-Jr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea
H	15	Mark Shenouda	6-1	210	R-So.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis
	6	Jonathan Palmer	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Franklin, Tenn. / Page / Gardner-Webb

NOTABLE RESERVES

QB	6	Jonathan Palmer	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Franklin, Tenn. / Page / Gardner-Webb
RB	19	Trevon Porter II	5-10	219	Sr.	Chicago Heights, Ill. / Elmhurst / DuPage
	38	Lelan Wilhoite	5-11	185	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. Siegel Florida A&M
WR	14	Tyson Edwards	6-2	189	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis
	21	Lucas Harkless	5-10	165	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Catholic / Troy
	82	Amari Southall	6-0	169	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
DL	0	Braelen Perry	6-3	293	Sr.	Tuscoloosa, Ala. / Northridge / Prairie View A&M
LB	36	Caleb Reid	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Newman, Ga. / Newman
	6	Jelani Willis	6-1	219	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett / Western Michigan

PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

Name	First	Last
Shaun Ayers	SHAWN	AIRZ
Kaiki Baker	KYE-kee	BAYkur
Christopher Barnett		
Alijah Bivans	uh-LYE-juh	BIV-unz
Daniel Bravo		
Plexico Brown	PLEX-ih-co	
Breon Brown	BREE-on	
Terence Carpenter II		
Jayden Coleman		
Brandon Collins		
Jayden Cook		
Shamar Crawford	shuh-MAR	CRAW-furd
Ethan Cunningham		
Nicholas Cyrus		SIGH-rus
Byron Davis		
Dominique Dixon	DAH-muh-neek	DIX-un
Terence Dotson		
Camron Douglas		
Tyson Edwards		
Epoki Fakaosi	eh-POH-kee	fah-kah-OH-see
Darien Farmer	DARE-ee-un	FAR-mur
Jacorris Foreman	juh-KOR-us	FOR-un
Gavin Forsha	GAV-in	FOR-shuh
Micah Gay	MYE-kah	GAY
Bryce Gray		
Joshua Green		
Demetrius Gore	duh-MEE-tree-us	GOR
Jayden Guy		
Brandon Hale		
Ryder Hagan	RYE-dur	HAY-gun
Parker Harden		
Lucas Harkless	LOO-kus	HARK-lis
Kyle Hicks		
Jason Hoath Jr.		
Robert Howell	RAH-burt	HOW-uhl
Marlon Huff		
Justin Hughes		
Jesse Igwe		EEG-way
Jakhye Irby	jah-KYE	ER-bee
Khy' Lek Jarrett	KYE-lek	JARE-it
Veguer Jean-Jumeau	veh-GAIR	zhahn-zhoo-MOH
TySean Jefferson	ty-SEE-un	JEH-fur-sun
Taeshawn Jefferson	TAY-shawn	JEH-fur-sun
Jalen LaBranche	JAY-lin	luh-BRANCH
Zachariah Lee	zak-uh-RYE-uh	LEE
Joshua Malone		
Juice Majors	JOOS	MAYjurz
Roman Mathis	ROH-mun	MATH-iss
Coby May	KOH-bee	MAY
KJ McCou	KAY-jay	muh-KOO
Caleb McCreary	KAY-lub	muh-CREE-ree
Byron McNair	BYE-run	mick-NAIR
Brock Montgomery		
Johnathan Moore	JAH-nuh-thun	MORE
Darius Neals		
Jonathan Palmer		
Trevor Pearson	TREV-ur	PEER-sun
Freddy Perez		
Braelen Perry	BRAY-lin	PEH-ree
Taveon Porter	TAY-vee-on	POR-tur
Jaylen Price		
Caleb Reid		REED
Snap Reed		
Joshua Reece		
Kendric Rhymes	KEN-drik	RHYMZ
Connor Ridderhoff	KAH-nur	RID-urhoff
Brent Rowe		
Connor Ruth		
Syncere Safeeullah	sin-SEER	sah-FEE-oo-lah
Ryan Screen		
DuJuan Sharp III		
Mark Shenouda		shuh-NOO-duh
Stephon Shivers	steh-FAHN	SHIH-vurz
Devaughn Slaughter	duh-VAWN	SLAW-tur
Zack Simmons-Brown		
Anthony Smith		
Luthan Snipes	LAY-thun	SNYPES
Amari Southall	uh-MAR-ee	SOUTH-hall
James Stewart		
Joel Van-Tagoe	JOH-uhl	van-TAH-go
Deuce Walker	DOOS	
LJ Walker		
Jashon Watkins	Juh-SHAWN	
Deon Wiggins		
Kennedy Wilbert		
Lelan Wilhoite	LEE-luhn	WILL-hoyt
Arlington Williams Jr.	AR-ling-tun	WIL-yumz junior
Deon Wiggins	DEE-on	WIG-unz
Jelani Willis		
Brandon Wilson		
Germani Wilson	jur-MAHN-ee	
Matthew Wilson		




2025 TSU ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL			NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
96	SHAUN AYERS	DT	0	Jayden Guy	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Blackman
28	KAIKI BAKER	DB	0	Braelen Perry	DL	6-3	290	Sr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala. / Northridge / Prairie View A&M
61	CHRISTOPHER BARNETT	OL	1	Jashon Watkins	DB	6-4	215	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. East Nashville Magnet Memphis / UMass
35	ALIJAH BIVANS	LB	1	Kendric Rhymes	RB	6-0	195	Gr.	Houston, Texas / Heights / Southern
80	PLEXICO BROOKS	WR	2	Snap Reed	WR	6-2	207	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett
41	DANIEL BRAVO	K	2	Stephon Shivers	DT	6-4	399	Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
55	BREON BROWN	OL	3	Micah Gay	LB	6-1	205	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Johns Creee
49	BRANDON COLLINS	DE	4	Marlon Huff	DT	6-3	280	So.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Atlantic
32	JAYDEN COLEMAN	DB	4	Freddy Perez	K	6-3	190	So.	Carrollton, Ga. / Carrollton Georgia Military College
21	JAYDEN COOK	DB	6	Jonathan Palmer	QB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Franklin, Tenn. / Page Gardner-Webb
58	SHAMAR CRAWFORD	OL	6	Jelani Willis	LB	6-1	218	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Bartlett / Western Michigan
44	ETHAN CUNNINGHAM	RB	7	Juice Majors	WR	5-9	155	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / John Overton
13	NICHOLAS CYRUS	QB	7	James Stewart	DE	6-3	247	R-Sr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy / Memphis / MTSU
27	BYRON DAVIS	DB	8	Brendan Hale	DB	6-1	185	R-Jr.	Orange, Calif. / Orange Lutheran Southern Utah
14	TYSON EDWARDS	WR	8	Caleb McCreary	QB	5-11	195	So.	Wetumpka, Ala. / Montgomery Catholic Prep / Troy
51	EPOKI FAKAOSI	LB	9	Brock Montgomery	WR	6-2	198	So.	Columbia, Tenn. / Riverdale / UConn
60	DARIEN FARMER	OL	10	Byron McNair	QB	6-0	185	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / St. Louis / Kansas Wesleyan
37	JACORRIS FOREMAN	DB	10	Syncere Safeeullah	DB	6-3	180	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro / IMG Nebraska
57	GAVIN FORSHA	LB	11	Brent Rowe	LB	6-1	230	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wisc. / Hendersonville
15	JAKOBE FREEMAN	DB	12	Ryder Hagan	QB	6-2	200	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
3	MICAH GAY	LB	13	Nicholas Cyrus	QB	6-5	190	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / South Shore
94	DEMETRIUS GORE	DT	13	Dominique Dixon	DB	6-1	195	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Ill. / Cardinal Ritter College Prep
50	JOSHUA GREEN	DT	14	Tyson Edwards	WR	6-2	189	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton / Memphis
52	BRYCE GRAY	DT	14	Brandon Wilson	DB	5-11	185	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing
0	JAYDEN GUY	WR	15	Mark Shenouda	P	6-1	210	R-So.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet / Memphis
12	RYDER HAGAN	QB	17	Justin Hughes	WR	6-3	200	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy / Memphis / Arkansas Baptist
8	BRENDAN HALE	DB	17	Mikeece Jones	DB	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro / Iowa Western
78	PARKER HARDEN	OL	18	Devaughn Slaughter	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Indianapolis Cathedral
21	LUCAS HARKLESS	WR	18	Jaylon Price	DE	6-3	220	Jr.	Sunflower, Miss. / Ruleville Central / S.W. Mississippi CC.
43	KYLE HICKS	LS	19	Taveon Porter	RB	5-10	210	Sr.	Chicago Heights, Ill. / Bremen / Elmhurst / College of DuPage
89	JASON HOATH JR.	TE	20	Anthony Taylor	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. / Cathedral Catholic
71	ROBERT HOWELL	OL	21	Jayden Cook	DB	6-0	190	R-So.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln-Way East / Kansas State
17	JUSTIN HUGHES	WR	21	Lucas Harkless	WR	5-10	168	Jr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Montgomery Catholic / Troy
4	MARLON HUFF	DT	22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB	5-9	180	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
77	JAKHYE IRBY	OL	23	Tysean Jefferson	RB	5-7	170	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Beech / Western Kentucky
91	KHY'LEK JARRETT	DE	25	Sammy Taylor	LB	6-2	225	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
33	TAESHAWN JEFFERSON	DB	26	Jalen LaBranche	DB	5-8	172	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Miami Central
23	TYSEAN JEFFERSON	RB	27	Byron Davis	DB	6-1	185	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Cane Ridge / Kentucky Wesleyan
63	VEGUER JEAN-JUMEAU	OL	28	Kaiki Baker	DB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
86	CHRISTIAN JONES	TE	29	Joshua Malone	DB	5-8	160	Fr.	Gardendale, Ala. / Gardendale
17	MIKEECE JONES	DB	29	Ryan Screen	WR	5-11	155	So.	Fort Meade, Fla. / Fort Meade / Warner
26	JALEN LABRANCHE	DB	30	Zack Simmons-Brown	RB	5-10	170	R-Fr.	Columbus, Ga. / Central / Garden City CC
45	ZACHARIAH LEE	LB	31	Trevor Pearson	RB	5-10	215	R-So	Montgomery, Ala. / Trinity Presbyterian / Troy / Prairie View A&M
29	JOSHUA MALONE	DB	32	Jayden Coleman	DB	5-10	180	R-Fr.	Phenix City, Ala. / Central
			33	Taeshawn Jefferson	DB	5-11	188	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Germantown
			33	Deuce Walker	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. / Cactus
			35	Alijah Bivans	LB	5-11	220	Sr.	Salisbury, Md. / Parkside / Towson




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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	ALPHABETICAL (CONT.)
37	Jacorris Foreman	DB	5-11	197	R-So.	Pahokee, Fla. / Everglades Preparatory Academy	7 JUICE MAJORS WR
37	Johnathan Moore	RB	5-11	200	R-So.	Smyrna, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy	46 COBY MAY K
38	Lelan Wilhoite	RB	5-11	185	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Siegel / Florida A&M	39 ROMAN MATHIS K/P
39	Roman Mathis	K/P	6-4	185	Fr.	Joelton, Tenn. / Davidson Academy	10 BYRON MCNAIR QB
40	Caleb Reid	LB	6-3	236	R-Fr.	Newnan, Ga. / Newman / MTSU	8 CALEB MCCREARY QB
41	Daniel Bravo	K	5-7	180	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch	69 KJ MCCOU OL
42	Germani Wilson	WR	6-4	180	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / May	37 JOHNATHAN MOORE RB
43	Kyle Hicks	LS	6-3	235	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	9 BROCK MONTGOMERY WR
44	Ethan Cunningham	RB	5-9	185	R-Fr.	College Grove, Tenn. / Fred J. Page / North Alabama	54 DARIUS NEALS OL
45	Zachariah Lee	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / John Overton	53 STEVEN NELSON OL
46	Coby May	K	6-0	165	Gr.	Aurora, Colo. / Eaglecrest / Colorado Mesa	6 JONATHAN PALMER QB
47	Matthew Wilson	LB	6-2	235	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Middleton	31 TREVOR PEARSON RB
49	Brandon Collins	DE	6-2	250	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth	4 FREDDY PEREZ K
50	Joshua Green	DT	6-3	280	Fr.	North Little Rock, Ark. / Georgetown	19 TAVEON PORTER RB
51	Epoki Fakaosi	LB	5-11	220	Jr.	Los Altos Hills, Calif. / Foothills	18 JAYLON PRICE DE
52	Bryce Gray	DT	5-11	280	Fr.	Belleville, Ill. / Cardinal Ritter College Prep	36 CALEB REID LB
53	Steven Nelson	OL	6-3	270	Fr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Rockvale	2 SNAP REED WR
54	Darius Neals	OL	6-4	315	R-So.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove	19 JOSHUA REESE QB
55	Breon Brown	OL	6-4	287	R-So.	Richmond, Va. / Varina / James Madison	90 CONNOR RIDDERHOFF LS
55	Camron Douglas	DL	6-2	265	R-Jr.	Brownsville, Tenn. / Haywood / Tennessee	11 BRENT ROWE LB
56	Anthony Smith	OL	6-3	305	Gr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland / Iowa State	87 CONNOR RUTH TE
57	Gavin Forsha	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet Christian / South Alabama	10 SYNCERE SAFEEULLAH DB
58	Shamar Crawford	OL	6-5	287	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Riverview / MTSU	22 DUJUAN SHARP III DB
60	Darien Farmer	OL	6-0	290	R-So.	Aurora, Ill. / West Aurora	15 MARK SHENOUDA P
61	Christopher Barnett	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	Snellville, Ga. / Blackman	2 STEPHON SHIVERS DT
63	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	OL	6-7	275	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	81 TERENCE DOSTON WR
66	Kennedy Wilbert	OL	6-1	295	Gr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College	97 TERENCE CARPENTER II DE
69	KJ McCou	OL	6-3	335	R-Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Desoto Central / Florida A&M	18 DEVAUGHN SLAUGHTER WR
70	Jesse Igwe	OL	6-2	330	Jr.	Greer, S.C. / Riverside Gardner-Webb	56 ANTHONY SMITH OL
71	Robert Howell	OL	6-5	315	R-Fr.	Trussville, Ala. / Hewitt-Trussville	30 ZACK SIMMONS-BROWNRB
73	Joel Van-Tagoe	OL	6-6	310	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla. / Oklahoma City Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	82 AMARI SOUTHALL WR
75	Arlington Williams Jr.	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Nassau, Bahamas / Anatol Rodgers / Snow	7 JAMES STEWART DE
77	Jakhye Irby	OL	6-8	342	So.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Powell / Butler CC	25 SAMMY TAYLOR LB
78	Parker Harden	OL	6-5	350	Fr.	Pickerington, Ohio / Pickerington Central	22 ANTHONY TAYLOR WR
80	Plexico Brooks	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Middletown, N.Y. / Pine Bush	73 JOEL VAN-TAGOE OL
81	Terence Doston	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Tampa, Fla. / Hillsborough / Wyoming	83 LJ WALKER WR
82	Amari Southall	WR	6-0	180	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro	33 DUECE WALKER RB
83	LJ Walker	WR	6-0	198	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Perry	1 JASHON WATKINS DB
85	Deon Wiggins	WR	5-10	175	R-Fr.	Pompano Beach, Fla. / Blanche-Ely	85 DEON WIGGINS WR
86	Christian Jones	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Inola, Okla. / Inola / Missouri Southern State / Northeastern A&M	66 KENNEDY WILBERT OL
87	Connor Ruth	TE	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic	38 LELAN WILHOITE RB
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	6-3	245	Jr.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page	75 ARLINGTON WILLIAMS JR. OL
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-2	240	R-Jr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea	42 GERMANI WILSON WR
91	Khy'Lek Jarrett	DE	5-4	218	Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Princeton	47 MATTHEW WILSON LB
94	Demetrius Gore	DT	6-0	260	Fr.	Miami, Fla. / Jam Prep	14 BRANDON WILSON DB
96	Shaun Ayers	DT	6-4	305	So.	Rocky Point, N.Y. / St. Thomas Moore / Sacred Heart	
97	Terence Carpenter II	DE	6-3	225	R-So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Blackman	
99	Lathun Snipes	DL	6-1	290	Gr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte College	





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the field.

45: Freddy Perez drilled a 45-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, his second make of the day and fifth from 40+ yards this year.

53: Zack Simmons-Brown led the Tigers' ground attack with 53 rushing yards, averaging 4.1 yards per carry.

70: DeVaughn Slaughter opened the game with a 70-yard touchdown reception — TSU's second longest play of the season.

WEEK 9 BY THE NUMBERS:

3: Kicker Freddy Perez connected on three of five field goals, including two from beyond 40 yards. He has now made four field goals of 40-plus yards this season.

3: TSU was 3-for-3 on fourth-down attempts, keeping key drives alive.

5: Tackles recorded by Byron Davis, pacing a defense that held WIU under 200 total yards.

21: First downs by the Tigers, including 12 on the ground.

39:13: Time of possession for TSU, controlling the clock for 39 minutes, 13 seconds.

41.0: Average yards per punt by Mark Shenouda, including a long punt pinned inside the 20.

164: Rushing yards for the Tigers, led by Zack Simmons-Brown's season-best 98 yards.

187: Passing yards from Byron McNair (18 of 27, one TD).

351: Total yards of offense for TSU, outgaining Western Illinois 351-196.

OVC-BS CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (10/20): Micah Gay posted a game-high 11 tackles — including four solo stops — while adding a quarterback hurry and two interceptions. His first pick came in the second quarter and set up a TSU touchdown that gave the Tigers a 14-7 halftime lead. He sealed the win with a second interception in the fourth quarter, helping the Big Blue hold off the Bison down the stretch.

WEEK 8 BY THE NUMBERS:

2: Interceptions by Micah Gay, tying his career high and fueling two scoring drives.

3: Touchdown passes by McNair to three different receivers.

4-for-4: Red-zone efficiency by the Tigers offense (3 TDs, 1 FG).

9: Tackles for loss by the TSU defense, including four sacks.

11: Total tackles recorded by Micah Gay to lead the defense.

18-of-22: Byron McNair's passing line, good for 82% accuracy and three touchdowns.

47: Rushing yards by McNair, highlighted by a 40-yard scamper on the opening drive.

67: Rushing yards allowed by the Tigers on 33 Howard carries (2.0 avg).

14,056: Fans on hand at Nissan Stadium for the first Nashville meeting between TSU and Howard.

WEEK 7 BY THE NUMBERS:

2: Kicker Freddy Perez stayed perfect on the day, connecting on two 36-yard field goals to keep TSU within reach early.

2: Byron Davis and Brendan Hale each grabbed an interception, giving TSU its first multi-pick game of the year. Davis picked up his second INT of the season.

3: Three Tigers — James Stewart, Stephon Shivers, and Davis — registered sacks or turnovers, showcasing playmaking balance on defense.

9: The Tigers' defense recorded nine tackles for loss, one of their most disruptive performances of the season.

10: Ten different Tigers recorded at least one tackle for loss or pass breakup, reflecting strong depth and defensive rotation.

29:34: The Tigers nearly split possession time evenly, controlling the ball for 29 minutes, 34 seconds against one of the OVC-Big South's top offenses.

33.3%: TSU matched SEMO on third-down efficiency, converting six of 18 attempts to extend key drives.

50: Running back Zack Simmons-Brown broke free for a 50-yard touchdown run, the Tigers' longest offensive play of the year.

225: Quarterbacks Byron McNair and Caleb McCreary combined for 225 passing yards, TSU's second-highest total of the season.

WEEK 6 BY THE NUMBERS:

5: The Tigers converted five of 10 third downs, maintaining offensive rhythm.

7: James Stewart recorded seven tackles, including three for loss and a pass breakup.

8: Linebacker Sammy Taylor led the defense with eight total tackles.

9: Nine different Tigers caught passes, highlighting the offense's balanced distribution.

9.3: TSU averaged 9.3 yards per pass attempt, its best mark of the season.

26: Twenty-six Tigers registered at least one tackle, reflecting strong defensive depth and rotation.

38.5: Punter Mark Shenouda averaged 38.5 yards on two punts, including a 40-yard long.

48: Kicker Freddy Perez attempted a season-long 48-yard field goal, showcasing his range.

52: Snap Reed led TSU in receiving with 52 yards and a touchdown on four catches.

205: Quarterback Byron McNair completed 16 of 20 passes for 205 yards, marking a season-high 80 percent completion rate.

WEEK 5 BY THE NUMBERS:

1.5: James Stewart recorded 1.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks, leading the pass rush.

7: Linebacker Dominique Dixon paced the defense with seven total tackles (four solo).

30: Kicker Freddy Perez connected on field goals from 30 and 23 yards, continuing his steady season.

45.8: Punter Mark Shenouda averaged 45.8 yards on four punts, including a 51-yarder and one inside the 20.

53: Running back Kendric Rhymes added versatility with 53 receiving yards on three catches, with a long of 23.

58: DeVaughn Slaughter hauled in four passes for 58 yards, including a 32-yard





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reception to move the chains.

65: Wideout Snap Reed led all TSU receivers with 65 yards on three catches, highlighted by a 29-yard grab.

114: Byron McNair added 114 yards through the air, giving TSU 241 combined passing yards on the day.

127: Quarterback Jonathan Palmer threw for 127 yards, including a 32-yard strike to DeVaughn Slaughter.

WEEK 4 BY THE NUMBERS:

1: TSU is undefeated during the Bye Week.

WEEK 3 BY THE NUMBERS:

7: TSU converted 7 of 15 third downs, extending drives and helping the Tigers finish with 21 first downs.

21: TSU picked up 21 first downs, edging Alabama A&M's total of 19.

41: The Tigers logged 41 rushing attempts, reinforcing their ground-game emphasis.

76: Zack Simmons-Brown totaled 76 rushing yards, highlighted by a 27-yard touchdown run.

111: Kendrick Rhymes rushed for 111 net yards on 24 carries, adding 22 receiving yards and a touchdown grab.

157: QB Byron McNair threw for 157 yards on 17-of-27 passing with a touchdown and an interception.

179: The Tigers totaled 179 net rushing yards, showing a balanced and physical ground attack.

WEEK 2 BY THE NUMBERS:

1: Defensive back Byron Davis picked off his first pass of the season in the fourth quarter, giving TSU its second interception in as many weeks.

4: The Tigers recorded four first downs against North Dakota State. On the season, TSU is averaging 13.5 first downs per game.

8: Punter Mark Shenouda booted eight punts for an average of 42.4 yards, including a 52-yarder. Through two games, Shenouda is averaging 43.8 yards per punt.

16: Wide receiver Tyson Edwards hauled in a 16-yard catch, TSU's longest reception of the day. Edwards has recorded a reception in each of the first two games this season.

42: TSU totaled 42 yards on kickoff returns, highlighted by Lelan Wilhoite's season-long 24-yard return.

31x: Zack Simmons-Brown's 31-yard rush in the third quarter marked the Tigers' longest offensive play of the afternoon and his longest career run.

45: Freddy Perez connected on a 45-yard field goal in the fourth quarter for TSU's lone points. The senior has now hit from 40+ yards in back-to-back games after making a 42-yarder in the season opener.

53: Kendrick Rhymes finished with a team-best 53 all-purpose yards (43 rushing, 10 receiving). Rhymes has now led TSU in total yards from scrimmage in both games this season.

61: Three different Tiger quarterbacks combined for 61 passing yards on 8 completions. Tennessee State has now completed passes to nine different receivers across the first two contests.

70: TSU posted 70 net rushing yards against the Bison. Through two games, the Tigers are averaging 134.5 rushing yards per contest.

WEEK 1 BY THE NUMBERS:

1: Tennessee State won the turnover battle with a +1 margin with three fumble recoveries compared to an interception and a lost fumble.

2: The Tigers forced two fumbles in the second quarter and capitalized with a 41-yard field goal by Freddy Perez, briefly taking a 10-7 lead.

4: Tennessee State recorded four sacks in the game, coming from James Stewart, Byron Davis, Ravon Johnson, and Bryce Gray.

11: Quarterback Jonathan Palmer connected with DeVaughn Slaughter for an 82-yard touchdown strike on the Tigers' first offensive play of the game, tying the score just 11 seconds after NC A&T's opening touchdown.

38: With six seconds remaining, Lathun Snipes blocked a 38-yard NC A&T field goal attempt. Matthew Wilson scooped up the ball and returned it 35 yards to secure the Tigers' victory.

41: Kicker Freddy Perez drilled a 41-yard field goal in the second quarter following a fumble recovery, giving TSU a 10-7 lead. He finished perfect on the night (1-for-1 FG, 3-for-3 PAT).

44: Punter Mark Shenouda averaged 44.0 yards on eight punts, dropping four inside the 20-yard line to help swing field position.

62: The Tiger defense tallied 62 total tackles, led by Kaiki Baker (9) and James Stewart (6). Stewart added 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack, and a forced fumble to pace the defense.

129: DeVaughn Slaughter finished with 129 all-purpose yards, highlighted by his 102 receiving yards and an 82-yard touchdown catch, along with 35 yards on kickoff returns.

174: Kendrick Rhymes rushed for 174 yards on 21 carries in his TSU debut, including explosive touchdown runs of 60 and 51 yards that came in the second half.

8,865: The Tigers opened the 2025 season and the John A. Merritt Classic in front of 8,865 fans at Nissan Stadium.

PRESEASON BY THE NUMBERS:

5: Offensive line coach Russ Ehrenfeld brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record in developing NFL talent. Ehrenfeld holds the distinction of having coached the last five NFL draft picks under his tutelage. His first came in 2000 with Michael Thompson (Atlanta Falcons), followed by Kadeem Edwards (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2014), Demetrius Rhaney (St. Louis Rams, 2014), Robert Myers (Baltimore Ravens, 2015), Anthony Morris (Oakland Raiders, 2015), and Lachavious Simmons (Chicago Bears, 2020). Known for his expertise in developing linemen at multiple positions, Ehrenfeld has consistently prepared players to compete at the next level.

8: Mark Shenouda is Tennessee State's lone returning punter for the 2025 season. In 2024, he appeared in 10 games and punted 40 times for 1,608 yards, averaging 40.2 yards per punt with a long of 60. Shenouda consistently helped control field position, placing 13 punts inside the 20-yard line and recording seven fair catches. He also had eight punts travel 50 or more yards, showcasing both distance and accuracy, while avoiding any blocked punts.

13: Devon Starling played three seasons at Tennessee State before transferring to Northern Arizona for the 2023 season. At TSU, he totaled over 1,900 all-purpose yards and 15 touchdowns, earning OVC Co-Freshman of the Year honors as a freshman. Starling led the Tigers in rushing in multiple seasons and was a consistent threat in the passing game, while also contributing on special teams. In 2023 at Northern Arizona, he led the Lumberjacks with 726 rushing yards and seven total touchdowns, including three 100-yard rushing games. He added 210 receiving yards on 22 catches, averaged 85.1 all-purpose yards per game, and contributed four tackles on defense, showcasing his versatility and playmaking ability.

15: Ravon Johnson will face his former team, Alabama A&M, later this season in





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Week 3. Johnson played one season at Alabama A&M in 2024, appearing in all 15 games. He finished the year with 15 total tackles, including three solo stops and 12 assists, and added one pass defended, providing a steady presence in the Bulldogs' secondary.

16: Braelen Perry played two seasons at Prairie View A&M before joining Tennessee State. Over his collegiate career, he appeared in 16 games, recording 16 total tackles, including three solo stops and 13 assists. Perry also added 0.5 tackles for loss, contributing consistently on the defensive front and providing depth and experience to TSU's defense.

17: Jelani Willis played four seasons at Western Michigan, including a redshirt in 2021. In 2024, he appeared in six games and recorded 11 tackles, highlighted by three tackles each against Bethune-Cookman and Eastern Michigan. Willis contributed in 2023 with six tackles over 11 games and added a kickoff return for three yards. He also saw action in two games in 2022.

22: Brandon Hale joins Tennessee State after three seasons at Southern Utah. In 2024, he appeared in six games for the Thunderbirds, recording 12 tackles, including eight solo stops. Hale played in all 11 games in 2023, adding nine tackles (six solo, three assisted), and made two appearances in 2022, recording one tackle and catching an interception against Lincoln (Calif.).

24: Of the 24 players hailing from Nashville (area), 11 different high schools are represented. Five schools produced multiple teammates: John Overton High School — 4 players; Hillsboro High School — 5 players; Ensworth School — 3 players; Cane Ridge High School — 3 players; Fred J. Page High School (Franklin)

Hillsboro: Kaiki Baker, Kyle Hicks, Veguer Jean-Jumeau, Syncere Safeeullah, Amari Southall

Overton: Tyson Edwards, Ryder Hagan, Zachariah Lee, Juice Majors

Ensworth: Brandon Collins, DuJuan Sharp III, Sammy Taylor

Cane Ridge: Byron Davis, Joshua Reese, Devon Starling

Fred J. Page: Jonathan Palmer, Jason Hoath Jr., Ethan Cunningham

Brentwood Academy: Stephon Shivers, James Stewart

Lipscomb: Justin Hughes

Beech: Tysean Jefferson

Mt. Juliet Christian: Gavin Forsha

Antioch: Daniel Bravo

Montgomery Bell Academy: Johnnothan Moore

25: Kendric Rhymes joins Tennessee State after four productive collegiate seasons, including three at Southern and one at Kilgore College. A dynamic offensive weapon, Rhymes rushed for 645 yards and seven touchdowns in 2024 at Southern, adding 10 receptions for 95 yards and one score. Over his Southern career, he totaled 1,568 rushing yards and 20 touchdowns, with 48 catches for 351 yards and five receiving scores. He began his career at Kilgore, posting 317 yards and two touchdowns as a freshman, including a season-best 255-yard game.

28: The number of NCAA Division I transfers on this seasons roster: **Shaun Ayers** — Sacred Heart; **Alijah Bivans** — Towson; **Breon Brown** — James Madison; **Jayden Cook** — Kansas State; **Shamar Crawford** — MTSU; **Ethan Cunningham** — North Alabama; **Byron Davis** — Kentucky Wesleyan; **Terence Dotson** — Wyoming; **Camron Douglas** — Tennessee; **Tyson Edwards** — Memphis; **Gavin Forsha** — South Alabama; **Brendan Hale** — Southern Utah; **Lucas Harkless** — Troy; **Justin Hughes** — Memphis / Arkansas Baptist; **Jesse Igwe** — Gardner-Webb; **Ravon Johnson** — Alabama A&M; **Caleb McCreary** — Troy; **KJ McCou** — Florida A&M; **Brock Montgomery** — UConn; **Jonathan Palmer** — Gardner-Webb; **Trevor Pearson** — Troy / Prairie View A&M; **Braelen Perry** — Prairie View A&M; **Exavious Reed** — Southern Miss; **Caleb Reid** — MTSU; **Syncere Safeeullah** — Nebraska; **Devon Starling** — Northern Arizona / Memphis; **James Stewart** — Memphis / MTSU; **Jelani Willis** — Western Michigan

40: Players from Tennessee — Kaiki Baker, Daniel Bravo, Terence Carpenter II, Brandon Collins, Ethan Cunningham, Byron Davis, Camron Douglas, Tyson Edwards, Gavin Forsha, Jakobe Freeman, Jayden Guy, Ryder Hagan, Kyle Hicks, Jason Hoath Jr., Jakhye Irby, Veguer Jean-Jumeau, Taeshawn Jefferson, Tysean Jefferson, Zachariah Lee, Juice Majors, Roman Mathis, KJ McCou, Brock Montgomery, Johnnothan Moore, Steven Nelson, Jonathan Palmer, Joshua Reese, Snap Reed, Connor Ruth, Syncere

Safeeullah, DuJuan Sharp III, Stephon Shivers, Amari Southall, Jaylin Suggs, Devon Starling, James Stewart, Sammy Taylor, Justin Hughes, and Jelani Willis.

40: Gavin Forsha enters Tennessee State after three seasons of collegiate experience at South Alabama and Kansas State. A versatile linebacker, Forsha recorded 27 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss in 2024 at South Alabama before a season-ending injury, highlighted by a career-high eight tackles at Arkansas State. At Kansas State in 2022, he played in nine games, notching 10 tackles, 2.5 TFLs, a sack, and a pass breakup.

51: Players that entered TSU as true freshman — Kaiki Baker, Christopher Barnett, Daniel Bravo, Plexico Brooks, Terence Carpenter II, Jayden Coleman, Brandon Collins, Nicholas Cyrus, Dominique Dixon, Darien Farmer, Jakobe Freeman, Micah Gay, Demetrius Gore, Bryce Gray, Joshua Green, Jayden Guy, Ryder Hagan, Parker Harden, Kyle Hicks, Jason Hoath Jr., Jackson Howell, Marlon Huff, Khy'Lek Jarrett, Veguer Jean-Jumeau, Taeshawn Jefferson, Jalen LaBranche, Zachariah Lee, Juice Majors, Joshua Malone, Roman Mathis, Johnnothan Moore, Darius Neals, Steven Nelson, Snap Reed, Joshua Reese, Connor Ridderhoff, Brent Rowe, Connor Ruth, DuJuan Sharp III, Stephon Shivers, Devaughn Slaughter, Amari Southall, Jaylin Suggs, Anthony Taylor, Sammy Taylor, Duece Walker, LJ Walker, Deon Wiggins, Brandon Wilson, Germani Wilson, Matthew Wilson

54: James Stewart enters Tennessee State after four collegiate seasons at Memphis and MTSU. At MTSU, he totaled 46 tackles over two seasons, including seven tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, and a forced fumble in 2024, highlighted by 2.5 TFLs and a sack against New Mexico State. Stewart earned Defensive Lineman of the Week honors in 2023 and contributed in key wins throughout his career.

WHERE TO WATCH & LISTEN: TSU football can be heard on WNSR's flagship stations: 560 AM, 95.9 FM (Nashville), and 107.9 FM (Smyrna), and streamed online at WNSR.com. The broadcast is also available globally on Sirius XM. WNSR provides comprehensive pregame and postgame analysis, exclusive interviews with coaches and players, and behind-the-scenes content to enhance fan engagement. "The Voice of the Tigers," Greg Pogue, returns for his 14th season behind the mic and will be joined by veteran Arena Football League head coach and former Titans scout Dean Cokinos for home games, and TSU Assistant Athletic Director Nick Guerriero for road games. All TSU home games will be streamed live on ESPN+, and the action can also be accessed through the TSU Tigers app. Dan Laing returns for his third season as play-by-play announcer, joined in the booth by Arena Football Hall of Famer and Nashville Kats head coach Darren Arbet. Dean Cokinos will also serve as an analyst throughout the season.





NATIONAL RANKINGS, GENERAL INFORMATION, RECENT SCHEDULES

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Preseason	RV/RV										
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Week 12											
Week 13											
FINAL											

	'24	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14
Preseason	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	RV/--	--/--	15/17
Week 1	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	23/24	RV/--	--/--	14/16
Week 2	--/RV	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	22/24	RV/--	--/--	22/22
Week 3	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	20/20	RV/--	--/--	20/20
Week 4	--/RV	RV/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	24/24	RV/RV	--/--	21/20
Week 5	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	RV/RV	--/--	21/20
Week 6	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	RV/RV	--/--	25/25
Week 7	RV/--	RV/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	25/25	--/--	RV/RV
Week 8	RV/RV	RV--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	25/RV	--/--	RV/RV
Week 9	25/RV	RV/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 10	25/RV	RV/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 11	RV/RV	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 12	RV/RV	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 13	21/19	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
FINAL	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--

	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08	'07	'06	'05	'04	'03
Preseason	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	RV/--	--/--	15/17
Week 1	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	23/24	RV/--	--/--	14/16
Week 2	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	22/24	RV/--	--/--	22/22
Week 3	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	25/RV	--/--	20/20	RV/--	--/--	20/20
Week 4	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	23/25	--/--	24/24	RV/RV	--/--	21/20
Week 5	--/--	--/24	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	RV/RV	RV/RV	--/--	21/20
Week 6	--/23	18/20	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV24	--/--	RV/RV	RV/RV	--/--	25/25
Week 7	24/22	17/18	--/--	--/--	--/--	22/21	--/--	--/--	25/25	--/--	RV/RV
Week 8	21/21	21/21	--/--	--/--	--/--	19/19	--/--	--/--	25/RV	--/--	RV/RV
Week 9	23/24	18/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	25/RV	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 10	RV/RV	24/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	22/22	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 11	RV/RV	23/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	18/18	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 12	25/25	RV/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	25/RV	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
Week 13	19/17	RV/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--
FINAL	17/17	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	RV/RV	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--

	'02	'01	'99	'98	'97	'96	'95	'94	'93	'92	'91
Preseason	--/--	--/--	13	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 1	--/--	--/--	14	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 2	--/--	--/--	12	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 3	--/--	--/--	8	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 4	--/--	25	7	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 5	--/--	22	5	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 6	--/--	18	4	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 7	--/--	15	2	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 8	--/--	13	2	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 9	--/--	15	2	19	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 10	--/--	14	2	16	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 11	--/--	24	1	11	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 12	--/--	RV	1	10	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 13	--/--	25	11	12	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
FINAL	--/--	25	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--

	'90	'89	'88	'87	'86	'85	'84	'83	'82	'81	'80
Preseason	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 1	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	8	--/--	10	16	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 2	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	7	--/--	RV	13	--/--	--/--	--/--
Week 3	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	9	--/--	9	8	18	--/--	--/--
Week 4	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	7	--/--	7	12	6	--/--	--/--
Week 5	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	8	--/--	3	12	5	--/--	--/--
Week 6	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	7	--/--	3	13	3	T-7	--/--
Week 7	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	5	--/--	3	8	4	5	--/--
Week 8	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	9	--/--	2	12	3	5	--/--
Week 9	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	9	--/--	1	18	3	7	--/--
Week 10	--/--	--/--	--/--	--/--	8	--/--	RV	17	4	6	--/--
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School.....	Tennessee State University (TSU)
City/Zip.....	Nashville, Tenn. 37209
Founded.....	1912
Enrollment.....	8,088
Nickname.....	Tigers
School Colors.....	Reflex Blue and White
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Ohio Valley Conference (OVC)
Stadium.....	Nissan Stadium (69,143)
Surface.....	Tifsport Bermuda Sod

Interim President.....	Dwayne Tucker
Director of Athletics.....	Dr. Mikki Allen
Athletics Department #.....	615-963-1248
Asst. AD / Communications.....	Nick Guerriero
SID Phone #.....	615-963-6638
Official Web Site.....	TSUTigers.com

TSU FOOTBALL

First Season.....	1912
All-Time Record.....	521-313-33
First Year in OVC.....	1988
OVC Record.....	117-139
OVC Championships.....	3 (Last-2024)
NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances.....	6 (Last-2024)
HBCU National Championships.....	16 (Last-2013)
Cumulative All-Americans.....	339
Pro Football Hall of Famers.....	Richard Dent 2011, Claude Humphrey 2014

FUTURE SCHEDULED GAMES

9/9/28.....	at North Carolina A&T.....	TBA
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2024 RESULTS — 9-4 — (4-1 H, 4-3 A, 1-0 N) — 6-2 OVC — (3-1 H, 3-1 A)

8/31.....	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE.....	W, 41-21
9/7.....	at North Dakota State.....	L, 3-52
9/14.....	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	W, 41-28
9/21.....	at Tennessee Tech*.....	L, 14-24
9/28.....	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN*.....	W, 13-9
10/5.....	at Lindenwood*.....	W, 24-20
10/12.....	EASTERN ILLINOIS*.....	W, 41-17
10/19.....	at Howard.....	W, 27-14
11/2.....	UT MARTIN*.....	L, 21-28
11/9.....	at Western Illinois*.....	W, 45-20
11/16.....	at Gardner-Webb*.....	W, 23-20
11/23.....	SEMO*.....	W, 28-21
11/30.....	vs. Montana!.....	L, 27-41

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

9/2.....	at Notre Dame.....	L, 3-56
9/9.....	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff.....	W, 24-14
9/16.....	GARDNER-WEBB*.....	W, 27-25
9/30.....	at UT Martin*.....	L, 10-20
10/7.....	at Kennesaw State.....	W, 27-20
10/14.....	NORFOLK ST.....	W, 24-17
10/21.....	LINCOLN.....	W, 54-0
10/28.....	LINDENWOOD*.....	W, 43-20
11/4.....	at Charleston Southern*.....	L, 21-35
11/11.....	at Eastern Illinois*.....	L, 17-30
11/18.....	TENNESSEE TECH*.....	L, 0-35

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

9/3.....	at Eastern Washington.....	L, 29-36
9/10.....	vs. Jackson St.....	L, 3-16
9/17.....	at Middle Tennessee.....	L, 6-49
10/1.....	LANE.....	L, 27-28
10/8.....	BETHUNE-COOKMAN.....	W, 41-17
10/15.....	TENNESSEE TECH*.....	W, 30-14
10/22.....	EASTERN ILLINOIS*.....	W, 28-0
10/29.....	at Murray State*.....	L, 3-19
11/5.....	SEMO*.....	L, 0-42
11/12.....	UT MARTIN*.....	L, 3-20
11/19.....	at Texas A&M-Commerce.....	W, 22-14

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

9/10.....	vs. Grambling St.....	L, 10-16
9/11.....	vs. Jackson St.....	L, 16-38
9/18.....	KENTUCKY ST.....	W, 41-7
9/25.....	at SEMO*.....	L, 14-47
10/2.....	at Austin Peay.....	W, 24-22
10/16.....	TENNESSEE TECH*.....	W, 20-13
10/23.....	at Eastern Illinois*.....	W, 28-0
10/30.....	MURRAY STATE*.....	W, 27-21
11/6.....	at UT Martin*.....	L, 20-41
11/13.....	AUSTIN PEAY*.....	L, 7-36
11/20.....	at Mississippi State.....	L, 10-55





COACHING STAFF



REGGIE BARLOW
HEAD COACH

Tennessee State University named Reggie Barlow as the 23rd head football coach in program history on March 23, 2025.

A proven leader with extensive coaching experience and a championship pedigree, Barlow brings a wealth of knowledge and a history of success at both the professional and collegiate levels.

Barlow joins TSU after a standout tenure as head coach of the UFL's D.C. Defenders, where he led the team to a league-best 9-1 record and a championship game appearance in 2023. His remarkable leadership earned him 2023 XFL Coach of the Year honors.

Under his guidance, the Defenders produced seven All-XFL players, including Offensive Player of the Year Jordan Ta'amu, the most of any team in the league. His squad dominated on the ground, leading the league in rushing yards (1,490) and rushing touchdowns (18), while defensively ranking second in sacks (29) and first in pick-sixes (4).

Before his success with the Defenders, Barlow served as head coach at Virginia State University for six seasons. He made history in 2017 leading the Trojans to their first unbeaten season in school history and winning the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Championship. His efforts earned him CIAA Coach of the Year honors.

Barlow began his collegiate coaching career at his alma mater Alabama State University as quarterback coach for two seasons and head coach for eight seasons. During his time at the helm, he led the Hornets to a 49-42 record and three SWAC East Division titles while developing standout quarterbacks like Super Bowl XLVII champion Tarvaris Jackson. His influence went beyond wins and losses, as his teams also excelled in the classroom, boasting an 80% graduation rate.

As a player, Barlow was a standout wide receiver and return specialist at Alabama State before being selected in the fourth round of the 1996 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars. During his NFL career, he played for the Jaguars, Oakland Raiders, and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, leading the league in punt return yards in 1998 and earning a Pro Bowl alternate selection. He capped his playing career by winning Super Bowl XXXVII with the Buccaneers in 2002.

COORDINATORS



GREGG WILLIAMS
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Gregg Williams brings more than 30 years of professional football coaching experience, including a Super Bowl title and multiple stints as a defensive coordinator and head coach in the NFL. Williams served as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach for the D.C. Defenders of the UFL/XFL from 2023 to 2025. His extensive NFL resume includes coaching stops with the New York Jets, Cleveland Browns, Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams, New Orleans Saints, Buffalo Bills, Washington Redskins, Jacksonville Jaguars and Tennessee Titans. He was head coach of the Buffalo Bills from 2001 to 2003 and served as interim head coach of the Cleveland Browns in 2018, posting a 5-3 record. Williams was the defensive architect behind the New Orleans Saints' Super Bowl XLIV championship run in 2009. In Music City, Williams is most remembered for guiding the Tennessee Titans to an AFC Championship appearance in 1999 as defensive coordinator. He spent seven seasons working under former Titans head coach Jeff Fisher, who later reunited with Williams during their time with the Rams. Throughout his career, Williams has coached two AP Defensive Rookie of the Year winners — Jevon Kearse (Titans, 1999) and Aaron Donald (Rams, 2014) — and developed a reputation as one of the game's most innovative defensive minds.



SHANNON HARRIS
CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QB

Shannon Harris, fresh off winning the UFL Championship with the D.C. Defenders, has been named Co-Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks Coach at Tennessee State University. Harris will also serve as permanent head coach of the Defenders for the 2026 season, marking his third stint with TSU. A former starting quarterback, captain, and Team MVP for the Tigers, Harris began his coaching career at his alma mater (2002-09) before building an extensive résumé with stops at Hampton, Alabama State, Alcorn State, and Virginia State. At Alcorn, he helped guide the Braves to three straight SWAC Championship appearances, a 2015 league title, and the inaugural Celebration Bowl, while mentoring multiple all-conference players. He later returned to TSU as Offensive Coordinator (2019-20) and served as Offensive Coordinator and Interim Head Coach at Virginia State (2021-22). Harris has also gained NFL experience with the Tennessee Titans as a coaching intern.



TRIANO MORGAN
CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / RB

Toriano Morgan enters his first season as Co-Offensive Coordinator and Running Backs Coach at Tennessee State after serving as head coach at Edward Waters. With more than 20 years of coaching experience at the high school and collegiate levels, Morgan has developed 35 all-conference players and helped send 13 to the NFL. Nicknamed "Mr. 180" for his ability to transform programs, Morgan led Edward Waters to its first winning season in over two decades and guided the Tigers to a top-10 HBCU national ranking in 2023. Under his leadership, the offense produced record-setting performances, including quarterback Jyron Russell becoming the program's all-time leading passer and earning BoxToRow National Player of the Week honors. Morgan also served as Assistant Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator, and Quarterbacks Coach at Virginia State, helping the Trojans to an 8-2 record and a second-place finish in the CIAA Northern Division. He previously revitalized programs at Virginia Union University and Dillard High School, earning a reputation for innovative, high-powered offenses. In 2022, Morgan was selected for the NFL Coaching Academy and named to FootballScoop's Rising Star Coaches Watch List.





COACHING STAFF / RECRUITING



CEDRIC THORNTON, ASSOC. HC / LINEBACKERS

Cedric Thornton brings more than 20 years of coaching experience to Tennessee State, including recent roles as defensive tackles coach and special teams coordinator at Alabama A&M, and defensive coordinator at Grambling State and Alcorn State. At Alcorn, he helped lead the Braves to two SWAC championships and Celebration Bowl appearances, developing multiple all-conference and All-America players while overseeing nationally ranked defenses in sacks, tackles for loss, and turnovers. At Grambling, Thornton mentored standout players like Sundiata Anderson and freshman Keyshawn Johnson, a 2023 Stats Perform FCS Freshman All-American. He also served as defensive coordinator at Alabama State, where his 2014 unit ranked among the top 15 nationally in scoring defense, passing defense, and takeaways, including a program-first shutout since 1994.



DEION HARRIS / DEFENSIVE LINE

Deion Harris, who most recently served as linebackers coach for the D.C. Defenders, has been named linebackers coach at TSU. Harris began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Virginia State and rose through the ranks of the UFL, where he helped develop one of the league's top linebacker units.



JEROD KRUSE, SPECIAL TEAMS / SECONDARY

Jerod Kruse, a 24-year coaching veteran, joins Tennessee State as Defensive Secondary Coordinator and Special Teams Coordinator after serving as the Research and Strategy Coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2024. He previously spent 2021–23 on the Kansas City Chiefs' staff, working on advanced game planning, and also consulted for EA Sports on Madden and NCAA video games. Kruse's NFL experience includes two stints with the Cleveland Browns (2017–18, 2024), where he helped elevate the defensive secondary into the league's top 10 and mentored Pro Bowl cornerback Denzel Ward. At the collegiate level, he served as Secondary Coach and Co-Defensive Coordinator at FIU (2019–20), William Jewell (head coach and defensive coordinator), Southeastern Louisiana, Emporia State, and Baker University, developing multiple NFL players and conference-leading defenses.



DEXTER JACKSON, SAFTIES

Former NFL safety and Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson brings a wealth of experience and championship pedigree to the Tennessee State football coaching staff, serving as the Tigers' safeties coach. Jackson was named Super Bowl XXXVII MVP after recording two interceptions in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' 48-21 win over the Oakland Raiders. He played 10 seasons in the NFL, primarily with the Buccaneers, and also had stints with the Arizona Cardinals and Cincinnati Bengals. Over his career, Jackson totaled 17 interceptions and more than 450 tackles. A native of Quincy, Florida, Jackson played collegiately at Florida State from 1995 to 1998. He earned second-team All-ACC honors as a junior and senior, finishing his Seminole career with 194 tackles, seven interceptions, 16 pass breakups and four blocked field goals.



RUSS EHRENFELD, OFFENSIVE LINE

Russ Ehrenfeld enters his 10th year of his fourth stint at Tennessee State after spending last season with the DC Defenders of the UFL. A highly experienced offensive line coach, Ehrenfeld has developed numerous professional players, including four NFL draft picks in a two-year span—Kadeem Edwards, Demetrius Rhane, Robert Myers, and Anthony Morris—the first time in TSU history that four linemen were drafted in such a short period. During his tenure at TSU, Ehrenfeld has coached multiple All-Ohio Valley Conference selections and All-Americans, including Chidi Okeke and Jessamen Dunker, several of whom earned opportunities in the NFL. His offensive lines have consistently ranked among the conference's best in rushing and fewest sacks, setting the foundation for TSU's high-powered offenses. Prior to his current stint, Ehrenfeld spent three seasons at Chattanooga, helping the Mocs allow just nine sacks in 2009—third fewest nationally—and coaching multiple all-league linemen and tight ends. He previously coached TSU's offensive line from 1997–99, helping the Tigers win back-to-back OVC championships in 1998 and 1999, with four linemen from the 1999 squad advancing to the NFL.



EDDIE WOODS, TIGHT ENDS

Joining the offensive staff as Tight Ends coach is Eddie Woods, a legendary high school coach in Middle Tennessee and TSU football alum. Woods compiled a 77-30 record in nine seasons at Cane Ridge High School and is credited with developing dozens of Division I athletes. He brings a no-nonsense approach and a strong commitment to player accountability.



NICK ANDREWS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Nick Andrews, who will serve as wide receivers coach. A former standout at Alabama State and a two-time All-SWAC receiver, Andrews most recently served as defensive coordinator at powerhouse Clay-Chalkville (Ala.) High School. His deep understanding of both sides of the ball makes him a valuable asset to TSU's passing attack.



JUSTIN HANNAH, DEFENSIVE ANALYST

Justin Hannah will serve as a defensive analyst. Hannah played professionally in the Arena Football League before coaching at his alma mater, Tuskegee University, and most recently served as head coach at Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama.

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Momentum Shift: Football Looks to Carry Homecoming Energy into Conference Play

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Tennessee State's homecoming victory over Howard wasn't just a celebration — it was a statement. After a challenging first half of the season, the Tigers found rhythm, balance, and confidence in a 24–7 win that could define their stretch run.

Now, as the calendar turns fully to Ohio Valley Conference–Big South play, head coach Reggie Barlow believes the performance can be the spark his team carries the rest of the way.

"Our guys prepared really well," Barlow said. "They were resilient, they competed to the end, and I was really proud of them. We're blessed to get the win, but we also know the job demands more."

The victory showcased a Tennessee State team that is learning how to finish. Quarterback Byron McNair led a balanced offense that clicked from start to finish, completing 18 of 22 passes and tossing three touchdowns to three different receivers — Connor Ruth, Snap Reed, and Devaughn Slaughter.

McNair's efficiency reflected an offense that's maturing behind a young core of skill players. "Byron played a solid game," Barlow said. "He used his legs to get first downs and made really smart decisions. Connor's patience on that route, getting his first college touchdown in that moment, was special. And Snap continues to impress every week."

For Reed, the performance was another step forward after returning from injury earlier in the year. "He's played and practiced with such grit," Barlow said. "He's hard to bring down, he's getting stronger, and now that he knows the system, he's playing with real confidence."

That offensive poise was matched by a defense that made timely plays and showed its depth. Linebacker Micah Gay earned OVC Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors after intercepting two passes — both leading to touchdowns — while adding double-digit tackles.

"Micah just has great instincts," Barlow said. "He was patient and stayed where he needed to be. Those interceptions came at big moments and helped us build momentum."

TSU also saw production from players stepping into expanded roles. Cornerback Jason Watkins and freshman Dominique Dixon contributed key stops in the secondary, while Brandon Hale and Byron Davis anchored the linebacking unit. "Those guys competed at a high level," Barlow said. "They want to get better, and that's what you need heading into the conference stretch."

Now, the Tigers (2–5) set their focus on Western Illinois, another team searching for its first OVC–Big South win. The

Leathernecks (0–8) enter the matchup with quarterback Cason Carswell (1,256 yards, nine TDs) and running back Markell Holman, who averages more than 70 rushing yards per game.

"They're a tough team," Barlow said. "They've played two quarterbacks, they'll throw it around, and they're physical on defense. Their kicking game is solid. We've got a lot of respect for them and have to prepare to compete."

Saturday's game marks the second of a three-game homestand at Nissan Stadium. After seeing a strong turnout for homecoming, Barlow hopes fans will keep the same energy for the final stretch.

"Our fans showed out for homecoming — it was electric," he said. "We feed off their energy, and we're so grateful for it. But like we tell our guys, the job demands more. We need that same support this weekend."

The Tigers and Leathernecks will kick off Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Nissan Stadium. The game will stream live on ESPN+.





Nashville's Jason Hoath Jr. Embraces Family, Faith and Football at Tennessee State

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Under the Friday night lights of Middle Tennessee, football was always more than a pastime for Jason Hoath Jr. It was family, faith, and a lifelong classroom built by his father — a coach who taught him that success comes from effort, not entitlement.

The Nashville native grew up around the game, spending evenings on high school sidelines while his father, Jason Hoath Sr., coached at Columbia Central and later served as an assistant at Page High. Those years shaped how the younger Hoath saw football — not just as a sport, but to build character.

"People like to throw around the term 'daddy ball,'" Hoath Jr. said with a laugh. "But my dad didn't go easy on me. He probably coached me harder than anyone else. He never pushed me to do something I didn't want to do — but if I told him I wanted to get better, he made sure I put in the work."

That work ethic guided him through a late and uncertain recruiting process. Tennessee State entered the picture just as Hoath was preparing to commit elsewhere, giving him a chance to stay home and play Division I football in front of family.

"TSU came in around the end of April," he said. "It was late, but I knew some people up here, got on a visit, and it just felt right. It was a chance to stay close to home, play at a higher level, and get my school paid for. It checked every box."

Hoath has continued to grow in his role with the Tigers, recording 12 career receptions for 97 yards entering this season. His breakout year came

in 2024, when he posted nine catches for 86 yards as TSU captured the Ohio Valley - Big South Conference title and advanced to the FCS playoffs.

"Real football starts when it gets cold outside," he said, smiling. "Playing in December, that's when it's real. Getting to the playoffs and seeing this team come together like that — it reminded me of those deep high school playoff runs. My family was so proud. It was full circle."

When former head coach Eddie George stepped down last offseason, many players across the program faced tough decisions about their future. Hoath chose to stay, crediting Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Performance Scott Holsopple with keeping the team grounded and united during the transition.

"Coach Holsopple is the standard," Hoath said. "When he talks about what it takes to win championships, you listen, because he's been there before. When everything felt uncertain, he was the one telling us, 'We're going to be okay.' You could trust him because he's lived it."

That trust carried over into the arrival of Head Coach Reggie Barlow, whose leadership, Hoath says, has begun to reshape the team's identity.

"It's been different," he said. "The coaches came in at different times, so finding our identity has taken a minute. But the talent's here. We're just a couple plays away. Once everything clicks, people are going to see who we really are."

Off the field, Hoath leans on his faith and his family — both of which remain central to his life. Whether it's spending time with his siblings, cheering for his brother's amateur fights, or visiting his fiancée, he keeps family close.

"Family time is everything for me," he said. "I love watching my siblings play. My sister cheers, my younger brothers play baseball and soccer, and my other brother is into fighting now. I'm also recently engaged, so spending time with my fiancée means a lot too."

When he's not with family or teammates, Hoath finds peace in quiet moments of reflection.

"Getting into my Bible and praying is something that really grounds me," he said. "It's that reminder that no matter how crazy things get with football or classes, I can always turn to God."

With homecoming week underway, Hoath's focus remains on his purpose — both on and off the field.

"I didn't come here to party," he said. "Homecoming's great, but it's not for football players. We came here to win games, get degrees, and make an impact. That's the job."

From backyard routes with his father to representing his hometown school, Jason Hoath Jr. embodies what it means to be a Tennessee State Tiger — grounded in family, driven by faith, and determined to leave his mark in the city that raised him.





Football Looks to Snap Skid, Celebrate Homecoming with Renewed Energy

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Homecoming week at Tennessee State University is always special — the crowds, the alumni, the music, and the unmistakable pride that fills the air around Hale Stadium. But for head coach Reggie Barlow and his Tigers, Saturday's matchup against Howard is about more than just the celebration. It's about Family.

The Tigers (1-5) enter the contest looking to snap a five-game losing streak after last week's 28-12 setback to Southeast Missouri. Despite the recent stretch, Barlow said the team's focus remains steady as they prepare to host the Bison (3-3), who are coming off a 27-20 loss to Sacred Heart.

"Man, it's homecoming," Barlow said. "I've been hearing all these great things about homecoming here at Tennessee State University. I'm looking forward to it — the festivities, the alumni, the student body. But the work is still on the field. We've got to get ourselves prepared for a good Howard team."

While the week is filled with celebrations, Barlow knows his team's attention must stay between the lines.

"As a player and a coach, I always looked at homecoming as being about the alums who come back," he said. "We want our players to enjoy some of what's happening, but still stay focused and prepare the right way."

That preparation includes building on the positives from last week's performance. Quarterback Byron McNair has been a steady hand for the Tigers, throwing for 663 yards and two touch-

downs this season. He's connected often with Devaughn Slaughter, who leads the team with 264 receiving yards, and Snap Reed, who averages 50 yards per game.

On the ground, Kendrick Rhymes has been the offensive engine, rushing for 393 yards and three touchdowns, while Zack Simmons-Brown adds another 191 yards and two scores. Simmons-Brown's 50-yard touchdown against SEMO provided one of the team's highlights last weekend.

"That play was blocked up well," Barlow said. "Zack saw a crease and hit it. Of course, once he got through, they couldn't catch him."

Defensively, Kaiki Baker and James Stewart have anchored a unit that forced four turnovers against SEMO. Baker leads the Tigers with 41 tackles, while Stewart has tallied nine tackles for loss and three sacks. Barlow praised the group's resiliency, particularly in the second half of last week's contest.

"I was proud of how our guys stayed in the fight," he said. "They kept competing to the bitter end. That's what we expect from them."

The Tigers will need that same fight against a Howard team that brings a balanced offense led by quarterback Tyriq Starks, who has thrown for 749 yards and four touchdowns, and running back Anthony Reagan Jr., who averages 6.3 yards per carry and has four scores.

"They're well-coached and play hard," Barlow said. "They run some wildcat

stuff and do things a little different on special teams. We've got to be ready to go play our style of football — be able to run the ball and execute in all three phases."

Saturday's matchup also carries a bit of added emotion. Last season, TSU spoiled Howard's homecoming in Washington, D.C. Now, the Bison arrive in Nashville looking for payback — and Barlow knows his team must protect its home turf.

"This game has to mean something to us," he said. "Not saying the others didn't, but this is homecoming — Tennessee State homecoming. We want to put on a good show for everyone coming back."

Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m. at Nissan Stadium, as Tennessee State looks to give its fans more than just a reason to celebrate — but something to cheer about long after the band stops playing.





Family, Legacy, and the Drive Behind Epoki Fakaosi

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

The pursuit of excellence runs deep in Tennessee State defensive linebacker Epoki Fakaosi's bloodline. Born in San Jose, California, he grew up surrounded by Olympic stories, world championship medals, and a household that valued humility, respect, and relentless effort.

His mother, Sandra Bacher, is a 14-time U.S. national champion in judo, a three-time Olympian, and a former world champion wrestler. His father, Epoki Sr., a Tongan judo gold medalist, carried the Olympic torch through Tonga for the Sydney 2000 Games.

Many would find that kind of legacy overwhelming—Fakaosi finds it motivating.

"She always taught me to be humble," he said of his mother. "Never be the showboat type. Just be professional. Every time I practice, I try to thank the coaches and do my best—that's how she raised us."

Now a junior transfer making his mark at Tennessee State, Fakaosi is channeling those lessons into his own athletic journey. Through five games this season, he has recorded seven tackles, one sack, a forced fumble, and a blocked kick—all while maintaining a 3.6 GPA as a kinesiology major. His performance reflects the same balance of drive and humility that defined his parents' careers on the international stage.

The Fakaosi household reflected its diverse, high-achieving roots. Training and competition were part of everyday life. Bacher's résumé reads like a chronicle of perseverance: competing in the 1992, 1996, and 2000 Olympic Games, earning a bronze medal at the 1999 Pan American Games, and capturing gold at the 1999 World Wrestling Championships. His father represented Tonga internationally in judo, winning gold at the 2007 South Pacific Games and bronze at both the 2007 Oceania Open World Cup and the 2008 Oceania Championships.

"My mom got me into judo and wrestling," Fakaosi said. "She helped me a lot when I was starting football, too. She's been everywhere competing and knows everyone. Growing up around that kind of discipline taught me a lot about respect and work ethic."

Even his sister, Eleni, carried the family torch, competing in collegiate wrestling at Simon Fraser University in Canada before transitioning into coaching in California.

Despite his family's deep roots in martial arts, Fakaosi's own path took a different turn. "My first time playing was sixth grade," he recalled. "We didn't win a game all season, but I got some time at quarterback and scored our first two touchdowns. After that, I just kept playing every year." In high school, he was the definition of versatility—lining up at quarterback, running back, linebacker, fullback, and defensive line. An injury slowed his college recruitment, sending him down the junior college route before he earned his opportunity at TSU.

"It wasn't easy," he said. "You've got to prove yourself at every level. But that's what my parents always taught me—no matter what, you keep working."

Fakaosi's heritage—Tongan from his father and Japanese and German from his mother—has shaped his perspective on life and leadership. "Honestly, it was really just me, my mom, my sister, and my little brother growing up," he said. "My dad wasn't around a lot, but he did teach me about protecting your family and always being there for your siblings." That lesson remains central to his identity. "One of the patterns on my tattoo means protecting family," he said. "That's what I try to live by—always looking out for them, helping however I can."

At home, his mother made sure the family stayed connected through food and culture. "My mom's Japanese and German, so we ate a lot of Asian food—a lot of rice," he said with a smile. "She always made sure we ate together, even when things got busy." Though the Fakaosis family lived far from extended relatives, their closeness never wavered. "We don't live around a whole bunch of our family," he said. "But for me, it's always family first. I'll put them before myself if I have to."

When it comes to his Tongan roots, Fakaosi understands he's representing more than just himself. Only 16 players born in Tonga have ever reached the NFL, and just 21 players with Tongan heritage suited up in 2024. Among them, Giovanni Manu currently plays for the Detroit Lions.

In the sports world, Tonga and other Polynesian nations are often compared to their uce in Samoa—both countries rich in Olympic martial arts tradition but more widely recognized through football and entertainment. Names like Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Roman Reigns (Joseph Anoa'i), and Haku (Tonga Fifita) have

brought Polynesian pride to the global stage, blending strength, culture, and charisma.

"I didn't really know too many athletes from my Tongan side," Fakaosi said. "The only one I remember my dad telling me about was George Holani, who played at Boise State and is now with the Seattle Seahawks. But it just makes me want to represent more."

Whether on the practice field or in the classroom, Fakaosi carries the mindset of an athlete raised in a championship family. He plans to stay involved in sports long after his playing days. "I'm studying kinesiology," he said. "I'd love to keep playing football or maybe get into wrestling or rugby again. But if not, I want to coach or be a personal trainer and start my own gym."

When he's not studying or training, Fakaosi enjoys drawing, painting, spending time with his girlfriend (Athena Barajas) and playing Call of Duty on his PlayStation. His art often reflects his Polynesian heritage. "I've always liked drawing," he said. "A lot of my art is pattern work—kind of like the Tongan tattoos."

From the judo mats of San Jose to the football fields of Nashville, the lessons instilled by his parents remain his foundation. His mother's humility and work ethic continue to guide him. "Even now, she'll say, 'I didn't do much in my time,'" he said. "I'm like, 'Mom, you're an Olympian and a world champion!' But that's who she is. She's humble. She just taught us to always be thankful and respectful."

At Tennessee State, those same values have earned Fakaosi the respect of coaches and teammates alike. His story isn't defined by medals or trophies, but by persistence, gratitude, and family.

"Family is everything," he said. "No matter where life takes me, that's always first."





Barlow and Co. Focus on Reset as Football Visits SEMO

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Tennessee State will look to put an end to its four-game losing streak Saturday when it visits Southeast Missouri for an Ohio Valley–Big South matchup at Houck Stadium. The trip marks TSU's first visit to Cape Girardeau since 2021.

Coming off a 31-7 loss at Eastern Illinois, head coach Reggie Barlow said his team remains committed to improvement despite recent setbacks.

"Obviously, last week for us didn't go the way we wanted it to," Barlow said. "But I'm proud of our guys — they fought hard and stayed in the fight against a really good team. We're experiencing growing pains, but we're getting there. Our guys are going to keep on working, and we'll have a chance to go out and compete this week against SEMO."

The Tigers showed flashes of progress against Eastern Illinois, particularly through the air. Quarterback Byron McNair completed 16 of 20 passes for 205 yards and a touchdown — his most efficient outing of the season. His connection with freshman receiver Snap Reed provided one of TSU's few bright spots, as Reed hauled in his first collegiate touchdown on a 28-yard strike in the fourth quarter.

"Snap is a hard worker — he wants the ball and he's a playmaker," Barlow said. "That was a really good throw by Byron and a good catch by Snap, keeping his feet in-bounds. We're happy with where he is right now, and we'll continue to find more ways to get him the ball."

Barlow said McNair's continued development is one of the key storylines as TSU

moves deeper into conference play.

"I thought Byron did some good things last week," Barlow said. "He got the ball to his receivers and showed his running ability, escaping the pocket and keeping plays alive. He's still growing — this is his first time playing Division I football and working with new coordinators — but he's getting better every week."

Defensively, TSU was anchored by James Stewart and Kaiki Baker, who combined for 13 tackles and multiple key stops in the loss at EIU. Stewart, who posted three tackles for loss and a pass breakup, continues to set the tone for the defensive front.

"James Stewart is the standard," Barlow said. "If we can get everyone to match his intensity and approach, we'll be in great shape. Kaiki Baker is a baller — he broke up a big pass in the end zone and came back after a tough hit. Those guys are tough, competitive, and great leaders for our team."

Saturday's matchup pits the Tigers against a SEMO team looking to climb back into the conference race after an up-and-down start to the season. The Redhawks enter the game at 1-4 but remain dangerous on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Jax Leatherwood has thrown for 1,113 yards and seven touchdowns while completing 65 percent of his passes. Running backs Brandon Epton Jr. and Payton Brown provide balance in the ground game, combining for 371 rushing yards and five touchdowns.

SEMO's receiving corps is led by Cam Pedro, who has 25 catches for 316 yards and three touchdowns, and Calvin Gilbert, who

averages nearly 19 yards per reception. On defense, linebacker Landon Sylvie has recorded 49 total tackles to lead the team, while Latrevion Thompson has 3.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. The Redhawks also feature one of the league's most reliable kickers in Justin Keller, who has made six of eight field-goal attempts, including two from beyond 40 yards.

"They're coming off a bye week, so they've probably had a chance to get some guys healthy," Barlow said. "We know they'll be excited to host us, and we'll be ready to go out there and compete. They've got a solid football team."

The Tigers last faced SEMO in November 2024, earning a 28-21 win at Nissan Stadium to close the regular season and secure a share of the OVC crown. Both rosters look different this fall, and Barlow expects another hard-fought matchup.

"Last year's game was a battle, and they'll probably have a mindset of wanting to get one back," Barlow said. "But it's two new teams — both of us lost a lot of players. We're just focused on getting better each week and seeing how we stack up."

Saturday's trip also offers the Tigers a chance to regroup away from home and strengthen team chemistry.

"I love being on the road with our guys," Barlow said. "There's a sense of togetherness — you see them interacting, bonding, and handling themselves like professionals. I'm proud of how they carry themselves, and I'm looking forward to getting on the bus with them again this week."





From the Pyramids to the Pyramid to Music City

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

The sound of a spiraling punt cutting through the summer sky has become a familiar sight at Tennessee State football games. For punter Mark Shenouda, however, each booming kick represents more than just field position — each one reflects a journey that began nearly 6,000 miles away in Cairo, Egypt, and eventually led to the turf at TSU.

"I was actually born in Egypt and grew up playing soccer my whole life," Shenouda said. "When we moved here, I kept playing. My brother was the first one to get into football and seeing him transition from soccer to football really persuaded me to go and learn, too."

His brother, Kerolos Shenouda, played a central role in shaping Mark's path. After the family relocated from Cairo to Mount Juliet, the brothers carried both a love of soccer and the discipline of a tight-knit household. Kerolos tried football first, serving as a kicker and punter at Wilson Central High School before committing to TSU in 2020. Mark followed in his footsteps, but punting always came naturally.

"My older brother taught me a lot," Shenouda said. "He was my mentor. Every year since freshman year of high school, my average has gone up. He always pushed me to be better."

By his senior year at Mount Juliet High School, Shenouda had become one of the nation's top specialists. Rated a five-star punter by Kohl's Kicking in the Class of 2023, he ranked No. 2 in Tennessee and No. 15 nationally. He averaged 42.2 yards per punt with a long of 57. Those numbers made him a coveted recruit and earned him a spot at Memphis to begin his college career.

But football, like life, often requires adjustments.

"Out of high school, I had TSU, but I thought Memphis was where I was supposed to be," Shenouda said. "When the scheme changed there, I hit the portal again. My brother got me in touch with Coach Eddie

George and Coach Keith Burns, and I felt like this is where I needed to be."

Shenouda transferred to TSU ahead of the 2024 season, making an immediate impact. He averaged 40.2 yards per punt across 40 attempts that year, with a season-long boot of 60 yards. Through the first four games of 2025, he has improved to 42.5 yards per punt, including 10 pinned inside the 20 and five traveling 50 yards or more.

"I feel like it's been a good start to the season," Shenouda said. "But it could be a lot better. Really, the main thing for me is consistency — perfecting the little things that eventually become big things."

That drive for consistency has been tested under two different coaching regimes at TSU — first under George and Burns, and now under Reggie Barlow and special teams coach Jerod Kruse. The transition has required both physical and mental adjustments.

"The biggest difference is really the punt formation," Shenouda said. "Last year we were in more of a pro style, and this year we're running more spread, which benefits me big time. Having more gunners running down the field to bail me out makes the net punt better."

The new scheme highlights Shenouda's strengths — a powerful leg, steady mechanics, and the ability to flip the field when his team needs it most. And while punters don't get as many chances as other players, he treats every opportunity as a moment to shine.

"In soccer, you're always in the game," he said. "But in football, I don't get many chances. So, when I do, I've got to take advantage of them."

That balance between patience and precision is something Shenouda has carried from his family's journey across continents. Most of his extended relatives remain in Cairo, leaving Nashville as home for him, his parents, and his two brothers. "It's real-

ly just my mom, my dad and my two brothers here," he said. "I went back once, and it was special. All my family is still in Egypt."

In Nashville, Shenouda has built a new home — blending the passion of a soccer player with the focus of a football specialist. His pregame playlist may surprise some, leaning on country artists like Riley Green, Zac Brown Band and Gavin Adcock, but it keeps him calm and locked in.

"Really, I like the fast-paced ones," he said with a grin. "They get me ready for games."

That preparation has extended to leadership. Even as a specialist, Shenouda has embraced a bigger role on the team. "It's something I feel like I was meant to be," he said. "I've been a leader since I was young, and I always liked holding people accountable — which ultimately holds myself accountable. I hope I set a good example for the other guys."

Playing for George sharpened that mentality. "Since day one, he was a big leader," Shenouda said. "I looked up to him, and every day he pushed me to be better. Growing up, I watched him a little, so when I found out he was the head coach here, it was kind of sick that I got to play for someone I watched when I was younger."

Now, under Barlow, Shenouda's role is even more defined. He's not just a punter — he's a field-flipper, a tone-setter, and a symbol of resilience. Every time he drops the ball onto his foot, it's more than a kick. It's the story of Cairo, of Mount Juliet, of family, of patience, of persistence.

And for Shenouda, that story is still being written.

"I feel like every year I get better," he said. "That's the goal. Just keep growing, keep getting more consistent, and keep helping this team."

At TSU, the kid who once chased a soccer ball in Cairo now chases perfection — one punt at a time.





Football Eyes Road Bounce-Back After Home Setback

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Tennessee State football has reached a turning point. After opening the season with four straight home games — capped by a 35-8 loss to Tennessee Tech last weekend — the Tigers are preparing for something new: their first road trip of the year. For head coach Reggie Barlow, it's more than a change of venue. It's a chance for his young team to regroup, build cohesion, and chase its first Ohio Valley Conference win of 2025.

The Tigers (2-2, 0-1 OVC) struggled to find rhythm against Tennessee Tech. The Golden Eagles struck early with a 71-yard touchdown run on the second play from scrimmage and dominated on the ground, piling up nearly 300 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Tech's defense stiffened in the second half, holding TSU to two field goals and a late safety.

Barlow said the loss was disappointing but highlighted positives. "We knew Tennessee Tech was a tough outfit. Sometimes on defense, if you're not in your gap, that can turn into a big play, and that's what happened there. But our guys stayed in the fight. We forced some field goals, even had two misses, and that's something to build from."

Despite the score, TSU controlled the ball for more than 33 minutes and ran 72 plays compared to Tennessee Tech's 55. The defense forced three punts and recorded three sacks. On offense, running back Kendrick Rhymes led the Tigers with 31 rushing yards and added 53 receiving yards for 84 all-purpose yards. Quarterback Byron McNair went 8-of-14 for 114 yards, while Jonathan Palmer finished 13-of-25 for 127 yards, showing flashes of the depth Barlow

is developing under center.

The quarterback rotation remains a work in progress. "All three of those guys bring something different," Barlow said. "McCreary, he's smaller but has a good arm and can make plays in the quarterback run game. Byron gives you a little of both. They're all young, just now getting their college experience. We've got to keep developing them and put them in the right situations."

Tennessee State will face another tough test in Eastern Illinois, which opened OVC play with a 31-23 win at Western Illinois. The Panthers (2-2, 1-0 OVC) rolled up 329 yards of offense, fueled by a balanced rushing attack. Jacaree Fleming ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns, while Charles Kellom added 75 yards and a score. Through four games, EIU has averaged more than 24 points per game, topping 30 points twice, demonstrating the effectiveness of its steady ground game and strong offensive line.

Defensively, the Panthers have leaned on a formidable front seven, recording six sacks and 29 tackles for loss through four games. Tylan Foster, Ja'Wuan Nickson, and Saipeti Maiava Jr. have combined for 93 tackles, while Drake Van Hyfte and Samuel Robles each have two sacks. For TSU, finishing drives efficiently against this defense will be critical.

Barlow said film study showed just how complete the Panthers are. "Eastern is a solid team. They've got a massive offensive line, athletic running backs — number 22 [Kellom] and number 28 [Fleming] are really good. Their quarterback [Connor Wolf] is solid, and they've already put up a lot of

points. It's going to be another tough OVC test."

The challenge for Tennessee State goes beyond X's and O's. After four weeks at Nissan Stadium, the Tigers will board buses to Charleston, Illinois, for Saturday's matchup at O'Brien Field. Barlow, who coached in the XFL and UFL where travel was constant, sees the road trip as an opportunity to build team unity. "It's about team camaraderie, being able to travel together. Some of my best memories as a coach are getting on the bus with a group of guys you believe in and trust. You get to have meals together, meet together, stay in a hotel. That builds connection. I'm excited to take that trip with these guys."

The Tigers have shown flashes of what they can be — a strong rushing attack led by Rhymes, a defense that thrives on third down, and special teams anchored by kicker Freddy Perez, who has connected on four field goals this season. But finishing drives remains a challenge. "We've got to finish drives with touchdowns instead of field goals," Barlow said. "We've got to keep building on the positives. Our guys are tough and resilient, and they're going to keep fighting."

Kickoff is set for Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Field. For Tennessee State, the game is more than a contest on the scoreboard. It's a chance to prove that this young team can rise under pressure, grow together on the road, and begin carving out an identity in the OVC. As Barlow puts it, "This trip isn't just about a win — it's about seeing what kind of team we are when we face adversity together."





Football Regroups After Bye, Prepares for #11 Tennessee Tech

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Tennessee State got a rare early season pause in its schedule last week, and head coach Reggie Barlow made sure the Tigers used it wisely. After a demanding start that featured two classics and the top ranked opponent in the first three games, the bye week offered time to heal, refocus and reset ahead of a critical rivalry showdown Saturday at Nissan Stadium against #11 Tennessee Tech.

"Coming off of a bye week, we had a chance to get some work in," Barlow said. "We practiced about three days, really tried to get some guys back healthy and healed up, but also improve our skill set and personnel. The guys came in and worked hard. Coaches did a good job, and we were able to get out and do some recruiting too."

The early slate — which included top-ranked powerhouse North Dakota State, North Carolina A&T and a matchup with Alabama A&M — tested TSU immediately. While the results were mixed, Barlow believes that kind of competition will pay off as the Tigers move into conference play.

"All these guys want to know how they measure up against the better teams," Barlow said. "We got a chance to play against North Dakota State, obviously they're a really solid program. Now we get another opponent in the top 25. All these games are challenging, but our group will be ready to rock and roll."

On the field, the Tigers have leaned on their ground game to establish rhythm. Running back Kendrick Rhymes leads TSU with 228 rushing yards through three games, averaging 4.8 yards per carry. Fellow back Zack Simmons-Brown has chipped in 104 yards and a touchdown, helping the offense surpass 500 total rushing yards.

The passing game has split between quarterbacks. Byron McNair has completed 19 of 31 passes for 169 yards and one touch-

down since taking over as starter, while Jonathan Palmer, who opened the season under center, has gone 16-for-34 for 161 yards. On the outside, Devaughn Slaughter leads the team with 121 receiving yards, while Rhymes has doubled as a reliable target with 77 yards and a touchdown reception.

Special teams have provided consistency as well. Punter Mark Shenouda is averaging 41.9 yards per kick, while kicker Freddy Perez has connected on two field goals from beyond 40 yards.

The Tigers now turn their attention to Tennessee Tech, a team off to one of the hottest starts in the country. The Golden Eagles are 3-0 and have outscored opponents by an average of 60.7 to 10.3, the best scoring margin nationally. They lead the FCS in scoring offense and rank seventh in scoring defense — fourth among teams that have played at least three games.

Tennessee Tech quarterback Kekoa Visperas has directed the offense with efficiency, throwing for 736 yards and eight touchdowns on 68 percent passing with just one interception. The run game has been just as dynamic, with Quintell Quinn averaging 80.7 yards per game and four touchdowns, and Q'Daryius Jennings adding 65 yards per outing with four more scores. Freshman Maurice Sims has contributed 119 yards, highlighted by a 78-yard run. The Golden Eagles' depth has been evident, with nine different receivers catching touchdown passes; Luke Shields leads with two, while Maury Sullivan has a team-high 14 receptions for 162 yards.

"They've been outstanding this season in terms of scoring the ball and defense," Barlow said. "They're a solid football team, and we've got to get ourselves prepared to play. Their quarterback is completing nearly 70 percent of his passes with eight or nine touchdowns and just one interception. He's

doing a good job with the ball."

The rivalry only raises the stakes. Since 1984, TSU and Tennessee Tech have met 38 times, with the Golden Eagles holding a 22-16 edge in the all-time series. The Tigers have delivered statement wins of their own, including a 63-13 rout in 2001, a 44-16 victory at Nissan Stadium in 2016 and a 24-10 road win in the spring 2021 season. But Tech has claimed the last two meetings, including a 35-0 shutout in 2023 and a 24-14 win last year in Cookeville.

This matchup also plays into the Sgt. York Trophy race, which is awarded annually to the team with the best head-to-head record among Tennessee's OVC programs: TSU, Tech and UT Martin. The Tigers have captured the trophy five times, with back-to-back titles in 2007 and 2008 followed by a three-year run from 2011 to 2013. More than a decade later, they are eager to reclaim that honor, and a win over Tech would provide a valuable foothold.

Still, Barlow remains confident in his team's direction. McNair is settling into the starting role, Rhymes has emerged as a reliable playmaker, and the defense has shown the ability to force opponents into long-yardage situations.

"Byron did some good things," Barlow said. "Obviously, there are things he needs to improve on, but I trust he'll work on those as we prepare for our next opponent. He's a solid player, loves football, hardworking guy. We expect him to make all the necessary adjustments."

The mission is clear: break through against a high-powered Tennessee Tech squad and prove that lessons learned against ranked opponents can translate into wins in the OVC-Big South race. The bye week offered time to regroup. Now the Tigers look to carry that preparation onto the field.





Football Sets Sights on Victory in Historic Legacy Series Opener

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Tennessee State has had little time to dwell on last week's loss to one of the nation's best. The Tigers will need every bit of focus Saturday when they turn the page and welcome Alabama A&M to Nissan Stadium for the debut of the Legacy Series.

The four-year agreement, announced in February, pairs two of the South's most tradition-rich HBCU programs in an annual matchup that will alternate between Nashville and Huntsville through 2028. The Tigers and Bulldogs first met in 1930, with TSU holding a 21–8 edge in the all-time series. The teams haven't faced each other since 2010, when Tennessee State claimed a 27–14 victory. Saturday's meeting at Nissan Stadium marks the beginning of a new chapter in this storied rivalry, with kickoff set for 3:30 PM.

For Tennessee State head coach Reggie Barlow, the chance to highlight history while testing his team against a familiar opponent is a rare opportunity.

"They had a shootout versus Alcorn State and was able to pull out the victory," Barlow said of Alabama A&M's home-opening win. "Really good team, quarterback [Cornelious Brown IV] playing well, got a lot of guys on defense running to the ball. So should be a fun matchup and I'm looking forward to it."

Saturday's game marks the first meeting between the schools in 15 years. TSU leads the all-time series 21–8, but Alabama A&M enters with momentum after Brown IV accounted for five touchdowns and 260 passing yards in a 41–31 victory over Alcorn State.

The Tigers, meanwhile, are trying to rebound from a loss to defending national champion North Dakota State. Barlow said the test offered value beyond the final score.

"Getting a chance to play against North Dakota State really was an honor for us. You always wanna see how you measure up against teams and programs like that," Barlow said. "In the second half, our guys went out, they stayed in the fight, they competed hard, and was able to play with some pride at the end of the game. So that made us proud that we finished like that. That game, I think, will help us down the road when we come up against another opponent like that that has great talent, great program and all that stuff."

TSU opened the year with a narrow 24–21 win over North Carolina A&T in the John A. Merritt Classic, a game that highlighted some of the Tigers' emerging playmakers. Running back Kendrick Rhymes, a transfer from Southern, rushed for 174 yards and two scores in his debut. His coach sees him as more than just a weapon in the backfield.

"Obviously, he's a really good football player, even better person, comes to work every day with great attitude, positive attitude," Barlow said. "Playing in the SWAC, he's had his chances and opportunities to play against Alabama A&M," George said. "Like I said, he knows they're a tough team."

Quarterback Jonathan Palmer has thrown for 161 yards and one touchdown through the first two games, while freshman receiver Devaughn Slaughter

has shown flashes as a deep threat, hauling in five catches for 106 yards and a score. The Tigers will need more consistency offensively to keep pace with Alabama A&M's high-powered attack.

Defensively, Tennessee State will look to build on flashes of toughness shown in the second half against North Dakota State. The Tigers know the key will be slowing down Brown and cutting down big plays, and if they can carry that fight into four quarters, they'll give themselves a strong chance to make the Legacy Series opener a memorable one.

Beyond the on-field matchups, Saturday also carries meaning for the program and its supporters. TSU has promoted the Legacy Series as a showcase for HBCU excellence and an opportunity to strengthen ties between two universities with proud football traditions. Barlow said the atmosphere will be just as important as the competition.

"We're looking forward to our fans coming out, being part of this game, cheering on our student-athletes, and bringing the noise," Barlow said. "I know our supporters will be there to back us."

For Big Blue, the Legacy Series opener offers a chance to reset, show resilience after a tough loss, and celebrate the program's place in HBCU football history. With tradition on one side, momentum on the other, and pride on the line, Saturday's matchup could be an early turning point in the Tigers' season.





From Blocked Kick to Big Stage: Football Ready for Bison Showdown

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

The stage is set for one of the biggest challenges Tennessee State football has faced in recent years. Fresh off a dramatic Week 1 victory over North Carolina A&T in the John A. Merritt Classic, the Tigers now welcome the nation's top-ranked team and defending FCS national champion, North Dakota State, to Nissan Stadium on Saturday.

For TSU, the matchup comes with both confidence and urgency. The Tigers have now won back-to-back season openers and claimed their third straight Merritt Classic. But the real test begins against a program that has set the gold standard for FCS dominance.

Running back Kendric Rhymes wasted no time making his presence felt in his TSU debut. The transfer powered his way to 174 rushing yards and two touchdowns, earning recognition as HBCU National Co-Player of the Week. His punishing runs, particularly in the second half, gave the Tigers the spark they needed to pull ahead.

"I think Kendric Rhymes ... rhymes with Big Time," said Barlow. "He plays the game the right way. Coach Harris and staff did a great job getting him the ball."

The Tigers' offense found its rhythm after halftime, piling up 173 of their 252 total yards and scoring 14 points — all on the ground from Rhymes.

There were fireworks through the air as well. Quarterback Jonathan Palmer, the hometown product, connected early with fellow newcomer Devaughn Slaughter on an 82-yard strike that electrified the crowd. Slaughter finished with four catches for 102 yards and a

touchdown, plus 35 yards on kickoff returns — a performance that earned him OVC-Big South Freshman of the Week honors.

"I tell people he's been here before," Barlow said of Slaughter. "He doesn't carry himself like a freshman. He's big, he's strong, and he wants the ball all the time."

TSU's defense also made its mark, stifling the Aggies for much of the night. North Carolina A&T managed just 219 total yards — with 173 of those coming in the fourth quarter — and scored only once.

Kaiki Baker paced the unit with nine tackles, while James Stewart earned John A. Merritt Classic Defensive Player of the Game honors after recording six tackles, one forced fumble, and a sack. Byron Davis and Ravon Johnson also forced fumbles, with Syncere Sa-feeullah recovering both.

"I thought the defense played very hard and physical," said defensive coordinator Gregg Williams. "These guys have bought in. James played outstanding, but I thought there were a lot of guys who stood out."

The defining moment came with just six seconds remaining. Clinging to a three-point lead, TSU faced a tense finish as the Aggies lined up for a potential game-tying 38-yard field goal from the 21-yard line. That's when Lathun Snipes broke through and blocked the kick, sealing the Tigers' victory in dramatic fashion.

Special teams provided steady contributions throughout the night under new

coordinator Jerod Kruse, going a perfect 3-for-3 on extra points while adding a field goal.

"It was a situation where, at the end of the game, we ran a block we'd shown earlier," said Kruse. "In that moment, guys pushed a little harder and moved the line back. Snipes got his right hand up, and once he blocked it, the rest was history."

While the Tigers look to build on their momentum, they know Saturday's opponent represents the pinnacle of FCS football. North Dakota State, winners of 10 of the last 13 national championships, opened its 2025 campaign with a dominant 38-0 win at The Citadel. The Bison showcased their trademark physicality, piling up 519 yards of offense despite being held scoreless in the first quarter. Quarterback Cole Payton led the ground attack with 103 rushing yards, while running back Barika Kpeenu added 80 yards and two touchdowns.

The showdown at Nissan Stadium offers TSU both a measuring stick and an opportunity. For a program eager to climb back into the national conversation, facing the defending champions provides exactly the kind of stage the Tigers have been building toward.

And the atmosphere should be every bit as electric as the matchup. The Merritt Classic crowd brought the energy in Week 1, and with the Bison faithful known for traveling well, Saturday's game is expected to deliver a charged environment inside Nissan Stadium. For the Tigers, it's not only about competing with the champions — it's about doing so in front of a showcase crowd on their home stage.





Kruse Brings NFL Pedigree, Development Focus to Secondary

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

When Jerod Kruse joined Tennessee State this summer as special teams coordinator and secondary coach, he immediately recognized the Tigers had something many college programs lack: depth in the defensive backfield.

"Coming from the NFL, you're used to traveling with seven or eight defensive backs," Kruse said. "Now, we've got 11 or 12 guys who can all contribute in some way. That's a blessing."

That depth, combined with Kruse's emphasis on teaching and player development, could play a major role in TSU's push for consistency in 2025. After years of tutelage under around Gregg Williams' defensive system, the secondary is expected to anchor a Tigers defense that prides itself on physical play and speed.

Kruse is not building the group alone. Former Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson, who played more than a decade in the NFL, works closely with the defensive backs, while analyst Justin Hannah provides additional support after professional stints in the CFL and NFL camps. Together, the staff is creating an environment centered on accountability and growth.

"These guys have taken coaching really well," Kruse said. "We coach them hard in practice, then on game day we want them to play fast and confident. That balance has helped them grow through camp."

A longtime collaborator with current TSU defensive coordinator Gregg Williams, Kruse has carried a consistent philosophy throughout his career: players respond to coaches who make them better.

"Our philosophy has always been that players will follow you if they believe you can help them improve," Kruse said. "Gregg has turned more undrafted free agents into Pro Bowlers than just about anyone in the last 25 years. That's development. That's what we're bringing to TSU—finding each player's strength and holding them accountable to it."

Kruse's coaching toolbox also includes an innovative background with technology. He has consulted with EA Sports on the Madden video game series, helping design scheme adjustments. That experience, he said, has given him a new perspective on how young players learn the game.

"Practice mode is an incredible teaching tool," Kruse said. "Players can run formations, recognize alignments and communicate in real time with a joystick in hand. The brain doesn't distinguish between mental reps and physical reps, so you can stack learning without adding wear and tear on the body."

Those methods align with Tennessee State's broader embrace of analytics and artificial intelligence. Kruse saw the trend firsthand in his recent stint with the Cleveland Browns, where AI-driven

teaching tools and virtual meeting rooms became part of daily preparation.

"AI is the buzzword right now, and everybody is figuring out how it fits," he said. "Some of the technology can break down film faster, and virtual teaching models can help players get more reps without taking more hits. At the end of the day, it's all about making them better and keeping them healthy."

For Kruse, the message to his players at TSU is simple: they are here because they have talent, and it's his job to maximize it.

"They wouldn't be here if they didn't have something special," Kruse said. "Our job is to figure out what that is, develop it, and put them in positions to succeed. If they believe you can make them better, they'll give you everything they've got."

As the Tigers prepare for the 2025 season, Kruse's blend of NFL experience, innovative teaching, and emphasis on player development may be exactly what helps turn depth into dominance.





Special Teams Poised for Growth with Barlow at the Helm

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Special teams has long been called football's "hidden third," but at Tennessee State, it's beginning to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with offense and defense. The Tigers are betting that a renewed focus on this phase of the game will give them a competitive edge.

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When Shannon Harris walks into the Tennessee State football offices, the walls are the same, the hallways are familiar, and the memories come rushing back. For the former Tigers quarterback and longtime assistant, returning to his alma mater feels like stepping back home — but with a program moving forward in new ways.

Harris is entering his third stint on the TSU staff, this time as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He first traded his cleats for a whistle in 2003 as a graduate assistant and went on to serve in nearly every offensive role through 2009. He returned in 2018 as an analyst, was elevated to offensive coordinator in 2019–20, and left the program in 2021 following the arrival of then-head coach Eddie George.

Now, four years later, Harris is back on Jefferson Street, bringing with him fresh perspective — and hardware. He spent the past two seasons with the DC Defenders of the United Football League, helping guide the team to a championship in 2025 and earning UFL Coach of the Year honors.

“To go from being a head coach at that level and now back as an assistant, I think everyone should experience that,” Harris said. “It makes you better. You understand why head coaches say certain things, and you manage the game differently. It’s made me a much stronger coordinator, and I’m excited to bring that here.”

What excites Harris just as much as the playbook is the renewed spirit of TSU’s alumni and fan base. From his playing days in the early 2000s, Harris recalls the old tradition of former players — some coming straight from work shifts

— gathering along the practice field fence to cheer on the team.

That culture, he said, is coming alive again under head coach Reggie Barlow.

“With Coach Barlow’s vision, you can definitely see the excitement,” Harris said. “I’ve seen more former players at scrimmages in the last year than I had in the last 15 or 20. Guys are reengaged, and that matters to this program. It feels like the TSU I remember.”

Barlow has made embracing TSU’s alumni a priority. From open practices to community events, he has worked to ensure former players feel connected — something Harris said makes a difference for both recruiting and gameday atmosphere.

That connection will be tested and showcased in 2025 as the Tigers host an unprecedented eight home games, the most in program history. For a fan base that once packed Nissan Stadium with crowds of 20,000 to 30,000 during Harris’s playing career, the expanded home schedule is an opportunity to show out again.

“It’s huge for our fan base,” Harris said. “We don’t have to go to Memphis or Atlanta anymore — those fans can come here. With the type of schedule we have, and bringing Alabama A&M, North Dakota, and others right here, it’s a chance to get the city involved and give our players the support they deserve.”

Last season, TSU averaged just over 8,000 fans per game — a number Harris believes can grow with consistency and alumni engagement.

“Coming off a championship season and with eight home games, there’s no reason not to fill it up,” Harris said. “I’ve been part of those nights when 40,000 people were in the stands. These young guys deserve that same energy.”

Harris’s coaching journey — from TSU to Alabama State, Alcorn State, Virginia State, and the UFL — has been marked by steady growth. His return is more than just another job move; it’s a homecoming rooted in pride and responsibility.

“This place means everything to me,” Harris said. “When I walk around campus, I see the same buildings and remember the same moments from when I played here. But I also see the growth Dr. (Mikki) Allen has brought to athletics. It’s not just football — the whole department is moving forward. To be back as part of that is special.”

As TSU prepares for the new season, Harris represents both continuity and fresh momentum — an alum returning home with championship experience, charged with leading an offense that will be central to the Tigers’ aspirations.

“It’s not just about football,” Harris said. “It’s about reconnecting the alumni, engaging the city, and making this program something everyone is proud of. That’s why I came back. And I believe the support is here to make it happen.”





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Russ Ehrenfeld Returns to Tennessee State with NFL Track Record

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Russ Ehrenfeld is back at Tennessee State University for the fourth time, and his connection to the Tigers runs deep. The offensive line coach has spent 16 seasons with the program across multiple stints and has developed a reputation for producing NFL-caliber players, whether through the draft or free agency.

"I just love Tennessee State. I love what it stands for. I love the young people that come to school here," Ehrenfeld said. "The people that I have worked with here and the people I'm currently working with are great. I just have a great love and affection for TSU."

Ehrenfeld first arrived on campus in 1997 and was part of two Ohio Valley Conference championship teams. The 1999 squad achieved a national No. 1 ranking, cementing the Tigers' place in college football history. "The walls were built by a lot of great people, a lot of great football players, a lot of great athletes overall that have put this place on the map," he said, reflecting on TSU's legacy.

Known as "the NFL guy," Ehrenfeld has guided dozens of Tigers to professional careers. "Once you start coaching and you are around other coaches and they mentor you, or you buy into what they're emphasizing, you just become a student

of the game," he said. "I've been very blessed to work with some great players who bought into what I was teaching. Then the light turned on, the switch turned on, and they just kept working hard."

Recruiting is a cornerstone of Ehrenfeld's approach. He blends old-school techniques — visiting a prospect's home or speaking with family — with modern strategies using social media and film. "I came up originally with Splice and Film, and then it went to VHS to Disks. That changed it. But there's a loyalty. Guys can be in the portal and play for you for one season, then get in the portal again. So that makes a difference," he said.

Ehrenfeld's professional experience in leagues like the XFL and UFL gives him a unique perspective. "We had guys from Stanford, James Madison, Mizzou, Oregon State, Georgia — all different backgrounds," he said. "Those guys buying into what I was teaching, and me meeting them halfway, is how we became successful."

His love for Nashville also runs deep. A New Jersey native who attended college in Chattanooga, Ehrenfeld appreciates the city's growth and culture. "There's some great pizza places here now that weren't here 25, 30 years ago.

Monell's in Germantown is a spot I like, and the 51st Deli up on 51st Street," he said. "The music, Lower Broadway, it's all great. I've been fortunate; I have a nephew in the music industry at a very high level, and I've been able to see some great shows. I enjoy that."

As Ehrenfeld settles into his latest tenure at TSU, his focus remains on the offensive line and developing players ready for the next level. His career, which spans college and professional football, his dedication to Tennessee State, and his love for Nashville make him a cornerstone of the Tigers' program.





Morgan's Déjà Vu: Experience and Heart Return Home

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Toriano Morgan walked across Tennessee State's campus recently and felt as if he had traveled back in time. "Making my walk to lunch today, I kind of felt like it was 2000 and I was a senior walking to the cafeteria," Morgan said. "The buildings have changed a little bit, the campus has grown a lot. But for the most part, it still has that homely feeling."

Morgan, a former TSU wide receiver and team captain, has returned to his alma mater as co-offensive coordinator and running backs coach under head coach Reggie Barlow. It is a homecoming more than two decades in the making for a coach with more than 20 years of experience at the high school and collegiate levels. "To be back and be able to serve in a school that's been great to me is just amazing," Morgan said. "This program groomed me as a player and transitioned me into coaching. I couldn't write a better story."

A native of Fort Lauderdale, Morgan began his coaching career at Tennessee State in 2002 as a graduate assistant before moving on to stints at Dillard High School, Virginia Union, and Virginia State.

Most recently, he served as head coach at Edward Waters University, where he earned the nickname "Mr. 180" for turning programs around. Under his leadership, the Tigers recorded their first winning season in more than two decades and entered the HBCU D2 national polls

for the first time as a full SIAC member in 2023.

Morgan's success has been recognized nationally. In 2022, he participated in the NFL's Coaching Academy, was named to FootballScoop's Rising Star Coaches Watch List, and was selected as head coach for the nationally televised HBCU Pigskin All-Star Classic. Throughout his coaching career, he has guided 35 all-conference players and helped 13 athletes reach the NFL. Known for his innovative offensive strategies, Morgan developed record-setting units at Edward Waters, including quarterback Jyron Russell, who became the school's modern-day all-time leading passer, and Johnny Jones, an All-American honoree.

Returning to Nashville, Morgan has been struck by the growth of both the city and the university. "Going downtown, the biggest building used to be the Batman building. Now you can't even see it because there are so many bigger ones," he said. "That expansion shows the growth of the city and the commitment of Tennessee State to grow as well."

On the field, Morgan has been impressed by the leadership of TSU's veteran players, who have helped set the tone for younger athletes. "Those guys have had team success and individual success, so they're able to show the younger guys exactly how to do it," he said. "From day one, we've set our expectations and our

goals, and everyone has fallen in line." He emphasizes preparation and execution as central tenets of the team's philosophy. "It's about doing it the way we practice and letting the chips fall where they may," Morgan said.

The 2025 schedule features eight home games, a rarity for TSU in recent years. Morgan said that home-field advantage is significant not only for performance but also for the legacy of Tennessee State football. "There's no place like home," he said. "It's unacceptable for TSU football not to play well and to lose at home in front of our fans. Having eight home games on familiar turf gives us something to defend, and that's truly going to work in our favor."

The Tigers' schedule also features marquee HBCU matchups alongside non-conference tests, including perennial FCS power North Dakota State. Morgan sees these games as an opportunity to showcase both TSU football and the broader TSU experience. "Families can come out, tailgate, and young Tigers can see what it's all about," he said. "That's where it starts — making that impression so they want to grow up and be part of this tradition and legacy."

For Morgan, being back at Tennessee State is the culmination of a career built on both success and loyalty to his roots. "You couldn't script it any better," he said. "I'm blessed to be here and to help carry this program forward."





Cedric Thornton Brings HBCU Legacy and Leadership to TSU

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

For Cedric Thornton, coming to Tennessee State as associate head coach and linebackers coach is about more than football—it's about family, legacy, and a lifelong bond with Reggie Barlow.

Thornton, who has previously held head coaching roles and built programs at multiple levels, described his bond with TSU head coach Reggie Barlow as lifelong. "Family, look out for family. My Lord and I, we've known each other since we were 18 years old. He's a brother to me, always will be a brother to me," Thornton said. When Barlow reached out to bring him to TSU, Thornton said it was impossible to ignore the call.

Being named associate head coach at a university with the storied history of John Merritt was meaningful on multiple levels. "It means a lot. It means my head coach sees something in me and the leadership passing. This school has a lot of history. My father-in-law, my mother-in-law, both went to school here. Father-in-law played ball here. It probably means more to them than it does to me because now their grandson gets to come be around," Thornton said.

While the title carries prestige, he emphasized that his focus is on serving wherever needed. "The title's a title. I'm a football coach. I just do whatever the

boss man asks me."

Thornton's connection to TSU runs beyond coaching; it is personal and familial. "I'm a guy, man, and I love our schools. I'm an HBCU guy. I love our schools. Like I said, it just means a little bit more because I have some family ties to the university," he said.

Walking through campus, Thornton sees the history and legacy of those who came before him—from John Merritt to Coach Gilliam and countless others—reinforcing the sense of responsibility he feels as a coach and mentor.

For Thornton, the presence of alumni and community members at games and practices carries more weight than any paycheck. "I can go to work for a dollar, but their presence means a lot. Just to see those guys get the encouragement from them, it means a lot," he said, reflecting on the volunteers and alumni who devote time and energy to support TSU athletes.

Thornton also sees the role of the community in fostering team spirit and connection. "With the history of this school, with all the great things and people that have been through here, I don't understand how it can be hard to get behind them. The moment we get to the point to realizing that, regardless of who's

standing on the sideline, those young men are still wearing blue and white... support them," he said. He noted that even though TSU is not his alma mater, he stands respectfully during the alma mater and daily recitations of the Tiger Creed as a sign of reverence for the university and its traditions.

As TSU football enters a season with a first-year staff and eight home games, Thornton sees an opportunity to strengthen the bond between players, coaches, alumni, and fans. For him, returning to a place intertwined with his family and lifelong friendships is a reminder that coaching is about more than wins and losses—it's about legacy, community, and family.





Music City Miracle to Roar City: Gregg Williams' Homecoming at Nissan Stadium

by Nick Guerriero, Assistant AD

Gregg Williams stood near midfield at Nissan Stadium, the summer sun cutting across the empty seats as Tennessee State wrapped up a scrimmage. He tugged at his whistle, his eyes sweeping across the field he once called home during some of the most unforgettable moments in Tennessee Titans history.

Just stepping onto the turf, he said, brought a rush of memories.

"It made me smile just walking in here today," Williams said. "And I need to smile as much as I can in life. I've got great memories of living here — one of my favorite cities of the 10 NFL cities I've lived in. And there were some big-time games when I walked in here that we were in. I can't wait to be in some big-time games with these young men right here."

For Williams, the new defensive coordinator at Tennessee State, this season is more than just another job. It's a homecoming of sorts — a return to Music City, to the same stadium where he helped lead the Titans to a Super Bowl appearance during the famed 1999 season and the "Music City Miracle."

Williams spent a decade with the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans franchise, carving out a reputation as one of the NFL's fiercest defensive minds. His units were physical, disciplined, and relentless — a reflection of his own fiery presence on the sideline. He later went on to become the head coach of the Buffalo Bills (2001–03) and interim head coach of the Cleveland Browns (2018), with stops at nearly a dozen NFL franchises, including this writer's favorite, the New York Jets.

But when he looks back on his career, Williams is quick to point to one name: Jeff Fisher.

"Jeff was one of the best guys I've ever worked with," Williams said. "We grew together. Those were some of the best years of my life."

Fisher and Williams spent more than a decade and a half together with the Oilers/Titans and again with the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams,

forging a partnership that helped define an era of football in Nashville.

Now, at 67, Williams isn't chasing the next NFL job. Instead, he's pouring his energy into teaching — and that, he says, is where he finds the most joy.

"The three happiest places I am in life... One, with my family. Two, inside the white lines — I'm a competitionaholic — and three, helping young men and young women be who they want to be," Williams said. "At this stage of my career, I only want to coach with people I like being around. Reggie [Barlow] is a big-time coach. I enjoy helping him grow too. So, this is a family moment, along with helping as many men and women as we can grow up in this profession."

Williams first crossed paths with TSU head coach Reggie Barlow and offensive coordinator Shannon Harris in the XFL and UFL, where they spent the past two seasons with the D.C. Defenders. When Barlow got the call to take over the Tigers, Williams didn't hesitate to follow.

It also helped that Tennessee State wasn't unfamiliar territory.

"In 1997, we practiced on Tennessee State's campus," Williams said. "And in 1998, we practiced in a bankrupt mall parking lot on the grass. We finally got here in 1999. I remember great things and some phenomenal players that came from this university during the times I've been in the league since 1989. I've always thought greatly about Eddie George [former TSU head coach] and his staff, too, because five of those guys have been on my staff. I think the world of them."

Williams sees his role at Tennessee State as both a teacher and a mentor, not just to players but also to young coaches eager to break into the profession. His passion for development has long been a part of his DNA, from his early days coaching high school football in Missouri to building NFL defenses.

"I love this stage of it," Williams said. "Because

I get to help these guys chase their goals — whether that's the NFL, coaching, or whatever profession they choose. This place has always produced competitors."

Nashville itself has changed dramatically since Williams last lived here. The skyline is taller, the city busier, the football scene even more competitive. But for Williams, the city's spirit remains the same.

"You don't think the music industry isn't competitive? Or some of the billion-dollar companies here?" Williams said. "This place has a ton of competition in it. And those kinds of young men have prospered coming out of here. So, I want to help as many young men as we can here on this team — and young women in the different departments of this program — to grow and keep going, because that's Nashville."

Of course, returning to Nashville also means reconnecting with old haunts. Asked about his favorite places to eat, Williams' face softened as he recalled one in particular.

"Jimmy Buffett's [Margaritaville] place downtown," he said with a smile. "Jimmy was a very close friend of mine. He helped a lot with my foundation for children. I always loved going down there."

Inside Nissan Stadium, though, the pull is strongest. Williams says the rush of competition hasn't dulled, even after more than three decades of coaching at the highest levels.

"I love being inside the lines," Williams said. "That hasn't changed. To get another chance to do it here, in Music City, it's pretty special."

As the Tigers wrapped up their final scrimmage, Williams lingered on the turf at Nissan Stadium, whistle in hand, watching players jog to the sideline. For a man who once called the NFL's brightest stages home, the empty seats and echo of footsteps offered something just as meaningful — another chance to compete, another chance to teach, and another chapter in a city that still feels like home.





ALL-TIME NFL DRAFT PICKS & TIGERS IN THE PROS

TSU TIGERS FIRST ROUND NFL PICKS			
1968	3rd Pick	Claude Humphrey	Atlanta Falcons
1969	25th Pick	Eldridge Dickey	Oakland Raiders
1969	23rd Pick	Jim Marsalis	Kansas City Chiefs
1971	15th Pick	Vernon Holland	Cincinnati Bengals
1974	1st Pick	Ed "Too" Tall Jones	Dallas Cowboys
1974	4th Pick	Waymond Bryant	Chicago Bears
2008	16th Pick	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	Arizona Cardinals

DRAFTED TIGERS PER NFL TEAM	
Arizona Cardinals	2
Atlanta Falcons	4
Baltimore Colts	5
Baltimore Ravens	1
Buffalo Bills	4
Chicago Bears	5
Cincinnati Bengals	4
Cleveland Browns	5
Dallas Cowboys	3
Denver Broncos	3
Detroit Lions	6
Green Bay Packers	3
Houston Oilers	3
Indianapolis Colts	1
Jacksonville Jaguars	1
Kansas City Chiefs	7
Los Angeles Rams	4
Miami Dolphins	6
Minnesota Vikings	5
New England Patriots	2
New Orleans Saints	2
New York Giants	1
New York Jets	4
Oakland Raiders	4
Philadelphia Eagles	7
Pittsburgh Steelers	4
San Diego Chargers	6
San Francisco 49ers	8
St. Louis Cardinals	1
St. Louis Rams	1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2
Washington Redskins	2

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Name	Teams (Year)
A	
Joe "747" Adams — QB	San Francisco 49ers (1981); Saskatchewan Roughriders (1982–1983); Toronto Argonauts (1983); Ottawa Rough Riders (1984)
Brent Alexander — S	Arizona Cardinals (1994-97); Carolina Panthers (1998-99); Pittsburgh Steelers (2000-03); NY Giants (2004-05)
Hubbard Alexander — C	Coach: TSU (1962-63); Vanderbilt (1975-87); UMiami (1979-88); Dallas Cowboys (1989-97); Minnesota Vikings (1998-99); New Orleans Saint (2000-03) 3x Super Bowl champion (XXVII, XXVIII, XXX) 2x National champion (1983, 1987)
Bennie Anderson — RB	St. Louis Rams (2000); Chicago Enforcers (2001); Baltimore Ravens (2001–2004); Buffalo Bills (2005); Miami Dolphins (2006)
B	
Larry Barnes — RB	San Diego Chargers (1977-1978); St Louis Cardinals (1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1978-1979)
Bill Bass — RB	Chicago Rockets (1947); Montreal Alouettes (1948); Toronto Argonauts (1950–53); Ottawa Rough Riders (1954); Toronto Balmy Beach Beachers (1955)
Avion Black — WR / KR	Buffalo Bills (2000–2001); Houston Texans (2002)
Terrell Bonds — CB	Memphis Express (2019); Baltimore Ravens (2019–2020); Miami Dolphins (2021)* Pittsburgh Maulers (2022); Tennessee Titans (2022)*; San Antonio Brahmas (2023–present)
Sam Bowers — TE	New York Jets (1980–1981)*; Toronto Argonauts (1981); New Jersey Generals (1983–1985); Chicago Bears (1987)
Clifford Brooks — DB	Cleveland Browns (1972–1974); Philadelphia Eagles (1975–1976); Buffalo Bills (1975–1976); New York Jets (1976)
Waymond Bryant — LB	Chicago Bears (1974–1977)
C	
Alex Carter — DE	Buffalo Bills (1985–1986)*; Miami Dolphins (1987)*; Cleveland Browns (1987); Edmonton Eskimos (1988); Ottawa Rough Riders (1989)*
Eugene Clifford — S	Baltimore Ravens (2011)*; Texas Revolution (2013)
Al Coleman — DB	Minnesota Vikings (1967); Des Moines Warriors (1967); Charleston Rockets (1968); Cincinnati Bengals (1969–1971); Philadelphia Eagles (1972–1973)
D	
Dave Davis — WR	Green Bay Packers (1971–1972); Pittsburgh Steelers (1973); New Orleans Saints (1974)
Oliver Davis — CB	Cleveland Browns (1977–1980); Cincinnati Bengals (1981–1982)
Rosey Davis — DE	New York Giants (1965–1967)
Sonny Davis — RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1971); The Hawaiians (1974–1975)
Richard Dent — RB	Chicago Bears (1983–1993); San Francisco 49ers (1994); Chicago Bears (1995); Indianapolis Colts (1996); Philadelphia Eagles (1997) 2x Super Bowl champion (XX, XXIX) Super Bowl MVP (XX) First-team All-Pro (1985) 3x Second-team All-Pro (1984, 1988, 1990) 4x Pro Bowl (1984, 1985, 1990, 1993) 2x NFL forced fumbles leader (1984, 1985) NFL sacks leader (1985) 100 greatest Bears of All-Time
Eldridge Dickey — QB / WR	Oakland Raiders (1968–1971); AFL champion (1968)





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Lamar Divens —NT	San Diego Chargers (2008)*; Baltimore Ravens (2008–2010); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2011)*; Tennessee Titans (2012)*; San Francisco 49ers (2013)*
Larry Dorsey —WR	San Diego Chargers (1976–1977); Kansas City Chiefs (1978)
Marcus Dowdell —WR	New Orleans Saints (1992–1993); Arizona Cardinals (1995–1996)
Elbert Drungo — G / T	Houston Oilers (1969–1977); Buffalo Bills (1978)
E	
Cid Edwards —RB	St. Louis Cardinals (1967–1971); San Diego Chargers (1972–1974); Chicago Bears (1975)
Kadeem Edwards —G	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2014); Jacksonville Jaguars (2015); Dallas Cowboys (2016–2018)
Steve Edwards —OF / DL	Philadelphia Eagles (2002)*; Chicago Bears (2002–2005); New York Giants (2006); Baltimore Ravens (2007)*; Philadelphia Soul (2008) Arizona Rattlers (2008); California Redwoods (2009); Arizona Rattlers (2011); Chicago Rush (2013)
Cleveland Elam	San Francisco 49ers (1975–1978); Detroit Lions (1979)
Onzy Elam — LB	New York Jets (1987–1988); Dallas Cowboys (1989)
Homer Elias —G	Detroit Lions (1978–1984)
F	
Charley Ferguson —TE	Cleveland Browns (1961); Minnesota Vikings (1962); Buffalo Bills (1963–1969)
Rodney Fritz —DL	Huntington Hammer (2011); Tulsa Talons (2011)*; Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2011–2013); Toronto Argonauts (2013)*; San Jose Saber-Cats (2014–2015); Los Angeles KISS (2016); Arizona Rattlers (2016); Baltimore Brigade (2018); Albany Empire (2019)
Randy Fuller —CB	Denver Broncos (1994); Pittsburgh Steelers (1995–1997); Atlanta Falcons (1998); Seattle Seahawks 1999
G	
Chuck Gavin —DE	BC Lions (1959); Denver Broncos (1960–1963)
Joe Gilliam — QB	Pittsburgh Steelers (1972–1975); New Orleans Saints (1976–1977)*; Pittsburgh Wolf Pak (1978); Baltimore Eagles (1979); New Orleans Blue Knights (1981); Denver Gold (1983)*; Washington Federals (1983)
H	
Mike Hegman —LB	Dallas Cowboys (1976–1988) Super Bowl champion (XII)
Jeremy Hickbottom — QB	Cologne Crocodiles (2023)*; Massachusetts Pirates (2023)*; DC Defenders (2023–present)
Sylvester Hicks — DE	Kansas City Chiefs (1978–1981)
Jarrick Hillery — WR / Db	Nashville Kats (2000–2001); Georgia Force (2002–2003); Carolina Cobras (2003–2004); Nashville Kats (2004–2006); Georgia Force (2007)
Joe Hills —WR	Tennessee Titans (2011)*; Spokane Shock (2012); Tampa Bay Storm (2012–2014); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (2014)*; Pittsburgh Power (2015)*; Jacksonville Sharks (2015–2016); Dalian Dragon Kings (2016)*; Tampa Bay Storm (2017); Jacksonville Sharks (2017); Florida Tarpons (2018); Albany Empire (2018); Baltimore Brigade (2019)
John Holland —WR	Minnesota Vikings (1974); Buffalo Bills (1975–1977); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1979–1980); Calgary Stampeders (1981); Ottawa Rough Riders (1982)
Vernon Holland —T	Cincinnati Bengals (1971–1979); Detroit Lions (1980); New York Giants (1980)

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





ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS

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

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





TSU NFL & AFL DRAFT PICKS

Year	Round	Pick	Team	Player	Position
1952 NFL Draft	28	333	Detroit Lions	Hal Turner	DE
1953 NFL Draft	28t	329	Chicago Bears	Jim Caldwell	T
1961 NFL Draft	8	103	Pittsburgh Steelers	George Balthazar	OT
1964 NFL Draft	18	240	Philadelphia Eagles	Izzy Lang	RB
1965 NFL Draft	8	112	Baltimore Colts	Rosey Davis	DE
1965 NFL Draft	16	217	Washington Redskins	Bob Reed	OG
1966 NFL Draft	4	59	Detroit Lions	Willie Walker	WR
1966 NFL Draft	6	92	Chicago Bears	Frank McRae	DT
1966 NFL Draft	7	103	Detroit Lions	Johnnie Robinson	DB
1966 NFL Draft	12	185	Baltimore Colts	Jim Carer	OG
1967 NFL Draft	3	65	San Francisco 49ers	Bill Tucker	RB
1967 NFL Draft	4	87	Minnesota Vikings	Al Coleman	DB
1967 NFL Draft	6	156	Kansas City Chiefs	Noland Smith	WR
1967 NFL Draft	10	252	Los Angeles Rams	Leon Moore	DB
1967 NFL Draft	10	260	Dallas Cowboys	Eugene Bowen	RB
1967 NFL Draft	12	315	New Orleans Saints	John Robinson	WR
1967 NFL Draft	13	318	Buffalo Bills	Howard Finley	DB
1968 NFL Draft	1	3	Atlanta Falcons	Claude Humphrey	DE
1968 NFL Draft	1	25	Oakland Raiders	Eldridge Dickey	WR
1968 NFL Draft	4	108	Green Bay Packers	John Robinson	WR
1968 NFL Draft	6	141	San Francisco 49ers	Lee Johnson	WR
1968 NFL Draft	8	216	Baltimore Colts	Tommy Davis	DT
1969 NFL Draft	1	23	Kansas City Chiefs	Jim Marsalis	DB
1969 NFL Draft	3	65	Houston Oilers	Elbert Drungo	OT
1969 NFL Draft	5	129	Baltimore Colts	King Dunlap	DT
1969 NFL Draft	8	186	Pittsburgh Steelers	Joe Cooper	WR
1969 NFL Draft	11	284	Oakland Raiders	Harold Rice	DE
1969 NFL Draft	12	295	Washington Redskins	Bob Shannon	DB
1969 NFL Draft	12	313	Atlanta Falcons	Harry Carpenter	OG
1970 NFL Draft	2	36	Cleveland Browns	Joe Jones	DE
1970 NFL Draft	5	117	New York Giants	Claude Brumfield	OG
1970 NFL Draft	16	393	Miami Dolphins	Charlie Williams	OG
1971 NFL Draft	1	15	Cincinnati Bengals	Vern Holland	OT
1971 NFL Draft	4	100	Detroit Lions	Larry Woods	DT
1971 NFL Draft	6	143	San Diego Chargers	Jacob Mayes	RB
1971 NFL Draft	7	168	Green Bay Packers	Dave Davis	WR
1971 NFL Draft	8	197	Cincinnati Bengals	Fred Herring	DB
1971 NFL Draft	10	238	Oakland Raiders	Bill West	DB
1971 NFL Draft	11	264	Philadelphia Eagles	Sonny Davis	RB
1971 NFL Draft	11	273	San Diego Chargers	Don Pinson	DB
1971 NFL Draft	17	435	Los Angeles Rams	Joe Sweet	WR
1972 NFL Draft	2	45	Cleveland Browns	Cliff Brooks	DB
1972 NFL Draft	11	268	New York Jets	Robert Stevenson	LB
1972 NFL Draft	11	273	Pittsburgh Steelers	Joe Gilliam	QB
1973 NFL Draft	2	38	New York Jets	Robert Woods	OT
1973 NFL Draft	4	84	San Diego Chargers	Jim Thaxton	TE
1973 NFL Draft	4	85	Baltimore Colts	Ollie Smith	WR
1973 NFL Draft	5	113	Denver Broncos	Charles McTorry	DB
1973 NFL Draft	7	159	Philadelphia Eagles	Will Wynn	DE
1973 NFL Draft	12	305	San Francisco 49ers	Larry Pettus	OT
1973 NFL Draft	13	318	San Diego Chargers	Alfred Reese	RB
1973 NFL Draft	17	442	Miami Dolphins	Charlie Wade	WR
1974 NFL Draft	1	1	Dallas Cowboys	Too Tall Jones	DE
1974 NFL Draft	1	4	Chicago Bears	Waymond Bryant	LB
1974 NFL Draft	2	29	Minnesota Vikings	John Holland	WR
1974 NFL Draft	2	33	St. Louis Cardinals	Greg Kindle	OT
1974 NFL Draft	2	42	Denver Broncos	Carl Wafer	DE
1974 NFL Draft	13	331	Buffalo Bills	Ed Gatewood	LB
1975 NFL Draft	4	85	San Francisco 49ers	Cleveland Elam	DT
1975 NFL Draft	7	173	Dallas Cowboys	Mike Hegman	LB
1975 NFL Draft	9	218	San Francisco 49ers	James Johnson	DB
1975 NFL Draft	14	339	Miami Dolphins	James Lewis	DB





TSU NFL & AFL DRAFT PICKS

Year	Round	Pick	Team	Player	Position
1976 NFL Draft	2	49	Miami Dolphins	Loaird McCreary	TE
1976 NFL Draft	3	64	San Diego Chargers	Larry Dorsey	WR
1976 NFL Draft	4	98	Miami Dolphins	Mel Mitchell	OG
1976 NFL Draft	7	200	Miami Dolphins	John Owens	DE
1976 NFL Draft	14	385	Philadelphia Eagles	Melvin Shy	DB
1977 NFL Draft	4	102	Cleveland Browns	Oliver Davis	DB
1977 NFL Draft	5	122	Green Bay Packers	Nate Simpson	RB
1977 NFL Draft	6	145	Philadelphia Eagles	Kevin Russell	DB
1977 NFL Draft	6	151	San Diego Chargers	Larry Barnes	RB
1977 NFL Draft	11	282	Buffalo Bills	Nate Jackson	RB
1978 NFL Draft	2	29	Kansas City Chiefs	Sylvester Hicks	DE
1978 NFL Draft	2	46	Los Angeles Rams	Stan Johnson	DT
1978 NFL Draft	4	85	Kansas City Chiefs	Danny Johnson	LB
1978 NFL Draft	4	102	New England Patriots	Dwight Wheeler	C
1978 NFL Draft	4	107	Detroit Lions	Homer Elias	OG
1978 NFL Draft	5	112	Kansas City Chiefs	Jerrold McRae	WR
1978 NFL Draft	6	152	Atlanta Falcons	Rod Parker	WR
1979 NFL Draft	10	261	Cleveland Browns	John Smith	WR
1979 NFL Draft	11	276	San Francisco 49ers	Billy McBride	DB
1979 NFL Draft	11	301	Los Angeles Rams	Jesse Deramus	DT
1981 NFL Draft	12	322	San Francisco 49ers	Joe Adams	QB
1982 NFL Draft	5	121	Houston Oilers	Malcolm Taylor	DE
1982 NFL Draft	9	233	Minnesota Vikings	Bryan Howard	DB
1982 NFL Draft	12	309	Washington Redskins	Don Laster	OT
1983 NFL Draft	3	80	New England Patriots	Steve Moore	OT
1983 NFL Draft	6	159	Minnesota Vikings	Mike Jones	WR
1983 NFL Draft	6	165	Cincinnati Bengals	Larry Kinnebrew	RB
1983 NFL Draft	8	203	Chicago Bears	Richard Dent	DE
1983 NFL Draft	10	266	Minnesota Vikings	Walter Tate	C
1984 NFL Draft	5	120	Indianapolis Colts	Golden Tate	WR
1985 NFL Draft	11	289	Philadelphia Eagles	Herman Hunter	RB
1987 NFL Draft	3	75	New York Jets	Onzy Elam	LB
1987 NFL Draft	8	205	Pittsburgh Steelers	Charles Buchanan	DE
1988 NFL Draft	11	279	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Frank Pillow	WR
1990 NFL Draft	3	56	New York Jets	Tony Stargell	DB
1990 NFL Draft	3	73	Cleveland Browns	Anthony Pleasant	DE
1990 NFL Draft	11	289	San Francisco 49ers	Anthony Shelton	DB
1990 NFL Draft	11	300	Philadelphia Eagles	Tyrone Watson	WR
1992 NFL Draft	6	145	Detroit Lions	Larry Tharpe	OT
1992 NFL Draft	10	276	New Orleans Saints	Marcus Dowdell	WR
1993 NFL Draft	7	187	Houston Oilers	Patrick Robinson	WR
1994 NFL Draft	4	123	Denver Broncos	Randy Fuller	DB
1995 NFL Draft	5	150	Arizona Cardinals	Cedric Davis	DB
1996 NFL Draft	7	227	Jacksonville Jaguars	Clarence Jones	WR
1996 NFL Draft	7	245	Kansas City Chiefs	Darrell Williams	DB
2000 NFL Draft	4	100	Atlanta Falcons	Michael Thompson	OT
2000 NFL Draft	4	121	Buffalo Bills	Avion Black	WR
2008 NFL Draft	1	16	Arizona Cardinals	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	DB
2009 NFL Draft	7	212	Kansas City Chiefs	Javarris Williams	RB
2014 NFL Draft	5	143	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Kadeem Edwards	OG
2014 NFL Draft	7	250	St. Louis Rams	Demetrius Rhaney	C
2015 NFL Draft	5	176	Baltimore Ravens	Robert Myers	OG
2015 NFL Draft	7	218	Oakland Raiders	Anthony Morris	OT
2020 NFL Draft	7	227	Chicago Bears	Lachavious Simmons	OG
1947 AAFC Draft			Chicago Rockets	Bill Bass	RB
1961 AFL Draft	16	--	Boston Patriots	George Balthazar	OT
1965 AFL Draft	12	--	Houston Oilers	Bob Reed	OG
1966 AFL Draft	7	--	Oakland Raiders	Frank McRae	DT
1966 AFL Draft	8	--	Kansas City Chiefs	Fletcher Smith	DB
1966 AFL Draft	9	--	Buffalo Bills	James Carter	DE





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2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION STANDINGS

Team	OVC-Big South					Overall									
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	Neu	L10	Streak
Tennessee Tech	6	0	1.000	249	113	9	0	1.000	431	145	6-0	3-0	0-0	9-0	W14
UT Martin	4	1	.800	144	98	4	5	.444	188	246	2-1	2-4	0-0	4-5	W3
Gardner-Webb	3	2	.600	127	121	5	4	.556	249	290	2-1	3-3	0-0	5-4	L1
Lindenwood	3	2	.600	148	155	4	5	.444	204	275	2-2	2-3	0-0	4-5	W1
Charleston Southern	3	3	.500	137	149	4	6	.400	178	265	2-2	2-4	0-0	4-6	W3
Southeast Missouri	2	3	.400	120	124	3	6	.333	219	287	3-2	0-4	0-0	3-6	L2
Eastern Illinois	2	4	.333	121	137	3	6	.333	189	231	2-3	1-3	0-0	3-6	L4
Western Illinois	1	4	.200	115	174	2	7	.222	207	350	1-2	1-5	0-0	2-7	W1
Tennessee State	0	5	.000	56	146	2	7	.222	128	256	2-5	0-2	0-0	2-7	L2

SLANT ROUTES

* **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN:** The Buccaneers are idle this week and return to action Nov. 15 at UT Martin for their final road game of the year.

* **EASTERN ILLINOIS:** The Panthers last two losses have been by a combined eight points ... EIU last defeated Tennessee Tech in 2021 (W, 28-14 in Cookeville).

* **GARDNER-WEBB:** The Runnin' Bulldogs are looking to avoid back-to-back losses for the first time this season ... Gardner-Webb is closing the year with two home games in the final three weeks.

* **LINDENWOOD:** The Lions can secure their second-straight 5-win season with a victory on Saturday ... Lindenwood has averaged 46.0 points in its two wins over Western Illinois (49-38 in 2024; 43-40 in 2023).

* **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:** The Redhawks are looking to avoid dropping three consecutive Association games for just the second time (first time was the final three games of 2023) ... SEMO won the first-ever meeting with Gardner-Webb last year (W, 30-24 at home).

* **TENNESSEE STATE:** The Tigers are looking to snap a three-game road losing streak on Saturday ... Tennessee State last defeated UT Martin during the 2021 Spring season (W, 26-24 at home).

* **TENNESSEE TECH:** The Golden Eagles are looking to become the first-ever team to start 7-0 in Association games during the league's existence ... Tech has won the last two meetings with Eastern Illinois.

* **UT MARTIN:** The Skyhawks are 6-2 in November regular-season games since 2023 ... UTM has won the last four meetings over Tennessee State, averaging 27.3 points during that win streak.

* **WESTERN ILLINOIS:** The Leathernecks are looking to win back-to-back games for the first time this season ... Western Illinois' last three contests have been one possession outcomes (1-2 record).

WEEK 11 SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
#5/5 TENNESSEE TECH at EASTERN ILLINOIS *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+	EIU leads, 21-9
TENNESSEE STATE at UT MARTIN *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+	TSU leads, 18-16
LINDENWOOD at WESTERN ILLINOIS *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+	LIN leads, 2-0
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI at GARDNER-WEBB *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+	SEMO leads, 1-0

All Times subject to change

* - OVC-Big South Association game

OVC-Big South Association member in ALL CAPS

2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: Tennessee Tech is ranked No. 5/5 this week, marking the 23rd consecutive week that an Association member has appeared in the National Top 25 poll — extending a league record that began Sept. 16, 2024. It is Tennessee Tech's highest ranking ever in the I-AA/FCS era (since 1978), as well as the highest ranking for a member during the OVC-Big South's existence. The previous best was No. 6 (SEMO in 2024). In addition, TTU has been ranked in the Top 10 a record five consecutive weeks.

1st DOWN: Tennessee Tech is the first team in the Association's brief history to open a season 9-0, and is one of just four FCS programs at least 9-0 at this point of the 2025 season. It is Tech's second-ever 9-0 start (1952 squad opened 9-0). The Golden Eagles' current 14-game win streak is the longest active streak in the Football Championship Subdivision, and is the longest overall winning streak in the Association's history.

2nd DOWN: Tennessee Tech has won 10-straight conference games, the longest conference-game win streak in the Association's three seasons of existence. The previous record was five.

3rd DOWN: Tennessee Tech can clinch a share of the 2025 OVC-Big South Association championship with a win on Saturday. TTU can win the outright crown this weekend with a victory *COMBINED* with a loss by UT Martin.

4th DOWN: UT Martin's overtime victory over Eastern Illinois last week was the Skyhawks' fourth OT win in five overtime games during the history of the OVC-Big South Association. UTM's five overtime games is the most in the league, as are its four overtime wins. EIU is second to the Skyhawks for most overtime contests with four (2-2 record). UT Martin and Eastern Illinois have needed OT twice in the last three seasons (UTM is 2-0).

ABOUT THE OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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





2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2025 ASSOCIATION PRESEASON POLL

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

1. Tennessee Tech (5)	57
2. UT Martin (2)	56
3. Southeast Missouri (2)	53
4. Lindenwood	39
5. Western Illinois	30
T-6. Eastern Illinois	24
T-6. Gardner-Webb	24
8. Tennessee State	23
9. Charleston Southern	18

2025 NATIONAL POLLS - Nov. 3

STATS PERFORM

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	North Dakota State (56)	9-0	1,400
2	Montana	9-0	1,336
3	Montana State	7-2	1,289
4	Lehigh	9-0	1,183
5	TENNESSEE TECH	9-0	1,141
6	Tarleton State	9-1	1,118
7	Monmouth	8-1	1,062
8	South Dakota State	7-2	879
9	Harvard	7-0	854
10	Villanova	6-2	798
11	UC Davis	6-2	794
12	Mercer	7-1	759
13	North Dakota	6-3	758
14	Rhode Island	7-2	728
15	Southern Illinois	6-3	580
16	Illinois State	6-3	552
17	Stephen F. Austin	7-2	463
18	Abilene Christian	5-4	459
19	Southeastern Louisiana	7-2	441
20	Lamar	7-2	317
21	Youngstown State	5-4	303
22	South Dakota	6-4	259
23	Jackson State	6-2	212
24	Western Carolina	6-3	174
25	Presbyterian	8-1	113

Others (OVC-Big South Only): --

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	North Dakota State (25)	9-0	625
2	Montana	9-0	598
3	Montana State	7-2	567
4	Lehigh	9-0	521
5	TENNESSEE TECH	9-0	488
6	Monmouth	8-1	485
7	Tarleton State	9-1	474
8	Villanova	6-2	417
9	South Dakota State	7-2	389
T-10	Mercer	7-1	378
T-10	Rhode Island	7-2	378
12	UC Davis	6-2	367
13	Harvard	7-0	310
14	Southeastern Louisiana	7-2	298
15	North Dakota	6-3	263
16	Southern Illinois	6-3	243
17	Illinois State	6-3	240
18	Lamar	7-2	173
19	Jackson State	6-2	157
20	Abilene Christian	5-4	156
21	Stephen F. Austin	7-2	148
22	Youngstown State	5-4	120
23	Presbyterian	8-1	115
24	Western Carolina	6-3	51
25	South Dakota	6-4	36

Others (OVC-Big South Only): Gardner-Webb (7)

OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Week of	CSU	EU	GWU	LIN	SEMO	TSU	TTU	UTM	WIU
Preseason	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	-- / RV	RV / RV	RV / RV	21 / 22	RV / RV	-- / --
Sept. 1	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	RV / --	RV / RV	17 / 20	RV / RV	-- / --
Sept. 8	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	RV / RV	RV / --	15 / 16	RV / --	-- / --
Sept. 15	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	RV / RV	RV / --	12 / 12	RV / --	-- / --
Sept. 22	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	RV / --	-- / --	13 / 11	-- / --	-- / --
Sept. 29	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	11 / 9	-- / --	-- / --
Oct. 6	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	10 / 7	-- / --	-- / --
Oct. 13	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	8 / 8	-- / --	-- / --
Oct. 20	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	9 / 8	-- / --	-- / --
Oct. 27	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	9 / 8	-- / --	-- / --
Nov. 3	-- / --	-- / --	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / --	-- / --	5 / 5	-- / --	-- / --
Nov. 10									
Nov. 17									
Nov. 24									
Final									

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

OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS

vs. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (11-10, .524)

Big Sky	0-1
Eastern Washington	0-1
CAA Football	2-1
North Carolina A&T	1-0
Stony Brook	1-0
William & Mary	0-1
Mid-Eastern Athletic	2-0
Howard	1-0
South Carolina State	1-0
Missouri Valley Football	0-6
Indiana State	0-1
Illinois State	0-1
North Dakota State	0-2
Southern Illinois	0-2
Pioneer	3-1
Davidson	1-0
Dayton	1-0
Valparaiso	1-0
St. Thomas-Minn.	0-1
Southern	3-0
Chattanooga	1-0
The Citadel	1-0
Western Carolina	1-0
Southwestern Athletic	0-1
Alabama A&M	0-1
United Athletic	1-0
North Alabama	1-0

vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

Atlantic Coast	0-1
Georgia Tech	0-1
Big Ten	0-2
Illinois	0-1
Northwestern	0-1
Big 12	0-1
Oklahoma State	0-1
Conference USA	0-2
Missouri State	0-1
UTEP	0-1
Mid-American	0-2
Miami (Ohio)	0-1
Ohio	0-1
Southeastern	0-1
Vanderbilt	0-1
Alabama	
Kentucky	
Sun Belt	0-3
Appalachian State	0-1
Arkansas State	0-1
Coastal Carolina	0-1





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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK – Nov. 3

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Zolten Osborne, Charleston Southern, QB • 6-1, 205 R-So. • North Charleston, S.C.

Osborne earned the award for the second time in three weeks after passing for a career-high 302 yards and accounting for two touchdowns as Charleston Southern won 23-17 at Southeast Missouri. It marked the third-straight victory for the Buccaneers, the team's longest winning streak since 2019. The redshirt sophomore completed 17-of-35 passes for 302 yards and a touchdown and carried the ball eight times for 11 yards and another score. Osborne scored his first career rushing touchdown on a four-yard scramble in the second quarter. Two and a half minutes later he connected with Rashawn Cunningham for a 14-yard score to put the team ahead 17-3. He has thrown for 250 or more yards in each of his past three games and tossed at least one touchdown in four-straight contests.

Others Nominated: Quasean Holmes (Gardner-Webb), Jared Rhodes (Lindenwood), Tre' Holloway (Tennessee Tech), Jase Bauer (UT Martin)

CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Maurice LaPierre, Tennessee Tech, DL • 6-1, 228, Sr. • Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

LaPierre had three sacks (for -25 yards), four solo tackles, a forced fumble and three quarterback hurries to pace No. 8 ranked Tennessee Tech to a 27-21 win over Gardner-Webb. With the win the Golden Eagles improved to 9-0 on the season, its best start since 1952. His first sacked results in a forced fumble and Tech at the end of the third quarter with his team trailing by four points; two plays later Tennessee Tech scored to grab the lead and would not trail again. He would add two more sacks in the final quarter, the last coming on GWU's final drive of the game, where LaPierre also added a pair of quarterback hurries, resulting in a turnover on downs. LaPierre ranks third in the OVC-Big South and 23rd nationally in sacks (0.75).

Sanjay Strickland, Lindenwood, LB • 6-3, 219, R-Sr. • Arvada, Colo.

Strickland keyed a defense that limited Tennessee State to just 36 rushing yards (and 168 yards of total offense) as Lindenwood won 35-13 in Nashville. The senior had seven solo tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss (for -20 yards), 1.0 sack (for -12 yards) and a fumble recovery as the Lions improved to 3-2 in Association play.

Others Nominated: Justin Waters (Charleston Southern), Isaiah Houi (Eastern Illinois), Keyshawn Johnson (UT Martin)

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Zach Gordon, Charleston Southern, K • 6-0, 190, Jr. • Lillington, N.C.

Gordon tallied 11 kicking points, making three field goals and two point after attempts as Charleston Southern won 23-17 at Southeast Missouri. The junior connected from 21 and 30 yards out in the first half, and cemented the victory with a 25-yarder with 2:54 to play in the game to push the advantage to six points.

Others Nominated: Mason Miller (Eastern Illinois), Dom LeBlanc (Tennessee Tech), Cade Hechter (UT Martin)

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

CJ Bennett, Lindenwood, RS/WR • 5-5, 169, Fr. • East St. Louis, Ill.

Bennett accounted for 114 return yards, helping Lindenwood start with good field position in the Lions' 35-13 victory at Tennessee State. The freshman averaged 15.0 yards on three punt returns with a long return of 31 yards. Bennett averaged 34.5 yards on two kickoff returns with a long of 35 yards. Bennett ranks second in the OVC-Big South and 29th nationally in combined kick return yards (403).

Others Nominated: Rashawn Cunningham (Charleston Southern), Jordyn Stewart (Eastern Illinois)

2025 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Sept. 1 **NATE HAMPTON, GWU**
 Sept. 8 Jax Leatherwood, SEMO
 Sept. 15 Kekoa Visperas, TTU
 Sept. 22 Nate Glantz, LIN
 Sept. 29 Jase Bauer, UTM
 Oct. 6 Kekoa Visperas, TTU
 Oct. 13 Jase Bauer, UTM
 Oct. 20 Zolten Osborne, CSU
 Oct. 27 Carson Gresock, GWU
 Nov. 3 Zolten Osborne, CSU
 Nov. 10
 Nov. 17
 Nov. 24

DEFENSIVE

Sept. 1 Jamari Young, GWU
 Sept. 8 Sanjay Strickland, LIN
 Theron Gaines, TTU
 Sept. 15 Jacob Waller, LIN
 Sept. 22 Steve Zayachowsky, CSU
 Sept. 29 Keyshawn Johnson, UTM
 Oct. 6 Justin Waters, CSU
 Oct. 13 Cahari Haynes, GWU
 Oct. 20 Steve Zayachowsky, CSU
 Micah Gay, TSU
 Oct. 27 Malik McKinzie, CSU
 Nov. 3 Maurice LaPierre, TTU
 Sanjay Strickland, LIN
 Nov. 10
 Nov. 17
 Nov. 24

SPECIAL TEAMS

Sept. 1 Tre' Holloway, TTU
 Sept. 8 Gilbert Brown, CSU
 Justin Keller, SEMO
 Sept. 15 Charlie Viorel, GWU
 Sept. 22 Antonio Chadha, WIU
 Sept. 29 Antonio Chadha, WIU
 Oct. 6 Charlie Viorel, GWU
 Oct. 13 Cade Hechter, UTM
 Oct. 20 Cade Hechter, UTM
 Oct. 27 Charlie Viorel, GWU
 Justin Keller, SEMO
 Nov. 3 Zach Gordon, CSU
 Nov. 10
 Nov. 17
 Nov. 24

FRESHMAN

Sept. 1 DeVaughn Slaughter, TSU
 Sept. 8 Rico Bond, LIN
 Sept. 15 Connor Wolf, EIU
 Sept. 22 Rico Bond, LIN
 Sept. 29 **JACARRE FLEMING, EIU**
 Oct. 6 Cason Carswell, WIU
 Oct. 13 Johnny Weber, SEMO
 Cason Carswell, WIU
 Oct. 20 Johnny Weber, SEMO
 Oct. 27 Rashawn Cunningham, CSU
 Joe Edwards, WIU
 Nov. 3
 Nov. 10
 Nov. 17
 Nov. 24

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





2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



2025 PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Ahead of the 2025 season, OVC-Big South Football Association head coaches selected players for the league's Preseason Player Watch List by position.

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Zoltan Osborne, R-So, CSU
Nate Glantz, Sr, LIN
Kekoa Visperas, R-Sr, TTU
Jase Bauer, R-Sr, UTM
Chris Irvin, Sr, WIU

WIDE RECEIVER

Chris Rhone, R-Sr, CSU
Cooper Willman, Gr, EIU
Anthony Lowe, Gr, GWU
Rico Bond, R-Fr, LIN
Cam Pedro, Jr, SEMO
Delanie "Juice" Majors, Jr, TSU
Noah Robinson, R-Sr, TTU
Phaizon Wilson, R-Jr, UTM
Christian Anaya, Jr, WIU

OFFENSIVE LINE

Andrew Threatt, Jr, CSU
Nic DiSanto, Jr, EIU
Andrew Threatt, R-Jr, GWU
Gavin Hulet, Sr, LIN
Rashad Turner, Sr, SEMO

RUNNING BACK

Tyson Greenwade, R-So, CSU
Jay Pearson, R-Jr, EIU
Quasean Holmes, Gr, GWU
Steve Hall, R-So, LIN
Payton Brown, So, SEMO
Aidan Littles, R-So, TTU
Armoni Goodwin, R-Sr, UTM
Markell Holman, Jr, WIU

TIGHT END

Landon Sauers, R-Sr, CSU
Alex Herrera, Sr, EIU
Cole Schneider, Sr, GWU
Darrin Fugitt, Jr, LIN
Jason Hoath Jr., Jr, TSU
Brian Courtney, Sr, TTU
Drake Martinez, Sr, UTM
Brandon Lanier, Gr, WIU

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

David Portu, R-Jr, CSU
Drake Van Hyfte, R-Sr, EIU
Antonio O'Berry, Gr, GWU
Tajay Passmore, Sr, LIN
Nasim Cairo, Sr, SEMO
Hudson Tucker, Sr, TTU
Peyton Bradford, Gr, WIU

DEFENSIVE BACK

Champ Brantley, Jr, CSU
Tienne Fridge, Gr, EIU
Wendall McClain, R-Sr, GWU
Jayden Patrick, Sr, LIN
Justus Johnson, Sr, SEMO

LINEBACKER

Steve Zayachkowsky, Jr, CSU
Phoenix Porter, R-Sr, EIU
Jackson Marshall, R-Jr, GWU
Devon Edwards, Sr, LIN
McCoy Casey, Sr, SEMO
Sammy Taylor, R-So, TSU
Aaron Swafford, Sr, TTU
Tah Mac Bright Banda, Sr, UTM
Christian Pierce, Gr, WIU

SPECIALISTS

ALL PURPOSE

Tyson Greenwade, R-So, CSU
Cooper Willman, Gr, EIU
Anthony Lowe, Gr, GWU
Brandon Epton Jr, Sr, SEMO
Tremel Jones, R-Sr, TTU
Demari Davis, Sr, WIU

PUNTER

Gilbert Brown, Sr, CSU
Mason Miller, Gr, EIU
Mark Shenouda, R-So, TSU
Spencer Ashby, So, TTU
Jaren Van Winkle, R-Sr, UTM

KICKOFF RETURN SPECIALIST

Quay Kindell, Jr, CSU
Anthony Lowe, Gr, GWU
Tremel Jones, R-Sr, TTU
Avery Knight, R-Fr, WIU

PLACEKICKER

Zach Gordon, Jr, CSU
Will Graham, R-So, LIN
Dom LeBlanc, So, TTU
Antonio Chadha, Sr, WIU

LONG SNAPPER

Noah Summers, R-Jr, CSU
Brett Galletti, R-Sr, EIU
Nelson Pipes, Sr, LIN
Judd Cunningham, Sr, SEMO
Ben Bergfeld, Jr, WIU

PUNT RETURN SPECIALIST

Jamil Bishop, R-Sr, CSU
Anthony Lowe, Gr, GWU
Cooper Willman, Gr, EIU
Rico Bond, R-Fr, LIN
Tremel Jones, R-Sr, TTU
Demari Davis, Sr, WIU

2025 NATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

JERRY RICE AWARD WATCH LIST

Rico Bond, Lindenwood
Cason Carswell, Western Illinois

PHIL STEELE FCS

MIDSEASON ALL-AMERICANS

James Stewart, TSU (2nd Team)
Brady Braun, GWU (2nd Team)
Kekoa Visperas, TTU (3rd Team)
Gavin Hulet, LIN (3rd Team)
Tim Coutras, TTU (3rd Team)
Landon Sylvie, SEMO (3rd Team)
Tre' Holloway, TTU (3rd Team)
Aaron Swafford, TTU (4th Team)
Justin Waters, CSU (4th Team)
Chris Rhone, CSU (4th Team)

WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL TROPHY

SEMIFINALISTS

Nick Bartalo, Charleston Southern
Brett Galletti, Eastern Illinois
Tremel Jones, Tennessee Tech
Christian Pierce, Western Illinois

STATS PERFORM

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Nate Hampton, GWU (Week 1 - OFF)
Jacarre Fleming, EIU (Week 5 - FR)

BOXTOROW.com HBCU

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Kendric Rhymes, TSU (Week 1)

STATS PERFORM

NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

UT Martin (Week 8)

STATS PERFORM HBCU

NATIONAL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Tennessee State (Week 8)

WALTER CAMP GAME BALL

Kekoa Visperas, TTU (Week 6)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE

WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

Cole LaCrue, EIU (Week 1 - OFF)
Gilbert Brown, CSU (Week 2 - ST)
Rico Bond, LIN (Weeks 2 & 4 - FR)
Jacob Waller, LIN (Week 3 - DEF)
Connor Wolf, EIU (Week 3 - FR)
Keyshawn Johnson, UTM (Week 5 - DEF)
Justin Waters, CSU (Week 6 - DEF)
Chris Viorel, GWU (Week 6 - ST)
Cason Carswell, WIU (Weeks 6 & 8 - FR)
Cahari Haynes, GWU (Week 7 - DEF)
Johnny Weber, SEMO (Weeks 7 & 8 - FR)
Steve Zayachkowsky, CSU (Week 8 - DEF)
Malik McKinzie, CSU (Week 9 - DEF)
Kevin Washington Jr, WIU (Week 9 - DEF)
David Portu, CSU (Week 9 - ST)
Maurice LaPierre, TTU (Week 10 - DEF)

STATS PERFORM HBCU FCS PLAYER

OF THE WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

Kendric Rhymes, TSU (Week 1)
Micah Gay, TSU (Week 8)

STATS PERFORM NATIONAL TEAM OF THE

WEEK HONORABLE MENTION

Tennessee Tech (Week 3)

WALTER PAYTON AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Steve Hall, Lindenwood

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Tim Coutras, TTU
JaMichael McGoy Jr, UTM

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Delanie "Juice" Majors, TSU
Sammy Taylor, TSU

FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Gilbert Brown, CSU

FRED MITCHELL OUTSTANDING KICKER

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Antonio Chadha, WIU

STATS PERFORM

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Tim Coutras, TTU (2nd Team)
JaMichael McGoy, UTM (2nd Team)
Gilbert Brown, CSU (2nd Team)

FCS FOOTBALL CENTRAL

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

JaMichael McGoy Jr, UTM (1st Team)
Tim Coutras, TTU (2nd Team)
McCoy Casey, SEMO (3rd Team)
LaMarion Pierce, UTM (3rd Team)

BOXTOROW HBCU

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Camani Cobbs, TSU (1st Team)
Mark Shenouda, TSU (Honorable Mention)

PHIL STEELE FCS

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

JaMichael McGoy Jr, UTM (1st Team)
McCoy Casey, SEMO (2nd Team)
Tim Coutras, TTU (2nd Team)
Gilbert Brown, CSU (2nd Team)
Cooper Willman, WIU (4th Team)





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ASSOCIATION 30 FOR 30

What if I told you that the winning team in 15 of the 24 Association conference games played thus far (=62.5 percent) scored at least 30 points in their respective victories? The winning team has scored 35, 31, 35, 34, 66, 30, 30, 31, 21, 32, 28, 27, 52, 37, 42, 29, 42, 17, 17, 48, 27, 23, 27 and 35 for an average of 33.2 points. The average margin of victory after 24 games is 16.04, as 14 of the 24 contests have been decided by double-digits. In addition, Tennessee Tech's 46-point triumph over Western Illinois in Week 6 was the highest win margin for a conference game in Association history. The previous high was 42 points (Tennessee Tech 52, Lindenwood 10 on Nov. 2, 2024).

RUSH HOUR

Eastern Illinois QB **COLE LaCRUE**'s 548 rushing yards this year are the most in a single-season by a quarterback in OVC-Big South Association history, breaking the previous record of 391, set by Gardner-Webb's **JAYLEN KING** in 2023. LaCrue, who tied the Association record for longest rush by a QB with a 59-yard scamper in Week 8 at Southeast Missouri, is fourth overall in the conference in rushing yards. Meanwhile, four other quarterbacks have rushed for more than 200 yards this season, and are among the Top 13 in a season for a signal-caller. Here are the five and their all-time single-season rank:

1. 548 Cole LaCrue, Eastern Illinois
3. 386 Kekoa Visperas, Tennessee Tech
6. 349 Jase Bauer, UT Martin
11. 290 Nate Hampton, Gardner-Webb
13. 224 Nate Glantz, Lindenwood

TWO-BY-FOUR

Two players enter this week with touchdown streaks of at least five games: Gardner-Webb's **CARSON GRESOCK** (6 games, 11 TD in that span), and UT Martin's **JASE BAUER** (5 games, 7 TD). Gresock's string is the longest in the OVC-Big South this season, as Tennessee Tech's **QUINTELL QUINN** opened the year with a 5-game touchdown scoring streak. The overall league record is eight (Western Illinois' **CAMEREN SMITH** in 2024).

CARSON WILL SOCK IT TO YOU

Gardner-Webb RB **CARSON GRESOCK** tied the OVC-Big South Association single-game record with four touchdowns (all rushing) in a win at Lindenwood in Week 9. It was the seventh overall 4-touchdown performance in league annals, and the fifth 4-TD rushing effort. Gresock finished with 119 rushing yards — his third 100-yard rushing game in a four-game span, and he is third overall in the Association with 627 yards. In Week 7, Gresock became just the third player in Association history with two 50-yard touchdown runs in the same game when he achieved the feat at Eastern Illinois. He first scored on a 64-yard run, and added a 55-yard scoring rush eight minutes later to join Lindenwood's **STEVE HALL** (75, 94 vs. WIU in 2024) and Tennessee State's **KENDRIC RHYMES** (60, 51 vs. N.C. A&T this season) with this distinction. Meanwhile, Gresock's 627 rushing yards this season have come on just 88 carries for an average per carry of 7.13 yards. He gained 312 yards on 27 carries (=11.56 ypc) during a three-game span from Weeks 4-7.

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UT Martin QB **JASE BAUER** was 15-of-16 passing at Gardner-Webb in Week 8 for a 93.8 completion percentage, an Association single-game record for highest completion percentage (based on 15-19 completions). The previous best was 80.0, set by Tennessee State's **BYRON McNAIR** (16-of-20) in Week 7. Meanwhile, Bauer became the third Association quarterback this season with 200 passing and 100 rushing yards in a contest after throwing for 225 yards and gaining 107 on the ground in the Skyhawks' victory over Southeast Missouri in Week 5. He joined Gardner-Webb's **NATE HAMPTON** (263 P, 132 R vs. Western Carolina in Week 1) and Lindenwood's **NATE GLANTZ** (249 P, 104 R vs. Stony Brook in Week 4) in the 200-100 club. This season is the first time any Association quarterback has recorded a 200-passing & 100-rushing game.

TASK FORCE

Charleston Southern's defense has forced 18 fumbles this season, surpassing the OVC-Big South single-season record of 13 that was shared by Eastern Illinois (2013) and Lindenwood (2014). The Bucs have forced multiple fumbles in a game seven times this year, including three in a contest three times (at Coastal Carolina, vs. South Carolina State and at Gardner-Webb). In addition, **JUSTIN WATERS** owns eight forced fumbles, which is also an Association single-season mark. He remains first nationally with 0.80 forced fumbles per game.

MORE FOR LESS

Southeast Missouri's **DJ DELMORE** returned an interception 95 yards for a touchdown in Week 8 against Eastern Illinois, the longest pick-six in Association history. He bettered the old mark of 94 yards, set in Week 5 by Tennessee Tech's **ANDREW SMITH**.

2025 SUPERLATIVES

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

- 3 Carson Gresock, Gardner-Webb
 - 105 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 6)
 - 137 at Eastern Illinois (Week 7)
 - 119 at Lindenwood (Week 9)
- 3 Quasean Holmes, Gardner-Webb
 - 116 at Western Carolina (Week 1)
 - 111 at Lindenwood (Week 9)
 - 130 at Tennessee Tech (Week 10)
- 3 Quintell Quinn, Tennessee Tech
 - 122 vs. Davidson (Week 3)
 - 107 at Tennessee State (Week 5)
 - 135 at Lindenwood (Week 8)
- 2 Ke'Marion Baldwin, Charleston Southern
 - 122 vs. South Carolina State (Week 5)
 - 175 at Gardner-Webb (Week 6)
- 2 Steve Hall, Lindenwood
 - 105 vs. Gardner-Webb (Week 9)
 - 100 at Tennessee State (Week 10)
- 2 Kendric Rhymes, Tennessee State
 - 174 vs. North Carolina A&T (Week 1)
 - 111 vs. Alabama A&M (Week 3)
- 2 Markell Holman, Western Illinois
 - 139 vs. Valparaiso (Week 3)
 - 118 at Eastern Washington (Week 4)
- 1 Hakeem Watters, Charleston Southern
 - 119 at William & Mary (Week 4)
- 1 Cole LaCrue, Eastern Illinois
 - 193 vs. Dayton (Week 1)
- 1 Charles Kellom, Eastern Illinois
 - 133 vs. Dayton (Week 1)
- 1 Jacarre Fleming, Eastern Illinois
 - 111 at Western Illinois (Week 5)
- 1 Nate Hampton, Gardner-Webb
 - 132 at Western Carolina (Week 1)
- 1 Jared Rhodes, Lindenwood
 - 113 at Tennessee State (Week 10)
- 1 Nate Glantz, Lindenwood
 - 104 vs. Stony Brook (Week 4)
- 1 Jase Bauer, UT Martin
 - 107 vs. Southeast Missouri (Week 5)
- 1 John Gentry, UT Martin
 - 104 vs. Western Illinois (Week 7)

200-YARD ALL-PURPOSE GAMES

- 1 Anthony Lowe, Gardner-Webb
 - 202 at Western Carolina (Week 1)
- 1 Tre' Holloway, Tennessee Tech
 - 205 vs. Gardner-Webb (Week 10)





2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



HIGH FLYING

The Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles have scored 431 points in their nine games, which included an Association-conference game record 66 points against Western Illinois in Week 6. TTU is the first team in Association history with three 60-point games in a season, while its 431 points rank second-most in a single-season in Association annals. The Golden Eagles are nine (9) points away from breaking the league record of 439 points, set by UT Martin in 2024. Earlier this season, TTU was the first team in Association history to score at least 40 points in three consecutive games, as the Golden Eagles started the year with 65, 45 and 72 points. The 72 points against Davidson in Week 3 was an Association-record against a Division I opponent. In addition, TTU amassed three-straight games with 500-plus offensive yards (570-513-576), establishing another Association record for most consecutive games with 500 yards of total offense.

NOAH'S ARK

Tennessee Tech WR **NOAH ROBINSON** is tied for the Association lead with six touchdown receptions, five of which came in three-straight games during Weeks 3-6. During the league's inaugural season of 2023, Robinson caught six TD passes when he played for Robert Morris, and his six career 100-yard reception games during his time in the Association (5-RMU, 1-TTU) are tied for the most in OVC-Big South annals.

LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY

Western Illinois PK **ANTONIO CHADHA** ranks second all-time in Association history with 13 field goals made from 40-plus yards. He converted a 48-yarder at Tennessee Tech in Week 6 to move into sole possession of second-place on the league's career list, and is one behind record-holder **DC PIPPIN** of Southeast Missouri, who made 14 field goals from 40-yards or longer during his time in the Association from 2023-24. Chadha is 5-of-7 from 40-yards and beyond this season, with makes from 41, 48 (twice), 49 and 51 yards.

BIRDS OF PREY

Tennessee Tech has tied the Association single-season record with four defensive touchdowns, as the Golden Eagles have three pick-sixes and a fumble return score in 2025. TTU is tied for second in the FCS this year for most INT return touchdowns -- which is the second-most in a season in the Association record book. The Golden Eagles have returned multiple interceptions for touchdowns in all three seasons of the Association's existence, and is the first Association member with pick-6's in consecutive games -- having done so in three-straight contests this year (Weeks 3, 5 and 6).

TECHIES

Tennessee Tech has scored 59 touchdowns through nine contests (6.56 per game), and a total of 18 different players have scored a touchdown for the Golden Eagles this year -- setting the Association single-season team record for most players with a touchdown. The old mark of 16 was first set by Gardner-Webb in 2023 and matched by UT Martin in 2024. Tech's 59 overall TDs this season are an Association single-season record, bettering the old mark of 57 set by UT Martin last year, while TTU's 55 offensive scores are also the most in a campaign in the league's existence.

SPEED DIAL CALLS TO THE HOUSE

Tennessee Tech's **ANDREW SMITH** has tied the OVC-Big South Association single-season record with two interception return touchdowns, which came in back-to-back games. In Week 5, Smith had a 94-yard pick-six at Tennessee State, the longest interception return in Association history at the time and breaking the previous record of 85 yards, achieved by TTU's **JACQUEZ MCGOWAN** in 2023 against North Alabama. In Week 6 against Western Illinois, Smith returned an INT 16 yards for a score, and his 110 interception return yards this season are second-most in a campaign in the league's three-year history.

CHEERS FOR DONNIE

Southeast Missouri WR **DONNIE CHEERS** became just the second player in Association history with two touchdown receptions of at least 50 yards in the same game when he achieved the feat in SEMO's Week 8 victory over Eastern Illinois. He first caught a 54-yard pass in the first quarter, then recorded a 67-yard TD reception in the second stanza. He joined EIU's **CJ NELSON** (vs. Illinois State in Week 3) as the only players in Association history with two 50+ TD catches in a game.

AGENTS OF SHIELD

Tennessee Tech QB **JACE WILSON** connected with WR **LUKE SHIELDS** on the longest pass play in Association history in Week 6 -- a 94-yard score against Western Illinois that is now the longest play from scrimmage in the league's record book. The previous longest pass play was 93 yards.

2025 SUPERLATIVES

100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

- 2 Chris Lofton, Gardner-Webb
102 at Western Carolina (Week 1)
130 vs. UT Martin (Week 8)
- 2 Rico Bond, Lindenwood
102 at Appalachian State (Week 2)
119 vs. Stony Brook (Week 4)
- 2 Jalen Smith, Lindenwood
146 vs. UT Martin (Week 6)
102 vs. Tennessee Tech (Week 8)
- 2 Calvin Gilbert, Southeast Missouri
125 vs. Southern Illinois (Week 4)
120 at Tennessee Tech (Week 9)
- 1 Chris Rhone, Charleston Southern
106 vs. South Carolina State (Week 5)
- 1 Mekhi Campfield, Charleston Southern
103 at Gardner-Webb (Week 6)
- 1 Drew Krobath, Lindenwood
128 at St. Thomas (Week 1)
- 1 DeVaughn Slaughter, Tennessee State
102 vs. North Carolina A&T (Week 1)
- 1 CJ Nelson, Eastern Illinois
194 vs. Illinois State (Week 3)
- 1 Cam Pedro, Southeast Missouri
105 vs. Southern Illinois (Week 4)
- 1 Donnie Cheers, Southeast Missouri
165 vs. Eastern Illinois (Week 8)
- 1 Noah Robinson, Tennessee Tech
126 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)
- 1 Tre' Holloway, Tennessee Tech
129 vs. Gardner-Webb (Week 10)
- 1 Bryce Bailey, UT Martin
135 vs. Southeast Missouri (Week 5)
- 1 Tristin Duncan, Western Illinois
110 at Eastern Washington (Week 4)
- 1 Christian Anaya, Western Illinois
132 at Tennessee Tech (Week 6)
- 1 Demari Davis, Western Illinois
109 at UT Martin (Week 7)

10-RECEPTION GAMES

- 1 Tristin Duncan, Western Illinois
10 vs. Eastern Illinois (Week 5)
- 1 Christian Anaya, Western Illinois
13 at Tennessee Tech (Week 6)
- 1 Markell Holman, Western Illinois
10 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 8)
- 1 Calvin Gilbert, Southeast Missouri
10 at Tennessee Tech (Week 9)





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DOWN HOLM

Western Illinois RB **MARKELL HOLMAN** caught 10 receptions out of the backfield against Charleston Southern in Week 8, the second-most receptions in a game by an Association running back, and one shy of the record of 11. Holman has 29 catches this season, the fifth-most by a rusher in league annals. The Association single-season record for receptions by a running back is 45 (Eastern Illinois' **MJ FLOWERS** in 2024). Meanwhile, Holman is second in the Association with 636 rushing yards, and has been the Leathernecks' leading rusher in all nine games this season. He recorded back-to-back 100-yard games with 139 against Valparaiso in Week 3, and 118 at Eastern Washington in Week 4.

RUNNING BUC

Charleston Southern RB **Ke'MARION BALDWIN** is tied for fourth in the OVC-Big South Association with six rushing touchdowns, which includes an 89-yarder at Gardner-Webb in Week 6 -- the second-longest rush from scrimmage in Association history. Five of Baldwin's six scores this season have been double-digit distances, as he has reached the end zone from 39, 26, 10, 1, 89 and 14 yards out for a touchdown-run average of 29.83 yards. Baldwin rushed for 175 yards at GWU, and is fifth among the league leaders with 574 rushing yards.

CATCH ALL

UT Martin WR **BRYCE BAILEY** is the first wide receiver and second non-quarterback in OVC-Big South Association history to rush, catch and throw a touchdown in a season during the league's brief existence. He became just the fourth non-QB in Association history to throw a touchdown pass in a game, but the first to do so against an FBS opponent when he connected with RB **JOHN GENTRY** on a 39-yard scoring play at Oklahoma State in Week 1. Bailey, who is 2-of-3 passing for 54 yards and a score this season, rushed for a touchdown in Week 2, and caught two touchdowns passes vs. Southeast Missouri in Week 5. The first non-QB with the rush-catch-throw TD trifecta was Robert Morris tight end **CHAESE JACKSON** in 2023.

QUICK GLANTZ

Lindenwood QB **NATE GLANTZ** was the only Association signal-caller to throw for 200-plus passing yards AND a TD pass in the first four games of the 2025 season. In Week 4, he became the second QB in Association history with a 200-yard passing (249) & 100-yard rushing (104) game against Stony Brook. In Week 6, Glantz recorded the longest rush ever by an Association QB when he scampered 59 yards in the Lions' victory over UT Martin. The previous long by a quarterback was 56 yards (Gardner-Webb's **JAYLEN KING** in 2023).

QUARTERBACK VISPERER

Tennessee Tech QB **KEKOA VISPERAS** has thrown a touchdown pass in all nine games this season and owns the conference lead with 21 -- in addition to a league-best seven multi-TD pass efforts. He amassed an Association season-high 431 yards of total offense (358 passing, 73 rushing) against Western Illinois in Week 6, the fourth-highest single-game total in Association history, and the third-most in a conference game. Visperas is first in the league with 259.9 total offensive yards per game, which ranks 21st in the nation. He is seventh nationally in passing TDs.

IN A RUSH

Eastern Illinois, Gardner-Webb and Lindenwood are the only Association teams to have three different players with a 100-yard rushing game this year. For EIU, **COLE LaCRUE** (193 in Week 1), **CHARLES KELLUM** (133 in Week 1) and **JACARRE FLEMING** (111 in Week 5) have eclipsed the century mark, while **NATE HAMPTON** (132 in Week 1), **QUASEAN HOLMES** (116 in Week 1, 111 in Week 9, 130 in Week 10) and **CARSON GRESOCK** (105 in Week 6, 137 in Week 7, 119 in Week 9) have the rushing trifecta for the Runnin' Bulldogs. Lindenwood's trio consists of **NATE GLANTZ** (104 in Week 4), **STEVE HALL** (105 in Week 9, 100 in Week 10) and **JARED RHODES** (113 in Week 10). Of the three teams, Gardner-Webb owns the highest rushing yards per game as a team (188.56), which is second in the Association.

SUPER SIZE COMBO

Southeast Missouri (569) and Southern Illinois (612) combined for 1,181 yards of total offense in Week 4, the second-most combined total offense in a game in the Association record book, and the most combined offensive yards for a non-conference contest.

JUMPING JAX

Southeast Missouri QB **JAX LEATHERWOOD** threw for an OVC-Big South season-high 422 yards in Week 4 against nationally-ranked Southern Illinois, the fifth-highest single-game passing yards in Association history.

2025 SUPERLATIVES

MULTI-TOUCHDOWN GAMES

Player	2	3	4	5+	Total
Carson Gresock, GWU	2		1		3
Ke'Marion Baldwin, CSU	1	1			2
Cole LaCrue, EIU	1	1			2
Kendric Rhymes, TSU	2				2
Q'Darius Jennings, TTU	2				2
Tre' Holloway, TTU	2				2
Jase Bauer, UTM	2				2
Markell Holman, WIU	2				2
Nate Hampton, GWU			1		1
Noah Robinson, TTU		1			1
Quasean Holmes, GWU		1			1
Nate Glantz, LIN		1			1
R. Cunningham, CSU	1				1
Jamil Bishop, CSU	1				1
Charles Kellom, EIU	1				1
CJ Nelson, EIU	1				1
Jacarre Fleming, WIU	1				1
Anthony Lowe, GWU	1				1
Rico Bond, LIN	1				1
Jared Rhodes, LIN	1				1
Steve Hall, LIN	1				1
Brandon Epton Jr., SEMO	1				1
Donnie Cheers, SEMO	1				1
Kalvin Gilbert, SEMO	1				1
Aidan Littles, TTU	1				1
Quintell Quinn, TTU	1				1
Kekoa Visperas, TTU	1				1
Bryce Bailey, UTM	1				1
Christian Anaya, WIU	1				1
Alex Williams, WIU	1				1

10-POINT KICKING GAMES

- Charles Viorel, Gardner-Webb
 - 10 at Western Carolina (Week 1)
 - 11 vs. The Citadel (Week 3)
 - 12 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 6)
 - 12 at Lindenwood (Week 9)
- Dom LeBlanc, Tennessee Tech
 - 12 vs. Davidson (Week 3)
 - 12 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)
 - 10 at Lindenwood (Week 8)
- Justin Keller, Southeast Missouri
 - 12 vs. North Alabama (Week 2)
 - 11 at Tennessee Tech (Week 9)
- Cade Hechter, UT Martin
 - 10 vs. Southeast Missouri (Week 5)
 - 13 at Gardner-Webb (Week 8)
- Zach Gordon, Charleston Southern
 - 11 at Southeast Missouri (Week 10)
- Drew Schiller, Eastern Illinois
 - 10 at Charleston Southern (Week 9)
- Freddy Perez, Tennessee State
 - 10 vs. Western Illinois (Week 9)
- Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois
 - 11 vs. Eastern Illinois (Week 5)





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NATIONAL BAROMETER

The Association is 11-10 against non-conference FCS opponents this season, which includes a win against a nationally-ranked foe. In three years of existence, the OVC-Big South is a combined 43-35 against out-of-conference members during the regular-season, with an above-.500 record in each campaign (2023 = 20-15; 2024 = 12-10; 2025 = 11-10).

BIG BRAUN

Gardner-Webb punter **BRADY BRAUN** leads the nation with a 49.31 punting average, which is tracking ahead of the Association's single-season record of 47.27, which was set by UT Martin's **AIDAN LAROS** in 2023. Half of Braun's 26 punts (13) have gone for 50-plus yards, while eight have landed inside the 20-yard line. Meanwhile, Eastern Illinois' **MASON MILLER** is also pacing ahead of the league standard, as he is fourth nationally with his season average of 48.00. He has 16 punts of 50-yards or longer, and has pinned 15 inside the 20-yard line.

FOUR OVC-BIG SOUTH PLAYERS NAMED SEMIFINALISTS FOR CAMPBELL TROPHY

Charleston Southern LB **NICK BARTALO**, Eastern Illinois LS **BRETT GALLETTI**, Tennessee Tech WR **TREMEL JONES** and Western Illinois DB **CHRISTIAN PIERCE** were named among the 44 Semifinalists for the 2025 **WILLIAM V. CAMPBELL** Trophy, college football's premier scholar-athlete award presented by the National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame.

BULLDOG BITES

Gardner-Webb's 52-45 season-opening win at then-No. 18/19 Western Carolina was the Association's first over a ranked non-conference foe in the regular-season since Sept. 21, 2024, when Southeast Missouri knocked off No. 7/7 Southern Illinois, 38-21. The Association now has five wins over nationally-ranked out-of-conference members in its three-year history, three of which occurred in 2024. Gardner-Webb's 627 yards of offense against the Catamounts were the fourth-most in a single-game in the Association record book.

HUNGRY LIKE A WOLF

Eastern Illinois freshman QB **CONNOR WOLF** threw for 411 yards against Illinois State in Week 3, the most by a freshman in Association history, and at the time was the sixth-most in a game in the league's brief existence (now seventh). Wolf also threw four touchdown passes against the Redbirds, becoming the just the fourth different QB in Association era with a 400-yard / 4-TD performance. The others were Southeast Missouri's **PAXTON DeLAURENT** (2 in 2024), Western Illinois' **NATHAN LAMB** (1 in 2024) and Eastern Illinois' **PIERCE HOLLEY** (1 in 2024).

RECEPTIONS

Southeast Missouri receiving tandem **KALVIN GILBERT** (125) and **CAM PEDRO** (105) tallied 100-yard receiving efforts against Southern Illinois in Week 4. It was the fifth time that SEMO had multiple 100-yard receiving individuals in the same game, the most in Association history. Following the Redhawks for most games with two players with 100 yards receiving are Eastern Illinois (3), Western Illinois (3) and Bryant (1).

BACK-PACKING

Eastern Illinois QB **COLE LaCRUE** rushed for 193 yards in Week 1, an Association-record for a quarterback. He threw for 129 yards to become just the third QB in Association history with 100 rushing + passing yards in a game. Two days later, Gardner-Webb's **NATE HAMPTON** became the first with 200 passing + 100 rushing yards in a contest, as he threw for 263 yards and rushed for 132 in GWU's win at Western Carolina. Hampton was also the first QB in Association history with four rushing TDs in a game.

2025 SUPERLATIVES

MULTI-TOUCHDOWN PASS GAMES

Player	2	3	4	5+	Total
Kekoa Visperas, TTU	3	3	1		7
Nate Hampton, GWU	4				4
Cason Carswell, WIU	4				4
Nate Glantz, LIN	1	1	1		3
Jax Leatherwood, SEMO	3				3
Connor Wolf, EIU	1	1			2
Johnny Weber, SEMO	1	1			2
Chris Irvin, WIU	1	1			2
Jase Bauer, UTM	2				2
Zolten Osborne, CSU			1		1
Byron McNair, TSU		1			1
Cole LaCrue, EIU	1				1

300-YARD PASSING GAMES

- 3 Cason Carswell, Western Illinois
 - 343 at Tennessee Tech (Week 6)
 - 327 at UT Martin (Week 7)
 - 375 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 8)
- 1 Zolten Osborne, Charleston Southern
 - 302 at Southeast Missouri (Week 10)
- 1 Connor Wolf, Eastern Illinois
 - 411 vs. Illinois State (Week 3)
- 1 Nate Glantz, Lindenwood
 - 318 at St. Thomas (Week 1)
- 1 Jax Leatherwood, Southeast Missouri
 - 422 vs. Southern Illinois (Week 4)
- 1 Kekoa Visperas, Tennessee Tech
 - 358 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)

300-YARD TOTAL OFFENSE GAMES

- 4 Nate Glantz, Lindenwood
 - 329 at St. Thomas (Week 1)
 - 353 vs. Stony Brook (Week 4)
 - 318 vs. UT Martin (Week 6)
 - 316 vs. Tennessee Tech (Week 8)
- 3 Cason Carswell, Western Illinois
 - 322 at Tennessee Tech (Week 6)
 - 332 at UT Martin (Week 7)
 - 389 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 8)
- 3 Nate Hampton, Gardner-Webb
 - 395 at Western Carolina (Week 1)
 - 318 at Ohio (Week 4)
 - 307 vs. Charleston Southern (Week 6)
- 2 Kekoa Visperas, Tennessee Tech
 - 431 vs. Western Illinois (Week 6)
 - 324 vs. Gardner-Webb (Week 10)
- 1 Zolten Osborne, Charleston Southern
 - 313 at Southeast Missouri (Week 10)
- 1 Cole LaCrue, Eastern Illinois
 - 322 vs. Dayton (Week 1)
- 1 Connor Wolf, Eastern Illinois
 - 408 vs. Illinois State (Week 3)
- 1 Jax Leatherwood, Southeast Missouri
 - 419 vs. Southern Illinois (Week 4)
- 1 Johnny Weber, Southeast Missouri
 - 313 vs. Eastern Illinois (Week 8)
- 1 Jase Bauer, UT Martin
 - 332 vs. Southeast Missouri (Week 5)

GAMES WITH RUSHING & PASSING TD

- 4 Jase Bauer, UT Martin
- 3 Nate Glantz, Lindenwood
- 2 Jax Leatherwood, Southeast Missouri
- 2 Kekoa Visperas, Tennessee Tech
- 2 Chris Irvin, Western Illinois
- 1 Zolten Osborne, Charleston Southern
- 1 Nate Hampton, Gardner-Webb





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AROUND THE ASSOCIATION...

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

The Buccaneers are enjoying their first three-game win streak since 2019, as CSU won at Southeast Missouri last week, 23-17. It is the program's first time with at least three conference wins since 2021 ... Charleston Southern leads the Association in 4th down conversions at 63.6 percent.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

In the Panthers overtime setback to UT Martin last week, QB **COLE LaCRUE** was 14-of-18 passing for 140 yards and two touchdowns, while **CONNOR WOLF** was 5-of-5 for 100 and a score ... LaCrue is tied for third in the OVC-Big South Association with seven rushing touchdowns, and is one shy of the Association single-season record for most rush TDs by a quarterback (8 - **NATHAN LAMB** of Western Illinois in 2024).

GARDNER-WEBB

The Runnin' Bulldogs were within three points of nationally-ranked Tennessee Tech last week before the Golden Eagles pulled away for the victory ... **QUASEAN HOLMES** now leads the Association in rushing yards with 726 following his 130 against TTU. **CARSON GRESOCK**'s 11 rushing touchdowns are tops in the conference, and rank ninth in all of FCS.

LINDENWOOD

RB **STEVE HALL** posted his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game with 100 in the Lions' victory at Tennessee State. **JARED RHODES** led the squad with 113 as Lindenwood finished the day with 222 yards on the ground ... Lindenwood is averaging 32.5 points in its four wins (all 30-plus point efforts), compared to 14.8 points in its five losses (74 total points, including 26 total in two FBS defeats).

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

In last week's defeat against Charleston Southern, QB **JAX LEATHERWOOD** was 27-of-49 passing for 274 yards and a score. This season, he has completed at least 26 passes and 270 yards in a game four times ... The Redhawks lead the Association in passing offense with 278.0 yards, which is 11th nationally ... SEMO has scored in double-figures in 32 consecutive games.

TENNESSEE STATE

The Tigers scored two plays into the game against Lindenwood when QB **BYRON McNAIR** connected on a 70-yard scoring strike to **DeVAUGHN SLAUGHTER** ... In his last five games, McNair is 78-of-121 passing (=64.5 percent) for 873 yards.

TENNESSEE TECH

Tennessee Tech is 9-0 for the second time in program history (1952) ... TTU's 14-straight wins is the longest winning streak in program history ... The Golden Eagles are 6-0 in conference play for the first time ever ... Tech has scored in 29 of 36 quarters, with the following by-quarter scoring breakdown: 104-27 (1st); 137-51 (2nd); 98-30 (3rd); 92-29 (4th) ... In last week's win over Gardner-Webb, Tech outscored GWU, 24-7, after trailing 14-3 with 5:16 left in the 2nd quarter. The 11-point deficit was the largest of the season ... Tennessee Tech leads the FCS in scoring offense (47.9 points per game) and rushing defense (52.4 yards allowed), ranks fourth in total defense (273.9) and ninth in total offense (466.8).

UT MARTIN

Ja**MICHAEL McGOY** is the program leader with 38 career pass break-ups, and is one shy of the school record for passes defended with 44, trailing former teammate **OSHAЕ BAKER** ... QB **JASE BAUER** has seven rushing touchdowns this season -- all of which have come in the last five contests. He is tied for second in the OVC-Big South Association with his seven rushing scores, and is one shy of the Association single-season record for most rush TDs by a quarterback (8 - **NATHAN LAMB** of Western Illinois in 2024) ... UTM is 15-1 against conference foes at home since 2020.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

The Leathernecks captured their first Association win of the season at Tennessee State in Week 9. **CHRISTIAN PIERCE** recorded 4.0 TFL -- the second-most in an Association contest, while **KEVIN WASHINGTON JR.** added 3.0 stops behind the line. WIU finished the game with 14 TFL and five sacks. **ANTONIO CHADHA**'s 51-yard field goal with :47 left in the third quarter proved to be the difference.

2025 SUPERLATIVES

10+ TACKLE GAMES

Player	10-14	15-19	20+	Total
Steve Zayachkowsky, CSU	2	2		4
Tylan Foster, EIU	4			4
Ja'Wuan Nickson, EIU	4			4
Sanjay Strickland, LIN	3			3
Cahari Haynes, GWU	2			2
Landon Sylvie, SEMO	2			2
Justin Waters, CSU		1		1
Jacob Waller, LIN		1		1
Knai Cook, CSU	1			1
Malik McKinzie, CSU	1			1
Saipeti Maiava Jr., EIU	1			1
Jamari Young, GWU	1			1
Nigel Lucas, GWU	1			1
Jackson Marshall, GWU	1			1
Eric Gant, LIN	1			1
Slade Dollar, SEMO	1			1
Adrian Patterson, SEMO	1			1
Kaiki Baker, TSU	1			1
Dominique Dixon, TSU	1			1
Micah Gay, TSU	1			1
Aaron Swafford, TTU	1			1
Josh Hastings, UTM	1			1
Jacob Stevenson, UTM	1			1
Z. Farmer-McCray, UTM	1			1
Justin Richardson, WIU	1			1
Christian Pierce, WIU	1			1
Malini Ti'a, WIU	1			1
Kevin Washington Jr., WIU	1			1

MULTI-TFL GAMES

Player	2-2.5	3-3.5	4+	Total
Keyshawn Johnson, UTM	5			5
Robert Holtz, GWU	2	2		4
James Stewart, TSU	3	1		4
Malik McKinzie, CSU	2	1		3
Jeremy Walton, SEMO		2		2
Kevin Washington Jr., WIU	1	1		2
Mylan Brown, CSU	2			2
Cahari Haynes, GWU	2			2
Theron Gaines, TTU	2			2
Christian Pierce, WIU			1	1
Kaleb Lyons, EIU		1		1
Sanjay Strickland, LIN		1		1
Maurice LaPierre, TTU		1		1
Tylan Foster, EIU	1			1
Drake Van Hyfte, EIU	1			1
Ja'Wuan Nickson, EIU	1			1
Andrew Crawley Jr., GWU	1			1
De'Arieum Hicks, GWU	1			1
Antonio O'Berry, GWU	1			1
Trey Weems, GWU	1			1
Jackson Marshall, GWU	1			1
Jacob Waller, LIN	1			1
Tajay Passmore, LIN	1			1
Steven Lewis, SEMO	1			1
Latrevious Thompson, SEMO	1			1
Adrian Patterson, SEMO	1			1
Ravon Johnson, TSU	1			1
Kaiki Baker, TSU	1			1
A.J. Crawford, TTU	1			1
Jeremy Mendez, TTU	1			1
Aaron Swafford, TTU	1			1
Ethan McLaurin, TTU	1			1
Jalin Shephard, TTU	1			1
Tim Coutras, TTU	1			1
Xavier Randolph, TTU	1			1
Chima Iwuagwu, TTU	1			1
Jabaree Dawkins, UTM	1			1
Shamari Weir, UTM	1			1
Brock Sperling, WIU	1			1
Jalen Nicolas, WIU	1			1
Aa'zoriyon Bonner, WIU	1			1
Justin Buckner, WIU	1			1
B. Aumua-Tuisavura, WIU	1			1





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CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS (4-6, 3-3 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Gabe Giardina (3rd year)
CSU Record: 9-24; Overall Record: 46-41

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	at Vanderbilt	L, 3-45	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Coastal Carolina	L, 0-13	ESPN+
Sept. 13	LINDENWOOD *	L, 28-35	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at William & Mary	L, 7-34	FloFootball
Sept. 27	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	W, 31-24	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Gardner-Webb *	L, 27-30	ESPN+
Oct. 11	#7/10 TENNESSEE TECH *	L, 13-27	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Western Illinois *	W, 29-24	ESPN+
Oct. 25	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	W, 17-16	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Southeast Missouri *	W, 23-17	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at UT Martin *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 22	TENNESSEE STATE *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+

* - OVC-Big South-OVC All times ET and subject to change
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (3-6, 2-4 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (4th year)
EIU Record: 16-27; Overall Record: 67-54

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 28	DAYTON	W, 24-14	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Indiana State	L, 14-38	ESPN+
Sept. 13	#4/7 ILLINOIS STATE	L, 30-42	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at Western Illinois *	W, 31-23	ESPN+
Oct. 4	TENNESSEE STATE *	W, 31-7	ESPN+
Oct. 11	GARDNER-WEBB *	L, 10-21	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Southeast Missouri *	L, 13-42	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at Charleston Southern *	L, 16-17	ESPN+
Nov. 1	UT MARTIN *	(OT) L, 20-27	ESPN+
Nov. 8	#5/5 TENNESSEE TECH *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Lindenwood *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Alabama	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



GARDNER-WEBB RUNNIN' BULLDOGS (5-4, 3-2 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Cris Reisert (2nd year)
GWU Record: 9-12; Overall Record: 49-23

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	at #18/19 Western Carolina	W, 52-45	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Georgia Tech	L, 12-59	ACCNX
Sept. 13	THE CITADEL	W, 23-13	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at Ohio	L, 35-52	ESPN+
Oct. 4	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	W, 30-27	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at Eastern Illinois *	W, 21-10	ESPN+
Oct. 18	UT MARTIN *	L, 7-37	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at Lindenwood *	W, 48-20	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at #8/9 Tennessee Tech *	L, 21-27	ESPN+
Nov. 8	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Tennessee State *	2:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 22	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



LINDENWOOD LIONS (4-5, 3-2 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Jed Stugart (9th year)
LIN Record: 45-43; Overall Record: 136-67

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 28	at St. Thomas	L, 13-35	MidcoSports
Sept. 6	at Appalachian State	L, 13-20	ESPN+
Sept. 13	at Charleston Southern *	W, 35-28	ESPN+
Sept. 20	STONY BROOK	W, 30-27	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at Miami (Ohio)	L, 0-38	ESPN+
Oct. 4	UT MARTIN *	W, 30-14	ESPN+
Oct. 18	#8/8 TENNESSEE TECH *	L, 28-52	ESPN+
Oct. 25	GARDNER-WEBB *	L, 20-48	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Tennessee State *	W, 35-13	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Western Illinois *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Southeast Missouri *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REDHAWKS (3-6, 2-3 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Tom Matukewicz (12th year)
SEMO Record: 66-69; Overall Record: 67-69

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	at Arkansas State	L, 24-42	ESPN+
Sept. 6	NORTH ALABAMA	W, 30-21	ESPN+
Sept. 13	at #1/1 North Dakota State	L, 14-41	ESPN+
Sept. 20	#11/13 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 31-59	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at UT Martin *	L, 10-34	ESPN+
Oct. 11	TENNESSEE STATE *	W, 28-12	ESPN+
Oct. 18	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	W, 42-13	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at #8/9 Tennessee Tech *	L, 23-42	ESPN+
Nov. 1	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	L, 17-23	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Western Illinois *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	LINDENWOOD *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS (2-7, 0-5 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Reggie Barlow (1st year)
TSU Record: 2-7; Overall Record: 85-65

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W, 24-21	ESPN+
Sept. 6	#1/1 NORTH DAKOTA STATE	L, 3-59	ESPN+
Sept. 13	ALABAMA A&M	L, 21-23	ESPN+
Sept. 27	#11/13 TENNESSEE TECH *	L, 8-35	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Eastern Illinois *	L, 7-31	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at Southeast Missouri *	L, 12-28	ESPN+
Oct. 18	HOWARD	W, 24-7	ESPN+
Oct. 25	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	L, 16-17	ESPN+
Nov. 1	LINDENWOOD *	L, 13-35	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at UT Martin *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	GARDNER-WEBB *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Charleston Southern *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS





2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



#5/5 TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES (9-0, 6-0 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Bobby Wilder (2nd year)

TTU Record: 16-5; Overall Record: 93-61

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	CUMBERLAND	W, 65-0	ESPN+
Sept. 6	CHATTANOOGA	W, 45-17	ESPN+
Sept. 13	DAVIDSON	W, 72-14	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at Tennessee State *	W, 35-8	ESPN+
Oct. 4	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	W, 66-20	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at Charleston Southern *	W, 27-13	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Lindenwood *	W, 52-28	ESPN+
Oct. 25	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	W, 42-23	ESPN+
Nov. 1	GARDNER-WEBB *	W, 27-21	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Eastern Illinois *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Kentucky	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	UT MARTIN *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+

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UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (4-5, 4-1 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Jason Simpson (20th year)

UTM Record: 127-97; Overall Record: 127-97

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 28	at Oklahoma State	L, 7-27	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at UTEP	L, 17-42	ESPN+
Sept. 13	#14/17 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	L, 10-37	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at Missouri State	L, 10-42	ESPN+
Sept. 27	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	W, 34-10	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Lindenwood *	L, 14-30	ESPN+
Oct. 11	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	W, 32-31	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Gardner-Webb *	W, 37-7	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Eastern Illinois *	(OT) W, 27-20	ESPN+
Nov. 8	TENNESSEE STATE *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Tennessee Tech *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+

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WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS (2-7, 1-4 OVC-Big South)

Head Coach: Joe Davis (2nd year)

WIU Record: 6-15; Overall Record: 6-15

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 29	at Illinois (#12/12)	L, 3-52	Peacock
Sept. 5	at Northwestern	L, 7-42	BTN
Sept. 13	VALPARAISO	W, 51-30	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at Eastern Washington	L, 31-52	ESPN+
Sept. 27	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	L, 23-31	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at #9/11 Tennessee Tech *	L, 20-66	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at UT Martin *	L, 31-32	ESPN+
Oct. 18	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	L, 24-29	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at Tennessee State *	W, 17-16	ESPN+
Nov. 8	LINDENWOOD *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+

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OVC-Big South Football Tiebreaker Procedure

1. TRANSITIONING SCHOOLS

- To be eligible for the conference's automatic bid to the FCS Football Championship, a school must be a full Division I member.
- Transitioning schools will be utilized in the tiebreaker process.
- If a transitioning school is involved in a two-way tie, the tied team that is eligible for postseason competition shall be the league's recipient of the automatic bid.
- If a transitioning school wins the multi-team tiebreaker, the procedure would start over with the remaining teams.

2. TWO-WAY TIE

- If the two teams played each other during the conference season, the winner of the head-to-head contest shall be the league's recipient of the automatic bid.
- If the tied teams did not play each other during the conference season, each team's head-to-head record against all common opponents in the league will be used to determine the automatic bid.
- If a tie still exists, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings will be used to determine the automatic bid. When arriving at a group of tied teams that each team has played, composite records between the tied teams shall be utilized to determine if one of the tied teams has won more games against the group of tied teams.
- If the teams are still tied, a point system will be utilized based on a complete schedule and wins using the NCAA four-metric average ranking for FCS* following all games on the final Saturday of the regular season (and the Massey ranking entering the final day of the regular season for FBS opponents) as indicated below:
- Should the points system finish in a tie, the team with the best ranking in the NCAA four-metric average for FCS* following all games on the final Saturday of the regular season will receive the automatic bid.

FBS Massey	FCS NCAA 4M*	Schedule FCS Oppt.	FBS Oppt.	Outcome Win	Loss
1-50	1-5	5	0	10	0
51-100	6-10	4	0	8	0
101+	11-30	3	0	6	0
	31-75	2	0	4	0
	76+	1	0	2	0

3. MULTIPLE TIES

- If at any point, a tie is broken using the multiple-tie tiebreaker procedures and only two teams remain, the remaining teams will revert to the two-way tiebreaker (head-to-head).
- If the tied teams all played each other during the conference season, the team with the best cumulative record involving games with the tied teams shall be declared champion. For example, if a team is 2-0 against two other tied teams, that team will be declared champion.
- If the tied teams all played one another and have identical records against the other tied teams, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league will be used to determine the automatic bid. If teams are still tied, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings will be used to determine the automatic bid.
- If the tied teams did not play each other, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league will be used to determine the automatic bid. If the teams are still tied, and they did not play each other, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings will be used to determine the automatic bid.
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101+	11-30	3	0	6	0
	31-75	2	0	4	0
	76+	1	0	2	0

* - NOTE: For purposes of the tiebreaker, the NCAA four-metric average ranking prepared for the FCS Championship Committee utilizes an average of the Massey, KPI, ESPN SOR and ESPN FPI metrics.





GAME 9 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 13

LINDENWOOD — 35

OCTOBER 25, 2025





Scoring Summary report
Lindenwood vs Tennessee St. (Nov 01, 2025)
Lindenwood (4-5, 3-2) vs Tennessee St. (2-7, 0-5)

Date: Nov 01, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1006

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Lindenwood	7	21	7	0	35
Tennessee St.	10	0	0	3	13

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	14:07	TSU - #18 D.Slaughter 70 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 2-75, 00:53	0-7
1st	09:57	LIN - #22 S.Hall 1 yd rush (#37 W.Graham kick), 11-75, 04:10	7-7
1st	04:53	TSU - #4 F.Perez 30 yd FG, 9-63, 05:04	7-10
2nd	11:48	LIN - #18 N.Glantz 3 yd rush (#37 W.Graham kick), 14-74, 08:05	14-10
2nd	05:44	LIN - #7 J.Rhodes 32 yd rush (#37 W.Graham kick), 3-65, 01:32	21-10
2nd	01:44	LIN - #22 S.Hall 9 yd rush (#37 W.Graham kick), 5-47, 02:18	28-10
3rd	10:08	LIN - #7 J.Rhodes 1 yd rush (#37 W.Graham kick), 3-14, 00:55	35-10
4th	13:30	TSU - #4 F.Perez 45 yd FG, 4-7, 01:51	35-13

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:32 PM
End of Game: 06:49 PM
Total elapsed: 03:16

OFFICIALS

Referee: BRANDEN MCCAIN
Umpire: LONDON TRUSTY
Linesman: MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Line judge: NATHAN ELLIOTT
Back judge: TATUM BROWN
Field judge: ANDREW BARR
Side judge: GARY MCCARTHY
Center judge: RASHAD LEWIS
Replay Official: GREG KOERNER

WEATHER

Weather: Cloudy 60 F
Wind: South East 6 mph





Individual Statistics report
Lindenwood vs Tennessee St. (Nov 01, 2025)

Date: Nov 01, 2025
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FULL GAME

LINDENWOOD

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jared Rhodes	15	117	4	113	2	32	7.5
Steve Hall	19	101	1	100	2	21	5.3
Nate Glantz	8	39	28	11	1	14	1.4
TEAM	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0
Totals:	44	257	35	222	5	32	5.0

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Nate Glantz	16-23-1	149	0	32	2
Totals:	16-23-1	149	0	32	2

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Darrin Fugitt	7	6	50	14	0	21
Rico Bond	5	4	21	4	0	8
Jalen Smith	4	3	66	0	0	32
CJ Reese	2	2	13	5	0	8
Steve Hall	3	1	-1	0	0	0
Drew Krobath	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	23	16	149	23	0	32

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
A.J. Vinatieri	2	86	43.0	47	0	1
Totals:	2	86	43.0	47	0	1

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Christopher Bennett Jr	3	45	31	2	69	35	0	0	0
Totals:	3	45	31	2	69	35	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
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KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Will Graham	6	373	62.2	3	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Christopher Bennett Jr	0	0	69	45	0	114
Jared Rhodes	113	0	0	0	0	113
Steve Hall	100	-1	0	0	0	99
Jalen Smith	0	66	0	0	0	66

FUMBLES

Lindenwood - Nate Glantz 1-0

Tennessee St. - Byron McNair 1-1

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Zack Simmons-Brown	13	57	4	53	0	20	4.1
Lelan Wilhoite	3	18	0	18	0	15	6.0
Trevor Pearson	2	2	0	2	0	2	1.0
Byron McNair	7	14	32	-18	0	7	-2.6
Taveon Porter	5	11	30	-19	0	7	-3.8
Totals:	30	102	66	36	0	20	1.2

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Byron McNair	11-20-0	132	1	70	3
Totals:	11-20-0	132	1	70	3

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Brock Montgomery	3	3	29	0	0	21
DeVaughn Slaughter	7	2	76	75	1	70
Snap Reed	2	2	24	7	0	20
Zack Simmons-Brown	2	2	6	5	0	4
Justin Hughes	1	1	5	1	0	5
Lelan Wilhoite	1	1	-8	0	0	0
Tyson Edwards	2	0	0	0	0	0
Connor Ruth	1	0	0	0	0	0
Taveon Porter	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	20	11	132	88	1	70

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	6	250	41.7	51	1	0
Totals:	6	250	41.7	51	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Taveon Porter	0	0	0	2	27	14	0	0	0
Syncere Safeeullah	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	31
Totals:	0	0	0	2	27	14	1	31	31

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Freddy Perez	1st	04:53	30	GOOD
Freddy Perez	3rd	02:05	56	MISSED
Freddy Perez	4th	13:30	45	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Freddy Perez	4	249	62.2	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
DeVaughn Slaughter	0	76	0	0	0	76
Zack Simmons-Brown	53	6	0	0	0	59
Syncere Safeeullah	0	0	0	0	31	31
Brock Montgomery	0	29	0	0	0	29





Team Statistics report
Lindenwood vs Tennessee St. (Nov 01, 2025)

Date: Nov 01, 2025
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FULL GAME	LIN	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	22	10
Rushing	12	4
Passing	6	3
Penalty	4	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	222	36
Rushing Attempts	44	30
Average Per Rush	5.0	1.2
Rushing Touchdowns	5	0
Yards Gained Rushing	257	102
Yards Lost Rushing	35	66
NET YARDS PASSING	149	132
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-23-1	11-20-0
Average Per Attempt	6.5	6.6
Average Per Completion	9.3	12.0
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	371	168
Total offense plays	67	50
Average Gain Per Play	5.5	3.4
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-69	8-96
PUNTS-YARDS	2-86	6-250
Average Yards Per Punt	43.0	41.7
Net Yards Per Punt	33	34.2
Inside 20	0	1
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair catch	0	3
KICKOFF-YARDS	6-373	4-249
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.2	62.2
Net Yards Per Kickoff	41.8	32.5
Touchbacks	3	2
Fair Catch Yards	20	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-45-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	15.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-69-0	2-27-0
Average Per Return	34.5	13.5
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-31-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	32:59	27:01
1st Quarter	09:03	05:57
2nd Quarter	10:00	05:00
3rd Quarter	07:31	07:29
4th Quarter	06:25	08:35
Third-Down Conversions	5-11	3-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	1-2
Touchdowns	4	0
Field goals	0	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-23	2-22
PAT Kicks	5-5	1-1
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	0-0	2-3
Points off Turnover	7	3





Defensive Statistics report
Lindenwood vs Tennessee St. (Nov 01, 2025)

Date: Nov 01, 2025
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Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1006

FULL GAME LINDENWOOD

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
15	Sanjay Strickland	7	0	7	1.0-12	3.0-20	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Jacob Waller	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
13	Alex Dawkins	4	0	4	0.0-0	1.0-9	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Jayden Patrick	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Jaymason Willingham	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Eric Gant	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	Sam Owens	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Ashtin Rustemeyer	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Zach Lewis	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Andrew Zook	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Devon Edwards	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
0	Tajay Passmore	1	1	2	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
12	Josh Newkirk	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
20	Elijah Thomas	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
24	Nolan O'Hara	1	0	1	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
18	Nate Glantz	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Legend Robinson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Ryan Boyd	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Caelum Jones	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Kobe McClendon	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
9	Zech Pratt	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Zach Neilsen	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
99	Eddie Becu	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		32	16	48	3.0-23	8.0-49	1	1-0	0-0	1	0	4

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
8	Brendan Hale	5	4	9	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Micah Gay	1	7	8	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Byron Davis	5	1	6	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
7	James Stewart	2	4	6	1.0-7	2.0-13	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	5	0	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Sammy Taylor	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Dominique Dixon	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	1	3	4	1.0-15	1.0-15	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
6	Jelani Willis	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Bryce Gray	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Brandon Collins	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Marlon Huff	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Lathun Snipes	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Alijah Bivans	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Freddy Perez	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-31	0	0	0
51	Epoki Fakaosi	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Jalen LaBranche	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Jashon Watkins	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Mikeece Jones	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Caleb Reid	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		31	44	75	2.0-22	6.0-34	1	0-0	1-31	3	0	2





Participation report
Lindenwood vs Tennessee St. (Nov 01, 2025)

Date: Nov 01, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1006

LINDENWOOD

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	18	Glantz, Nate
RB	22	Hall, Steve
WR	4	Smith, Jalen
OL	55	Failla, Tony
OL	56	Hulet, Gavin
OL	59	Swingle, Andrew
OL	69	Freeman, Eli
OL	79	Compere, Nate
WR	8	Krobath, Drew
TE	84	Johnson, Vaughn
TE	86	Fugitt, Darrin

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	0	Passmore, Tajay
DB	1	Gant, Eric
DB	13	Dawkins, Alex
LB	15	Strickland, Sanjay
DB	19	Owens, Sam
LB	23	Edwards, Devon
DL	4	McClendon, Kobe
LB	5	Waller, Jacob
DB	7	Patrick, Jayden
DL	91	Rustemeyer, Ashtin
DL	98	Zook, Andrew

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	17	Hughes, Justin
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
RB	30	Simmons-Brown, Zack
OL	53	Nelson, Steven
OL	54	Neals, Darius
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
TE	87	Ruth, Connor
WR	9	Montgomery, Brock

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	0	Perry, Braelen
DB	1	Watkins, Jashon
DB	13	Dixon, Dominique
DL	18	Price, Jaylon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
LB	25	Taylor, Sammy
DB	29	Davis, Byron
LB	3	Gay, Micah
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
DL	7	Stewart, James
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

Lindenwood

0-Boyd, Ryan, 1-Bond, Rico, 10-Bennett Jr, Christopher, 11-Jones, Caelum, 12-Newkirk, Josh, 16-Cook, Luke, 17-Beard, Ethan, 2-Mosely, Jarard, 20-Thomas, Elijah, 21-Giaimo, Robert, 24-O'Hara, Nolan, 29-Knapke, Aiden, 3-Reese, CJ, 3-Jones, Mason, 30-Baumgart, Andrew, 31-Van Der Brink, Mason, 32-Robinson, Legend, 37-Graham, Will, 39-Zook, Luke, 40-Vinatieri, A.J., 41-Lewis, Zach, 44-McClendon, Ke'Andre, 45-Pipes, Nelson, 49-Johnson, Carter, 52-Willingham, Jaymason, 53-Finau, Maika, 7-Rhodes, Jared, 72-Kamfonik, Cody, 8-Neilsen, Zach, 80-Busteed, Mac, 85-Brown, Mason, 9-Pratt, Zech, 99-Becu, Eddie

Tennessee St.

0-Guy, Jayden, 10-Safeeullah, Syncere, 14-Edwards, Tyson, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 17-Jones, Mikeece, 19-Porter, Taveon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 2-Reed, Snap, 22-Sharp III, DuJuan, 23-Jefferson, Tysean, 24-Malone, Joshua, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 31-Pearson, Trevor, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 38-Wilhoite, Lelan, 4-Perez, Freddy, 40-Reid, Caleb, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 47-Wilson, Matthew, 49-Collins, Brandon, 50-Green, Joshua, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 6-Willis, Jelani, 61-Barnett, Christopher, 71-Howell, Jackson, 8-Hale, Brendan, 86-Jones, Christian, 91-Jarrett, Khy'lek, 97-Carpenter II, Terence





GAME 8 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 16

WESTERN ILLINOIS — 17

OCTOBER 25, 2025





Scoring Summary report
Western Ill. vs Tennessee St. (Oct 25, 2025)
Western Ill. (2-7, 1-4) vs Tennessee St. (2-6, 0-4)

Date: Oct 25, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1129

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Western Ill.	7	7	3	0	17
Tennessee St.	3	10	3	0	16

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:17	TSU - #4 F.Perez 48 yd FG, 13-38, 06:36	0-3
1st	03:32	WIU - #33 M.Ti'a 20 yd interception return (#53 A.Chadha kick), 01:19	7-3
2nd	14:53	TSU - #87 C.Ruth 8 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 6-75, 03:38	7-10
2nd	12:45	WIU - #3 D.Davis 40 yd pass from #15 C.Carswell (#53 A.Chadha kick), 5-75, 02:08	14-10
2nd	03:59	TSU - #4 F.Perez 25 yd FG, 8-88, 04:25	14-13
3rd	03:14	TSU - #4 F.Perez 41 yd FG, 12-51, 06:42	14-16
3rd	00:47	WIU - #53 A.Chadha 51 yd FG, 9-42, 02:27	17-16

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 01:33 PM

End of Game: 04:54 PM

Total elapsed: 03:21

OFFICIALS

Referee: John Kellermeier

Umpire: Nick Foreman

Linesman: James Brigance

Line judge: Matt Scholfield

Back judge: Joseph Wise

Field judge: Tom Drazgowski

Side judge: Ryan Thompson

Center judge: Kyle Piercefield

Replay Official: Lyndon Jacobson

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 68 F

Wind: South East 6 mph





Individual Statistics report
Western Ill. vs Tennessee St. (Oct 25, 2025)

Date: Oct 25, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1129

FULL GAME

WESTERN ILL.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Markell Holman	13	51	1	50	0	11	3.8
Cason Carswell	6	24	11	13	0	10	2.2
Totals:	19	75	12	63	0	11	3.3

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cason Carswell	14-32-0	133	1	40	1
Totals:	14-32-0	133	1	40	1

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Tristin Duncan	9	4	21	6	0	9
Joshua Nieves	6	3	19	17	0	13
Markell Holman	5	2	22	4	0	21
Alex Williams	3	2	16	12	0	14
Brandon Lanier	2	2	15	11	0	14
Demari Davis	5	1	40	16	1	40
Myles Cox	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	32	14	133	66	1	40

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Luke Droegemueller	8	348	43.5	50	4	0
Totals:	8	348	43.5	50	4	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Joshua Nieves	3	17	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joel Salien	0	0	0	1	23	23	0	0	0
Malini Ti'a	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	20
Don Paul Keith	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Totals:	3	17	7	1	23	23	2	22	20

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Antonio Chadha	3rd	00:47	51	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Antonio Chadha	4	256	64.0	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Markell Holman	50	22	0	0	0	72
Demari Davis	0	40	0	0	0	40
Joshua Nieves	0	19	0	17	0	36
Joel Salien	0	0	23	0	0	23

FUMBLES

Western Ill. - Joel Salien 1-0, Cason Carswell 1-0
Tennessee St. - Zack Simmons-Brown 1-0

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Zack Simmons-Brown	18	113	15	98	0	48	5.4
Taveon Porter	6	49	3	46	0	25	7.7
Trevor Pearson	5	38	6	32	0	24	6.4
Kendric Rhymes	3	6	0	6	0	3	2.0
DeVaughn Slaughter	2	6	2	4	0	6	2.0
Byron McNair	14	32	54	-22	0	9	-1.6
Totals:	48	244	80	164	0	48	3.4

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Byron McNair	18-27-1	187	1	49	6
Caleb McCreary	0-1-1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	18-28-2	187	1	49	6

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Tyson Edwards	3	3	72	30	0	49
Brock Montgomery	5	3	40	13	0	27
Snap Reed	7	3	23	-1	0	11
DeVaughn Slaughter	6	3	15	18	0	19
Zack Simmons-Brown	2	2	26	23	0	14
Connor Ruth	2	2	12	1	1	8
Kendric Rhymes	2	2	-1	10	0	4
Anthony Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	28	18	187	94	1	49

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	3	134	44.7	48	0	0
Totals:	3	134	44.7	48	0	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Taylor	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taveon Porter	0	0	0	1	29	29	0	0	0
Totals:	4	0	0	1	29	29	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Freddy Perez	1st	08:17	48	GOOD
Freddy Perez	2nd	10:00	53	MISSED
Freddy Perez	2nd	03:59	25	GOOD
Freddy Perez	3rd	03:14	41	GOOD
Freddy Perez	4th	07:58	40	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Freddy Perez	5	319	63.8	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Zack Simmons-Brown	98	26	0	0	0	124
Taveon Porter	46	0	29	0	0	75
Tyson Edwards	0	72	0	0	0	72
Brock Montgomery	0	40	0	0	0	40





Team Statistics report
Western Ill. vs Tennessee St. (Oct 25, 2025)

Date: Oct 25, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1129

FULL GAME	WIU	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	10	21
Rushing	3	11
Passing	5	7
Penalty	2	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	63	164
Rushing Attempts	19	48
Average Per Rush	3.3	3.4
Rushing Touchdowns	0	0
Yards Gained Rushing	75	244
Yards Lost Rushing	12	80
NET YARDS PASSING	133	187
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-32-0	18-28-2
Average Per Attempt	4.2	6.7
Average Per Completion	9.5	10.4
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	196	351
Total offense plays	51	76
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	4.6
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-49	4-33
PUNTS-YARDS	8-348	3-134
Average Yards Per Punt	43.5	44.7
Net Yards Per Punt	43.5	42.3
Inside 20	4	0
50+ Yards	1	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	4-256	5-319
Average Yards Per Kickoff	64.0	63.8
Net Yards Per Kickoff	38.2	41.6
Touchbacks	2	2
Fair Catch Yards	24	19
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-17-0	4-0-0
Average Per Return	5.7	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-23-0	1-29-0
Average Per Return	23.0	29.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	2-22-1	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	20:47	39:13
1st Quarter	03:26	11:34
2nd Quarter	05:51	09:09
3rd Quarter	05:53	09:07
4th Quarter	05:37	09:23
Third-Down Conversions	2-12	4-17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-1	3-3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	3-3
Touchdowns	0	1
Field goals	0	2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-45	1-9
PAT Kicks	2-2	1-1
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	3-5
Points off Turnover	7	0





Defensive Statistics report
Western Ill. vs Tennessee St. (Oct 25, 2025)

Date: Oct 25, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1129

FULL GAME

WESTERN ILL.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
17	Nick Bucaro	3	6	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
3	Christian Pierce	6	2	8	0.0-0	4.0-14	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
4	Kevin Washington Jr.	6	2	8	2.0-20	3.0-23	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Jalen Riven	4	2	6	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
12	Justin Richardson	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
34	Don Paul Keith	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
33	Malini Ti'a	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-20	0	0	0
21	Keith Moko	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Buju Aumua-Tuisavura	2	2	4	1.0-8	2.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Jalen Nicolas	1	3	4	0.0-0	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
44	Justin Buckner	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
7	Mayo Bola	1	2	3	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
38	Aa'zoriyon Bonner	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Payne Miller	1	2	3	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
86	Elijah Kongolo	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
32	David Dunston	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
50	Brock Sperling	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
31	Cordell Wilson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Joe Edwards	1	0	1	1.0-16	1.0-16	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
95	Trace Brown	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		45	34	79	5.0-45	14.0-74	0	0-0	2-22	4	0	2

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
25	Sammy Taylor	3	2	5	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
99	Lathun Snipes	4	0	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Brendan Hale	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
3	Micah Gay	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
13	Dominique Dixon	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jelani Willis	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Byron Davis	2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Marlon Huff	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
7	James Stewart	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
0	Braelen Perry	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Jalen LaBranche	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Brandon Collins	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Alijah Bivans	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Snap Reed	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Kyle Hicks	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
50	Joshua Green	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		26	16	42	1.0-9	3.0-12	1	0-0	0-0	4	0	3





Participation report
Western Ill. vs Tennessee St. (Oct 25, 2025)

Date: Oct 25, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE,
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 1129

WESTERN ILL.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
TE	12	Williams, Alex
QB	15	Carswell, Cason
WR	3	Davis, Demari
OL	55	Miller, Dagen
RB	6	Holman, Markell
OL	63	Durand, James
OL	67	Arguelles, Dorian
OL	69	Sulsberger, Tyler
OL	78	Montgomery, Matthew
WR	87	Nieves, Joshua
WR	9	Duncan, Tristin

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	14	Aumua-Tuisavura, Buju
DB	17	Bucaro, Nick
DB	21	Moko, Keith
DB	3	Pierce, Christian
DB	33	Ti'a, Malini
DB	34	Keith, Don Paul
DB	38	Bonner, Aa'zoriyon
LB	4	Washington Jr., Kevin
LB	5	Riven, Jalen
DL	86	Kongolo, Elijah
DL	95	Brown, Trace

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	17	Hughes, Justin
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
RB	30	Simmons-Brown, Zack
OL	53	Nelson, Steven
OL	54	Neals, Darius
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
TE	87	Ruth, Connor

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	1	Watkins, Jashon
DB	13	Dixon, Dominique
DL	18	Price, Jaylon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
LB	25	Taylor, Sammy
DB	27	Davis, Byron
LB	3	Gay, Micah
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
DL	7	Stewart, James
S	8	Hale, Brendan
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

Western Ill.

12-Richardson, Justin, 17-Salien, Joel, 19-Cox, Myles, 20-Williams, Brinston, 23-Johnson, Aric, 25-Nicolas, Jalen, 26-Bufferkin, Tyrese, 27-May, Harlon, 31-Wilson, Cordell, 32-Dunston, David, 35-Kruger, Jake, 37-Fedrigio, Rocco, 40-Edwards, Joe, 44-Buckner, Justin, 48-Droegemueller, Luke, 50-Sperling, Brock, 53-Chadha, Antonio, 57-Cheveallier, Daniel, 7-Bola, Mayo, 75-Leiggi, Dylan, 8-Lanier, Brandon, 85-Campbell, Carter, 97-Miller, Payne

Tennessee St.

0-Perry, Braelen, 0-Guy, Jayden, 10-Safeeullah, Syncere, 14-Edwards, Tyson, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 17-Jones, Mikeece, 19-Porter, Taveon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 2-Reed, Snap, 20-Taylor, Anthony, 23-Jefferson, Tysean, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 31-Pearson, Trevor, 32-Coleman, Jayden, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 37-Moore, Jonothan, 37-Foreman, Jacorris, 38-Wilhoite, Lelan, 4-Perez, Freddy, 40-Reid, Caleb, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 49-Collins, Brandon, 50-Green, Joshua, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 57-Forsha, Gavin, 6-Willis, Jelani, 6-Palmer, Jonathan, 71-Howell, Jackson, 8-McCreary, Caleb, 86-Jones, Christian, 9-Montgomery, Brock, 97-Carpenter II, Terence





GAME 7 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 24
HOWARD — 7

OCTOBER 18, 2025





Scoring Summary report
Howard vs Tennessee St. (Oct 18, 2025)
Howard (3-4) vs Tennessee St. (2-5)

Date: Oct 18, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 14056

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Howard	0	7	0	0	7
Tennessee St.	7	7	7	3	24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:59	TSU - #2 S.Reed 10 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 6-79, 03:54	0-7
2nd	07:01	Howard - #2 A.Reagan Jr. 2 yd rush (#48 M.Conord kick), 9-32, 05:16	7-7
2nd	00:24	TSU - #87 C.Ruth 6 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 5-32, 01:27	7-14
3rd	01:28	TSU - #18 D.Slaughter 8 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 6-51, 03:34	7-21
4th	03:17	TSU - #4 F.Perez 34 yd FG, 4--1, 01:02	7-24

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 04:33 PM
End of Game: 07:42 PM
Total elapsed: 03:08

OFFICIALS

Referee: Matt Jones
Umpire: Joseph Chisholm
Linesman: Matt Holmquist
Line judge: Jeff Beeler
Back judge: Jeremy Waddel
Field judge: Dana Hopkins
Side judge: VanLawrence Franks
Center judge: Damian Caldwell
Replay Official: Damon Boniface

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 82 F
Wind: South West 14 mph





FULL GAME

HOWARD

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Anthony Reagan Jr.	12	44	0	44	1	27	3.7
Billy Roberson II	8	34	6	28	0	8	3.5
Breylin Smith	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Tyriq Starks	11	29	35	-6	0	11	-0.5
Totals:	33	110	43	67	1	27	2.0

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Tyriq Starks	14-27-2	116	0	27	4
Totals:	14-27-2	116	0	27	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
CJ Neely	7	4	56	13	0	27
Breylin Smith	5	4	11	14	0	8
Billy Roberson II	3	3	30	25	0	11
KD Mosley	4	1	12	11	0	12
Andre Cooper II	2	1	4	0	0	4
Anthony Reagan Jr.	2	1	3	6	0	3
Antonio Hunter	2	0	0	0	0	0
John Simmons III	1	0	0	0	0	0
Montrell Walker	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	27	14	116	69	0	27

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Liam Allen IV	6	261	43.5	51	1	0
TEAM	1	19	19.0	19	0	0
Totals:	7	280	40.0	51	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Zuri Watson	1	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Antonio Hunter	3	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breylin Smith	0	0	0	1	18	18	0	0	0
John Washington III	0	0	0	3	62	23	0	0	0
Totals:	4	16	10	4	80	23	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
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KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
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Matt Conord	2	127	63.5	0	0
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ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
John Washington III	0	0	62	0	0	62
Billy Roberson II	28	30	0	0	0	58
CJ Neely	0	56	0	0	0	56
Anthony Reagan Jr.	44	3	0	0	0	47

FUMBLES

Howard - None

Tennessee St. - Byron McNair 1-1

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Byron McNair	6	55	8	47	0	40	7.8
Zack Simmons-Brown	7	27	2	25	0	13	3.6
Taveon Porter	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Kendric Rhymes	11	9	5	4	0	3	0.4
DeVaughn Slaughter	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Trevor Pearson	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Totals:	28	104	16	88	0	40	3.1

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Byron McNair	18-22-0	174	3	48	2
Totals:	18-22-0	174	3	48	2

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
DeVaughn Slaughter	8	7	42	13	1	19
Snap Reed	3	3	22	6	1	10
Kendric Rhymes	4	2	46	55	0	48
Zack Simmons-Brown	3	2	7	8	0	7
Tyson Edwards	1	1	24	21	0	24
Lelan Wilhoite	1	1	23	19	0	23
Connor Ruth	1	1	6	0	1	6
Anthony Taylor	1	1	4	0	0	4
Totals:	22	18	174	122	3	48

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	7	303	43.3	53	0	2
Totals:	7	303	43.3	53	0	2

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Taylor	3	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amari Southall	0	0	0	2	44	23	0	0	0
Micah Gay	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	11
Totals:	3	15	10	2	44	23	2	11	11

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
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Freddy Perez	4th	03:17	34	GOOD
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KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
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Freddy Perez	5	319	63.8	1	0
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ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kendric Rhymes	4	46	0	0	0	50
Byron McNair	47	0	0	0	0	47
DeVaughn Slaughter	4	42	0	0	0	46
Amari Southall	0	0	44	0	0	44





Team Statistics report
Howard vs Tennessee St. (Oct 18, 2025)

Date: Oct 18, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 14056

FULL GAME	Howard	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	10	7
Rushing	4	3
Passing	6	4
Penalty	0	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	67	88
Rushing Attempts	33	28
Average Per Rush	2.0	3.1
Rushing Touchdowns	1	0
Yards Gained Rushing	110	104
Yards Lost Rushing	43	16
NET YARDS PASSING	116	174
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-27-2	18-22-0
Average Per Attempt	4.3	7.9
Average Per Completion	8.3	9.7
Passing Touchdowns	0	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	183	262
Total offense plays	60	50
Average Gain Per Play	3.0	5.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-61	4-45
PUNTS-YARDS	7-280	7-303
Average Yards Per Punt	40.0	43.3
Net Yards Per Punt	35.1	35.3
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	3	1
Touchbacks	0	2
Fair catch	2	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	2-127	5-319
Average Yards Per Kickoff	63.5	63.8
Net Yards Per Kickoff	41.5	42.8
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	4-16-0	3-15-0
Average Per Return	4.0	5.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	4-80-0	2-44-0
Average Per Return	20.0	22.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	2-11-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	31:37	28:23
1st Quarter	06:35	08:25
2nd Quarter	09:34	05:26
3rd Quarter	07:59	07:01
4th Quarter	07:29	07:31
Third-Down Conversions	7-16	4-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	4-4
Touchdowns	1	3
Field goals	0	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-8	4-27
PAT Kicks	1-1	3-3
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	0-0	1-1
Points off Turnover	0	7





FULL GAME

HOWARD

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
3	Judah McJimpsey	3	4	7	0.0-0	1.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
6	Cam Dyson	2	5	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Jaquavion Smith	4	2	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Kedrick Green	5	0	5	0.0-0	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
20	Ben Chandler	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Michael Grandy	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Kaleb Gallop	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Anthony Bivines	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
95	Israel Lucas	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Noah Miles	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Zuri Watson	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
12	CJ Dale Jr.	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	CJ Wesley	1	1	2	1.0-2	1.0-2	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
9	Derrick Brown, Jr.	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Reggie Reed Jr.	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
38	Glen Vinson III	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
72	Ibrahim Giwa	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Jason Seraphin	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Jay Jones II	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
96	Keion Mitchell	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Ishaun Abdul-Ali	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Masiah Thorne	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Michel Bergeron	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Bryce Hall	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		31	30	61	2.0-8	8.0-24	1	1-0	0-0	1	0	3

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
3	Micah Gay	4	7	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-11	0	0	1
7	James Stewart	2	4	6	0.5-5	1.5-7	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
8	Brendan Hale	1	5	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	0	6	6	0.5-6	0.5-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	3	2	5	0.5-0	1.5-4	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
13	Dominique Dixon	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
27	Byron Davis	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
25	Sammy Taylor	1	3	4	0.0-0	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
1	Jashon Watkins	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Lathun Snipes	1	2	3	0.5-1	1.5-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Alijah Bivans	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Marlon Huff	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Tysean Jefferson	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Kyle Hicks	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
94	Demetrius Gore	0	2	2	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Jayden Coleman	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Bryce Gray	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	0	1	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
26	Jalen LaBranche	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
51	Epoki Fakaosi	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Brandon Collins	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
40	Caleb Reid	0	1	1	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		25	52	77	4.0-27	9.0-45	0	0-0	2-11	6	1	7





Participation report
Howard vs Tennessee St. (Oct 18, 2025)

Date: Oct 18, 2025
Site: NASHVILLE, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 14056

HOWARD

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	1	Starks, Tyriq
WR	15	Jackson, Zaden
RB	4	Kerney, Travis
WR	6	Smith, Breylin
OL	71	Cooper, Zaire
OL	72	Giwa, Ibrahim
OL	73	Ricks, Xavier
OL	75	Reyes, Cesar
OL	77	Maxwell III, Joe
TE	88	Walker, Montrell
WR	9	Cooper II, Andre

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	1	Watson, Zuri
DB	11	Green, Kedrick
LB	18	Wesley, CJ
DB	20	Chandler, Ben
DB	32	Olidge, J. Augustus
DL	4	Miles, Noah
LB	5	Smith, Jaquavion
LB	6	Dyson, Cam
DB	8	Gallop, Kaleb
DL	92	Seraphin, Jason
DL	95	Lucas, Israel

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	17	Hughes, Justin
WR	2	Reed, Snap
WR	20	Taylor, Anthony
OL	53	Nelson, Steven
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
WR	9	Montgomery, Brock

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	0	Perry, Braelen
DB	1	Watkins, Jashon
DL	18	Price, Jaylon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
LB	25	Taylor, Sammy
DB	27	Davis, Byron
LB	3	Gay, Micah
DT	52	Gray, Bryce
DL	7	Stewart, James
S	8	Hale, Brendan
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

Howard

0-Mosley, KD, 10-Simmons III, John, 10-Grandy, Michael, 12-Dale Jr., CJ, 13-Thorne, Masiah, 14-Abdul-Ali, Ishaun, 15-Reed Jr., Reggie, 17-Smith-Jones, AJ, 17-Slater, Eric, 2-Reagan Jr., Anthony, 21-Washington III, John, 24-Roberson II, Billy, 28-Bivines, Anthony, 3-McJimpsey, Judah, 3-Hunter, Antonio, 38-Vinson III, Glen, 40-Allen IV, Liam, 41-Bergeron, Michel, 44-Jones II, Jay, 48-Conord, Matt, 54-Stevenson Jr., Cameron, 66-Mister, De'Eric, 70-Leos, Bryce, 8-Neely, CJ, 80-Newsom, Xavier, 86-Clark, Nathaniel, 9-Brown, Jr., Derrick, 96-Mitchell, Keion, 99-Hall, Bryce

Tennessee St.

13-Dixon, Dominique, 14-Edwards, Tyson, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 18-Slaughter, DeVaughn, 19-Porter, Taveon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 23-Jefferson, Tysean, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, Trevor, 32-Coleman, Jayden, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 37-Moore, Jonothan, 38-Wilhoite, Lelan, 4-Perez, Freddy, 4-Huff, Marlon, 40-Reid, Caleb, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 49-Collins, Brandon, 50-Green, Joshua, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 54-Neals, Darius, 6-Willis, Jelani, 69-McCou, KJ, 71-Howell, Jackson, 75-Williams, Arlington, 82-Southall, Amari, 86-Jones, Christian, 87-Ruth, Connor, 94-Gore, Demetrius, 97-Carpenter II, Terence





GAME 6 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 12
SEMO — 28

OCTOBER 11, 2025





Scoring Summary report Tennessee St. vs Southeast Mo. St. (Oct 11, 2025) Tennessee St. (1-5, 0-3) vs Southeast Mo. St. (2-4, 1-1)

Date: Oct 11, 2025
Site: ,
Stadium: Houck Stadium
Attendance: 2653

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tennessee St.	0	3	3	6	12
Southeast Mo. St.	14	7	0	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	05:57	SEMO - #81 D.Cheers 9 yd pass from #4 J.Weber (#39 J.Keller kick), 13-90, 05:41	0-7
1st	01:15	SEMO - #3 B.Epton, Jr. 36 yd rush (#39 J.Keller kick), 6-82, 01:38	0-14
2nd	08:30	SEMO - #3 B.Epton, Jr. 2 yd rush (#39 J.Keller kick), 10-99, 04:20	0-21
2nd	01:04	TSU - #4 F.Perez 36 yd FG, 6-27, 01:20	3-21
3rd	11:42	TSU - #4 F.Perez 36 yd FG, 4-9, 02:12	6-21
4th	13:22	TSU - #30 Z.Simmons-Brown 50 yd rush (pass from #10 B.McNair failed), 7-84, 03:03	12-21
4th	10:23	SEMO - #21 K.Gilbert 10 yd pass from #4 J.Weber (#39 J.Keller kick), 9-75, 02:59	12-28

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:02 PM
End of Game: 06:37 PM
Total elapsed: 03:34

OFFICIALS

Referee: Drew Myers
Umpire: Stephen Lewis
Linesman: Jeff Irwin
Line judge: Jeff Leyhue
Back judge: Craig Rengering
Field judge: Justin Raymer
Side judge: Stephen McLaughlin
Center judge: Drew Ison

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny





Individual Statistics report
Tennessee St. vs Southeast Mo. St. (Oct 11, 2025)

Date: Oct 11, 2025
Site: ,
Stadium: Houck Stadium
Attendance: 2653

FULL GAME

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Zack Simmons-Brown	7	58	3	55	1	50	7.9
Kendric Rhymes	11	24	1	23	0	8	2.1
Byron McNair	6	18	10	8	0	9	1.3
Mark Shenouda	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
DeVaughn Slaughter	1	0	4	-4	0	0	-4.0
Caleb McCreary	3	0	30	-30	0	0	-10.0
Totals:	29	105	48	57	1	50	2.0

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Byron McNair	15-32-0	175	0	24	1
Caleb McCreary	3-8-1	50	0	33	3
DeVaughn Slaughter	0-1-1	0	0	0	0
Totals:	18-41-2	225	0	33	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
DeVaughn Slaughter	16	6	55	17	0	24
Snap Reed	8	4	33	4	0	13
Justin Hughes	5	3	57	3	0	33
Amari Southall	2	2	38	9	0	21
Anthony Taylor	3	2	29	10	0	23
Kendric Rhymes	3	1	13	17	0	13
Jayden Guy	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	38	18	225	60	0	33

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	6	250	41.7	47	2	0
Totals:	6	250	41.7	47	2	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amari Southall	0	0	0	1	19	19	0	0	0
Taveon Porter	0	0	0	2	67	35	0	0	0
Brendan Hale	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4
Byron Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	1	0	0	3	86	35	2	4	4

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Freddy Perez	2nd	01:04	36	GOOD
Freddy Perez	3rd	11:42	36	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Freddy Perez	4	260	65.0	3	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Taveon Porter	0	0	67	0	0	67
Justin Hughes	0	57	0	0	0	57
Amari Southall	0	38	19	0	0	57
Zack Simmons-Brown	55	0	0	0	0	55

FUMBLES

Tennessee St. - Anthony Taylor 1-0, Byron McNair 1-1
Southeast Mo. St. - Johnny Weber 1-1, Khylen Harris-Norman 1-1

SOUTHEAST MO. ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Cole Ruble	12	94	1	93	0	35	7.8
Brandon Epton, Jr.	16	78	9	69	2	36	4.3
Cam Pedro	1	11	0	11	0	11	11.0
Payton Brown	3	5	0	5	0	3	1.7
Johnny Weber	6	14	16	-2	0	11	-0.3
Totals:	38	202	26	176	2	36	4.6

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Johnny Weber	24-39-2	283	2	25	2
Totals:	24-39-2	283	2	25	2

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Cam Pedro	13	8	94	35	0	25
Kalvin Gilbert	8	5	70	26	1	24
Donnie Cheers	6	3	33	7	1	13
Brandon Epton, Jr.	3	2	39	43	0	20
Jobe Bryant	3	2	22	9	0	13
Payton Brown	3	2	8	5	0	5
Andrew Civey	2	1	11	8	0	11
Nolan Reed	1	1	6	5	0	6
Totals:	39	24	283	138	2	25

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Ryan Kingston	5	224	44.8	54	2	0
Totals:	5	224	44.8	54	2	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Khylen Harris-Norman	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cam Pedro	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cole Ruble	0	0	0	1	31	31	0	0	0
Slade Dollar	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Adrian Patterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	2	5	3	1	31	31	2	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Justin Keller	4th	07:03	41	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Justin Keller	5	322	64.4	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Cole Ruble	93	0	31	0	0	124
Brandon Epton, Jr.	69	39	0	0	0	108
Cam Pedro	11	94	0	3	0	108
Kalvin Gilbert	0	70	0	0	0	70





Team Statistics report
Tennessee St. vs Southeast Mo. St. (Oct 11, 2025)

Date: Oct 11, 2025
Site: ,
Stadium: Houck Stadium
Attendance: 2653

FULL GAME	TSU	SEMO
FIRST DOWNS	15	24
Rushing	4	8
Passing	8	15
Penalty	3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	57	176
Rushing Attempts	29	38
Average Per Rush	2.0	4.6
Rushing Touchdowns	1	2
Yards Gained Rushing	105	202
Yards Lost Rushing	48	26
NET YARDS PASSING	225	283
Completions-Attempts-Int	18-41-2	24-39-2
Average Per Attempt	5.5	7.3
Average Per Completion	12.5	11.8
Passing Touchdowns	0	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	282	459
Total offense plays	70	77
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	6.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-70	11-115
PUNTS-YARDS	6-250	5-224
Average Yards Per Punt	41.7	44.8
Net Yards Per Punt	40.8	46.8
Inside 20	2	2
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	2	3
KICKOFF-YARDS	4-260	5-322
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	64.4
Net Yards Per Kickoff	38.5	37.2
Touchbacks	3	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	2-5-0
Average Per Return	0.0	2.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-86-0	1-31-0
Average Per Return	28.7	31.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	2-4-0	2-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	29:34	30:26
1st Quarter	06:57	08:03
2nd Quarter	06:27	08:33
3rd Quarter	08:01	06:59
4th Quarter	08:09	06:51
Third-Down Conversions	6-18	5-14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-3	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	3-3
Touchdowns	0	3
Field goals	2	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-11	4-35
PAT Kicks	0-0	4-4
2Pts Conversions	0-1	0-0
Field Goals	2-2	0-1
Points off Turnover	6	7





Defensive Statistics report
Tennessee St. vs Southeast Mo. St. (Oct 11, 2025)

Date: Oct 11, 2025
Site: ,
Stadium: Houck Stadium
Attendance: 2653

FULL GAME

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
13	Dominique Dixon	4	6	10	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Brendan Hale	5	4	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-4	1	0	0
3	Micah Gay	6	1	7	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Kaiki Baker	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	James Stewart	2	4	6	0.5-4	2.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Lathun Snipes	1	3	4	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	1	3	4	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Byron Davis	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	1	0	0
49	Brandon Collins	1	2	3	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Bryce Gray	1	2	3	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Jalen LaBranche	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Sammy Taylor	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
4	Freddy Perez	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Khy'lek Jarrett	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
51	Epoki Fakaosi	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
31	Travis Pearson	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		36	42	78	2.0-11	9.0-22	0	2-0	2-4	3	0	1

SOUTHEAST MO. ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
99	Steven Lewis	4	3	7	1.0-5	2.5-9	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
34	Landon Sylvie	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Slade Dollar	2	4	6	1.0-11	1.5-12	0	0-0	1-0	1	0	1
16	Jeremy Walton	1	3	4	0.5-6	1.0-6	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	1
20	Tahj Summey	1	3	4	0.0-0	1.5-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Latrevion Thompson	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
14	Amare Townsend	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
1	Trel Riley	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
93	Ashton Jones	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
46	Ian Williams	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Adrian Patterson	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	2	0	0
98	Timothy Maxson	1	1	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Cole Dutkovich	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
97	Caleb Webb	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
15	Cole Ruble	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Brandon Epton, Jr.	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Justus Johnson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
54	Jayden Davis	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
28	Cyler Christmas	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	David Jones	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Alijah Cota	0	1	1	0.5-6	0.5-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		29	30	59	4.0-35	10.0-51	0	1-0	2-0	7	0	8





Participation report
Tennessee St. vs Southeast Mo. St. (Oct 11, 2025)

Date: Oct 11, 2025
Site: ,
Stadium: Houck Stadium
Attendance: 2653

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	17	Hughes, Justin
WR	2	Reed, Snap
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	69	McCou, KJ
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	75	Williams, Arlington
OL	77	Irby, Jakhye
TE	87	Ruth, Connor
WR	9	Montgomery, Brock

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	10	Safeeullah, Syncere
DL	18	Price, Jaylon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
DB	27	Davis, Byron
LB	3	Gay, Micah
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
DE	49	Collins, Brandon
LB	51	Fakaosi, Epoki
DL	7	Stewart, James
S	8	Hale, Brendan
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

Tennessee St.

0-Perry, Braelen, 0-Guy, Jayden, 13-Dixon, Dominique, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 18-Slaughter, DeVaughn, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 20-Taylor, Anthony, 22-Sharp III, DuJuan, 23-Jefferson, Tysean, 24-Porter, Taveon, 25-Taylor, Sammy, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 28-Baker, Kaiki, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, Travis, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 4-Perez, Freddy, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 52-Gray, Bryce, 73-Van-Tagoe, Joel, 8-McCreary, Caleb, 82-Southall, Amari, 91-Jarrett, Khy'lek, 96-Ayers, Shaun, 97-Carpenter II, Terence

Southeast Mo. St.

0-Kingston, Ryan, 14-Townsend, Amare, 15-Ruble, Cole, 19-Burns, Bryson, 20-Summey, Tahj, 22-Brown, Payton, 27-Shelton, Trent, 28-Christmas, Cyler, 30-Cunningham, Judd, 32-Cota, Alijah, 33-Chislom, Jamauri, 39-Keller, Justin, 43-Reed, Nolan, 46-Williams, Ian, 47-Dabbs, Wesley, 51-Dover, Robert, 54-Davis, Jayden, 56-Coon, Zane, 6-Muñoz, Angel, 63-Hudson, Zach, 7-Jones, David, 70-Hatton, Ethan, 77-Turner, Rashad, 8-Lisle, Trey, 86-Bryant, Jobe, 88-Conley, Kierrie, 89-Harris-Norman, Khylen, 93-Jones, Ashton, 98-Maxson, Timothy

SOUTHEAST MO. ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	0	Pedro, Cam
WR	21	Gilbert, Kalvin
RB	3	Epton, Jr., Brandon
QB	4	Weber, Johnny
TE	45	Civey, Andrew
OL	50	Nettles, Jalen
OL	60	Taylor, Demoni
OL	61	Reynolds, Sam
OL	75	Williams, Kobe
OL	76	Phillips, Wilbert
WR	81	Cheers, Donnie

Pos	##	DEFENSE
CB	1	Riley, Trel
LB	10	Dollar, Slade
LB	13	Thompson, Latrevion
LB	16	Walton, Jeremy
CB	18	Johnson, Justus
S	23	Delmore, DJ
LB	25	Dutkovich, Cole
S	34	Sylvie, Landon
CB	9	Patterson, Adrian
DL	97	Webb, Caleb
DL	99	Lewis, Steven





GAME 5 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 7

EIU — 31

OCTOBER 4, 2025





Scoring Summary report
Tennessee St. vs Eastern Ill. (Oct 04, 2025)
Tennessee St. (1-4, 0-2) vs Eastern Ill. (3-2, 2-0)

Date: Oct 04, 2025
Site: Charleston, Illinois
Stadium: O'Brien Field
Attendance: 3315

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tennessee St.	0	0	0	7	7
Eastern Ill.	7	10	7	7	31

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	05:34	EIU - #3 C.LaCrue 3 yd rush (#47 D.Schiller kick), 14-58, 07:40	0-7
2nd	05:17	EIU - #47 D.Schiller 28 yd FG, 12-49, 06:01	0-10
2nd	00:26	EIU - #82 J.McNab 1 yd pass from #15 C.Wolf (#47 D.Schiller kick), 8-54, 01:57	0-17
3rd	10:29	EIU - #3 C.LaCrue 1 yd rush (#47 D.Schiller kick), 6-28, 03:01	0-24
4th	12:08	TSU - #2 S.Reed 28 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 4-74, 01:59	7-24
4th	07:06	EIU - #13 C.Willman 26 yd pass from #15 C.Wolf (#47 D.Schiller kick), 7-70, 04:56	7-31

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 02:02 PM
End of Game: 05:02 PM
Total elapsed: 02:59

OFFICIALS

Referee: Zach Erdmann
Umpire: David Casteel
Linesman: Jeff Estes
Line judge: Matthew Leis
Back judge: Billy Willis
Field judge: Nicholas Deponte
Side judge: Edwin Barber
Center judge: Matt Black
Replay Official: Lyndon Johnson

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 84 F
Wind: South 11 mph





Individual Statistics report
Tennessee St. vs Eastern Ill. (Oct 04, 2025)

Date: Oct 04, 2025
Site: Charleston, Illinois
Stadium: O'Brien Field
Attendance: 3315

FULL GAME

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kendric Rhymes	7	19	8	11	0	13	1.6
Zack Simmons-Brown	4	11	1	10	0	11	2.5
Anthony Taylor	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0
Byron McNair	8	19	18	1	0	13	0.1
Totals:	20	57	27	30	0	13	1.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Byron McNair	16-20-1	205	1	30	1
Jonathan Palmer	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	16-22-1	205	1	30	1

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Snap Reed	5	4	52	9	1	28
DeVaughn Slaughter	4	3	30	0	0	15
Tyson Edwards	2	2	29	13	0	24
Connor Ruth	3	2	27	20	0	17
Kendric Rhymes	1	1	30	30	0	30
Amar Southall	1	1	14	5	0	14
Brock Montgomery	1	1	13	0	0	13
Anthony Taylor	1	1	7	0	0	7
Zack Simmons-Brown	1	1	3	4	0	3
Justin Hughes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	20	16	205	81	1	30

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	2	77	38.5	40	0	0
Totals:	2	77	38.5	40	0	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Taylor	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kendric Rhymes	0	0	0	2	31	18	0	0	0
Travis Pearson	0	0	0	1	11	11	0	0	0
Totals:	1	3	3	3	42	18	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Freddy Perez	2nd	00:03	48	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Freddy Perez	2	119	59.5	1	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kendric Rhymes	11	30	31	0	0	72
Snap Reed	0	52	0	0	0	52
DeVaughn Slaughter	0	30	0	0	0	30
Tyson Edwards	0	29	0	0	0	29

FUMBLES

Tennessee St. - Anthony Taylor 1-1, Kendric Rhymes 1-0, Tyson Edwards 1-1
Eastern Ill. - None

EASTERN ILL.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Charles Kellom	20	73	4	69	0	12	3.4
Jacarre Fleming	9	41	0	41	0	17	4.6
Jay Pearson	5	35	2	33	0	18	6.6
Cole LaCue	8	23	1	22	2	7	2.8
Connor Wolf	7	27	16	11	0	18	1.6
TEAM	3	0	5	-5	0	0	-1.7
Totals:	52	199	28	171	2	18	3.3

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Connor Wolf	13-20-0	134	2	26	1
Cole LaCue	2-3-0	34	0	18	0
Totals:	15-23-0	168	2	26	1

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Cooper Willman	4	3	53	2	1	26
Alex Herrera	3	3	28	18	0	16
Joe McNab	3	3	22	12	1	12
Landers Green	3	2	29	12	0	18
Alex Ginnever	2	1	11	13	0	11
DeAirious Smith	2	1	10	6	0	10
Charles Kellom	1	1	8	5	0	8
CJ Nelson	2	1	7	0	0	7
Jay Pearson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	21	15	168	68	2	26

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mason Miller	2	88	44.0	44	1	0
Totals:	2	88	44.0	44	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Jacarre Fleming	0	0	0	1	19	19	0	0	0
Brandon Worsley	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	12
Totals:	0	0	0	1	19	19	1	12	12

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Drew Schiller	2nd	05:17	28	GOOD
Drew Schiller	4th	14:07	43	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Drew Schiller	6	328	54.7	3	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Charles Kellom	69	8	0	0	0	77
Jacarre Fleming	41	0	19	0	0	60
Cooper Willman	0	53	0	0	0	53
Jay Pearson	33	0	0	0	0	33





Team Statistics report
Tennessee St. vs Eastern Ill. (Oct 04, 2025)

Date: Oct 04, 2025
Site: Charleston, Illinois
Stadium: O'Brien Field
Attendance: 3315

FULL GAME	TSU	EIU
FIRST DOWNS	15	26
Rushing	3	11
Passing	8	10
Penalty	4	5
NET YARDS RUSHING	30	171
Rushing Attempts	20	52
Average Per Rush	1.5	3.3
Rushing Touchdowns	0	2
Yards Gained Rushing	57	199
Yards Lost Rushing	27	28
NET YARDS PASSING	205	168
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-22-1	15-23-0
Average Per Attempt	9.3	7.3
Average Per Completion	12.8	11.2
Passing Touchdowns	1	2
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	235	339
Total offense plays	42	75
Average Gain Per Play	5.6	4.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-85	8-85
PUNTS-YARDS	2-77	2-88
Average Yards Per Punt	38.5	44.0
Net Yards Per Punt	38.5	42.5
Inside 20	0	1
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	2	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	2-119	6-328
Average Yards Per Kickoff	59.5	54.7
Net Yards Per Kickoff	37.5	35.2
Touchbacks	1	3
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-3-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	3.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-42-0	1-19-0
Average Per Return	14.0	19.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-12-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	1-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	20:12	39:48
1st Quarter	04:19	10:41
2nd Quarter	06:59	08:01
3rd Quarter	04:04	10:56
4th Quarter	04:50	10:10
Third-Down Conversions	5-10	7-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	1-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	4-4
Touchdowns	0	3
Field goals	0	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-11	1-10
PAT Kicks	1-1	4-4
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	0-1	1-2
Points off Turnover	0	7





Defensive Statistics report
Tennessee St. vs Eastern Ill. (Oct 04, 2025)

Date: Oct 04, 2025
Site: Charleston, Illinois
Stadium: O'Brien Field
Attendance: 3315

FULL GAME

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
25	Sammy Taylor	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	James Stewart	4	3	7	0.0-0	3.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
99	Lathun Snipes	5	0	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Kaiki Baker	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
4	Marlon Huff	2	3	5	1.0-11	1.0-11	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Mikeece Jones	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
49	Brandon Collins	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Micah Gay	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
2	Stephon Shivers	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Byron Davis	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Brock Montgomery	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Jakobe Freeman	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
37	Jacorris Foreman	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
51	Epoki Fakaosi	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
52	Bryce Gray	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jelani Willis	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Caleb Reid	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
13	Dominique Dixon	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Justin Hughes	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
96	Shaun Ayers	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Alijah Bivans	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Jashon Watkins	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		50	24	74	1.0-11	6.0-23	0	0-0	0-0	4	0	2

EASTERN ILL.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
5	Ja'Wuan Nickson	2	5	7	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Trevon Piggee	2	2	4	1.0-10	1.5-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Tylan Foster	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
20	Saipeti Maiava Jr	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Tienne Fridge	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Isaiah Houi	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Kaleb Lyons	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Jihad McCall	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Christopher Sharp	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Moses Alexander	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
34	Jordyn Stewart	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Samuel Robles	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Knowledge Davis	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
36	Dillon Conway	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Jesse Garza	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
59	Brock VanDeveer	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
37	Taylor Goodson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
38	Max Loveall	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Alton Jefferson	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
60	Aidan Archibald	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Brandon Worsley	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-12	0	0	0





Participation report
Tennessee St. vs Eastern Ill. (Oct 04, 2025)

Date: Oct 04, 2025
Site: Charleston, Illinois
Stadium: O'Brien Field
Attendance: 3315

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	14	Edwards, Tyson
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
OL	53	Nelson, Steven
OL	54	Neals, Darius
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
TE	89	Hoath Jr., Jason
WR	9	Montgomery, Brock

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	10	Safeeullah, Syncere
DB	13	Dixon, Dominique
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
LB	25	Taylor, Sammy
DB	27	Davis, Byron
DB	28	Baker, Kaiki
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
LB	47	Wilson, Matthew
DE	49	Collins, Brandon
DL	7	Stewart, James
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

EASTERN ILL.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	13	Willman, Cooper
QB	15	Wolf, Connor
TE	19	Herrera, Alex
WR	2	Nelson, CJ
RB	22	Kellom, Charles
OL	54	DiSanto, Nic
WR	6	Smith, DeAirious
OL	69	Johnson, Kwan
OL	70	Arellano, Alejandro
OL	74	Katumbusi, Rahfeeq
OL	77	Malicevic, Sandro

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	0	Jefferson, Alton
LB	1	Foster, Tylan
S	20	Maiava Jr, Saipeti
DB	21	Lyons, Kaleb
DB	23	Houi, Isaiah
DL	44	Robles, Samuel
LB	5	Nickson, Ja'Wuan
DT	55	Collins, James
DB	7	McCall, Jihad
S	8	Fridge, Tienne
DE	95	Van Hyfte, Drake

Tennessee St.

0-Perry, Braelen, 1-Watkins, Jashon, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 15-Freeman, Jakobe, 17-Jones, Mikeece, 17-Hughes, Justin, 18-Price, Jaylon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 2-Reed, Snap, 20-Taylor, Anthony, 3-Gay, Micah, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, Travis, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 37-Foreman, Jacoris, 4-Perez, Freddy, 40-Reid, Caleb, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 6-Willis, Jelani, 6-Palmer, Jonathan, 82-Southall, Amari, 87-Ruth, Connor, 96-Ayers, Shaun, 97-Carpenter II, Terence

Eastern Ill.

1-Pearson, Jay, 13-Miller, Mason, 15-Worsley, Brandon, 2-Mitchell, Bruce, 25-Sharp, Christopher, 27-Brown, Josh, 28-Fleming, Jacarre, 3-LaCrue, Cole, 30-Sprinkle, Joey, 34-Stewart, Jordyn, 35-Engle, Isaac, 36-Conway, Dillon, 37-Goodson, Taylor, 38-Loveall, Max, 4-Alexander, Moses, 40-Richardson, Isaiah, 47-Schiller, Drew, 49-Garza, Jesse, 51-Arteaga, Steven, 53-Smith, King, 58-Thompson, Dante, 59-VanDeveer, Brock, 60-Archibald, Aidan, 72-Carpenter, Brandin, 75-Arellano, Jonathan, 78-Solomon, Joseph, 8-Green, Landers, 80-Neal, Carlyun, 82-McNab, Joe, 83-Ajose, Taiye, 87-Ginnever, Alex, 89-Ajose, Kenny, 9-Piggee, Trevon, 91-Davis, Knowledge, 96-Silzer, Cole, 98-Galletti, Brett, 99-Pereira, Kefa





GAME 4 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 8

#11 TENN TECH — 35

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025





Scoring Summary report Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee St. (Sep 27, 2025) Tennessee Tech (4-0, 1-0) vs Tennessee St. (1-3, 0-1)

Date: Sep 27, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 2137

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Tennessee Tech	7	14	14	0	35
Tennessee St.	0	0	3	5	8

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	14:14	TTU - #28 Q.Quinn 67 yd rush (#31 D.LeBlanc kick), 2-75, 00:46	7-0
2nd	08:52	TTU - #3 N.Robinson 34 yd pass from #0 K.Visperas (#31 D.LeBlanc kick), 4-72, 01:47	14-0
2nd	00:38	TTU - #27 Q.Jennings 45 yd rush (#31 D.LeBlanc kick), 7-66, 01:29	21-0
3rd	12:18	TTU - #35 A.Littles 1 yd rush (#31 D.LeBlanc kick), 3-16, 01:27	28-0
3rd	05:39	TTU - #36 A.Smith 94 yd interception return (#31 D.LeBlanc kick), 06:39	35-0
3rd	01:00	TSU - #4 F.Perez 30 yd FG, 10-63, 04:39	35-3
4th	11:09	TSU - #4 F.Perez 23 yd FG, 7-33, 02:33	35-6
4th	02:51	TSU - SAFETY, 02:15	35-8

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:34 PM
End of Game: 07:12 PM
Total elapsed: 03:38

OFFICIALS

Referee: Jeremee Tate
Umpire: Zack Spears
Linesman: Justin Nash
Line judge: Jason LaBorde
Back judge: David Pranthier
Field judge: Kevin Quackenbush
Side judge: Zach Perry
Center judge: Bryce Rood
Replay Official: Wes Burge

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 78 F
Wind: North 6 mph



Individual Statistics report
Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee St. (Sep 27, 2025)Date: Sep 27, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 2137

FULL GAME

TENNESSEE TECH

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Quintell Quinn	7	107	0	107	1	67	15.3
Q'Daryius Jennings	6	71	0	71	1	45	11.8
Obie Sanni	7	59	2	57	0	45	8.1
Kekoa Visperas	7	35	14	21	0	10	3.0
Aidan Littles	9	20	1	19	1	6	2.1
Torin Baker	3	6	0	6	0	5	2.0
Totals:	39	298	17	281	3	67	7.2

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Kekoa Visperas	9-16-0	103	1	34	3
Totals:	9-16-0	103	1	34	3

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Noah Robinson	10	7	86	31	1	34
Brian Courtney	3	1	15	2	0	15
Tyler Nix	1	1	2	1	0	2
Q'Daryius Jennings	1	0	0	0	0	0
Maury Sullivan	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	16	9	103	34	1	34

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Spencer Ashby	2	81	40.5	42	1	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals:	3	81	27.0	42	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Tre' Holloway	1	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tremel Jones	0	0	0	1	23	23	0	0	0
Jalin Shephard	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tim Coutras	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0
Andrew Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	94	94
Totals:	1	18	18	1	23	23	3	93	94

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Dom LeBlanc	2nd	13:49	48	MISSED
Dom LeBlanc	2nd	05:00	44	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB	
Dom LeBlanc	7	436	62.3	4	1	
ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Quintell Quinn	107	0	0	0	0	107
Andrew Smith	0	0	0	0	94	94
Noah Robinson	0	86	0	0	0	86
Q'Daryius Jennings	71	0	0	0	0	71

FUMBLES

Tennessee Tech - Kekoa Visperas 2-1

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kendric Rhymes	15	37	6	31	0	8	2.1
Zack Simmons-Brown	9	23	4	19	0	18	2.1
Byron McNair	3	4	2	2	0	4	0.7
DeVaughn Slaughter	2	3	3	0	0	3	0.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Jonathan Palmer	3	0	2	-2	0	0	-0.7
Totals:	33	67	18	49	0	18	1.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jonathan Palmer	13-25-1	127	0	32	2
Byron McNair	8-14-2	114	0	29	2
Totals:	21-39-3	241	0	32	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
DeVaughn Slaughter	6	4	58	14	0	32
Snap Reed	6	3	65	10	0	29
Kendric Rhymes	5	3	53	62	0	23
Anthony Taylor	4	3	23	14	0	9
Amari Southall	3	2	17	4	0	9
Brock Montgomery	5	1	13	-2	0	13
Jason Hoath Jr.	2	1	8	2	0	8
Christian Jones	1	1	5	4	0	5
Lucas Harkless	2	1	5	7	0	5
Connor Ruth	2	1	-1	0	0	0
Zack Simmons-Brown	1	1	-5	0	0	0
Lelan Wilhoite	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tyson Edwards	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	39	21	241	115	0	32

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	4	183	45.8	51	1	0
Totals:	4	183	45.8	51	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Taylor	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taveon Porter	0	0	0	1	10	10	0	0	0
Lelan Wilhoite	0	0	0	1	22	22	0	0	0
Totals:	1	3	3	2	32	22	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Freddy Perez	2nd	02:07	52	MISSED
Freddy Perez	2nd	00:00	53	MISSED
Freddy Perez	3rd	01:00	30	GOOD
Freddy Perez	4th	11:09	23	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB	
Freddy Perez	3	195	65.0	2	0	
ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kendric Rhymes	31	53	0	0	0	84
Snap Reed	0	65	0	0	0	65
DeVaughn Slaughter	0	58	0	0	0	58
Anthony Taylor	0	23	0	3	0	26





Team Statistics report
Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee St. (Sep 27, 2025)

Date: Sep 27, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 2137

FULL GAME	TTU	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	17	21
Rushing	9	3
Passing	5	13
Penalty	3	5
NET YARDS RUSHING	281	49
Rushing Attempts	39	33
Average Per Rush	7.2	1.5
Rushing Touchdowns	3	0
Yards Gained Rushing	298	67
Yards Lost Rushing	17	18
NET YARDS PASSING	103	241
Completions-Attempts-Int	9-16-0	21-39-3
Average Per Attempt	6.4	6.2
Average Per Completion	11.4	11.5
Passing Touchdowns	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	384	290
Total offense plays	55	72
Average Gain Per Play	7.0	4.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-89	10-79
PUNTS-YARDS	3-81	4-183
Average Yards Per Punt	27.0	45.8
Net Yards Per Punt	26	41.2
Inside 20	1	1
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	0	2
KICKOFF-YARDS	7-436	3-195
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.3	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	39	40.7
Touchbacks	4	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-18-0	1-3-0
Average Per Return	18.0	3.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	1-23-0	2-32-0
Average Per Return	23.0	16.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	3-93-1	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	26:18	33:42
1st Quarter	08:05	06:55
2nd Quarter	07:23	07:37
3rd Quarter	02:27	12:33
4th Quarter	08:23	06:37
Third-Down Conversions	3-10	5-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-1	0-1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-3
Touchdowns	1	1
Field goals	0	2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-4	3-14
PAT Kicks	5-5	0-0
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	0-2	2-4
Points off Turnover	14	0





Defensive Statistics report
Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee St. (Sep 27, 2025)

Date: Sep 27, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 2137

FULL GAME

TENNESSEE TECH

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
9	Theron Gaines	4	4	8	0.5-1	2.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	Aaron Swafford	4	4	8	0.5-0	2.5-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
5	Devin Hunter	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
20	Tim Coutras	1	5	6	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	1--1	0	0	1
94	Ethan McLaurin	3	1	4	2.5-2	2.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
33	Kaleb Brown	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Omari Philyaw	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
12	Eric Taylor	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
52	Seth Vaughn	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Mason Taylor	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Chima Iwuagwu	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Xavier Randolph	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Greg Turner III	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Hudson Tucker	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Leon Thomas	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jalin Shephard	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
29	Kaleb Purdy	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
16	Maurice LaPierre	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
2	Monty Hunt	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
15	Jeremiah Sandiford	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
36	Tayton Swift	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Ezekiel Brinson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Torin Baker	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Idris King	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Miles Cooney	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Jeremy Mendez	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Timothy Jones	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
42	Kalvyn Crummie	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
89	Tyler Swann	0	1	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Gavin Bryson	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
11	A.J. Crawford	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
96	Luke Graves	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
36	Andrew Smith	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-94	0	0	0
Totals		38	34	72	4.0-4	12.0-22	0	1-0	3-93	5	0	7

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
13	Dominique Dixon	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Kaiki Baker	6	0	6	0.0-0	1.0-1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	James Stewart	2	4	6	1.5-9	1.5-9	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
19	Ravon Johnson	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Byron Davis	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
11	Brent Rowe	1	2	3	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	2	3	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Bryce Gray	0	3	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Marlon Huff	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	0	3	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Micah Gay	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jelani Willis	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
31	Travis Pearson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0





Defensive Statistics report Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee St. (Sep 27, 2025)

Date: Sep 27, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 2137

1	Jashon Watkins	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
40	Caleb Reid	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
51	Epoki Fakaosi	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
2	Stephon Shivers	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Alijah Bivans	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Sammy Taylor	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		26	34	60	3.0-14	5.0-17	2	1-0	0-0	4	1	0





Participation report
Tennessee Tech vs Tennessee St. (Sep 27, 2025)

Date: Sep 27, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 2137

TENNESSEE TECH

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	0	Visperas, Kekoa
WR	14	Sullivan, Maury
WR	2	Jones, Tremel
RB	28	Quinn, Quintell
WR	3	Robinson, Noah
OL	54	Thomas, Christian
OL	55	Wilder, Drew
OL	65	Simmons, Nason
OL	73	Weedman, Logan
OL	74	Wagner, Tyler
TE	83	Courtney, Brian

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	0	Bolton, Toby
DL	11	Crawford, A.J.
DL	13	King, Idris
DL	15	Sandiford, Jeremiah
DB	18	Bryson, Gavin
LB	19	Swafford, Aaron
DB	20	Coutras, Tim
DB	4	Philyaw, Omari
DB	6	Shephard, Jalin
DL	9	Gaines, Theron
DL	91	Iwuagwu, Chima

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
WR	2	Reed, Snap
OL	55	Brown, Breon
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	69	McCou, KJ
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
TE	89	Hoath Jr., Jason
WR	9	Montgomery, Brock

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	10	Safeeullah, Syncere
DB	13	Dixon, Dominique
DL	18	Price, Jaylon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
DB	27	Davis, Byron
DB	28	Baker, Kaiki
LB	3	Gay, Micah
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DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

Tennessee Tech

1-Moss, Ty, 1-Holloway, Tre', 10-Love, Taylor, 12-Taylor, Eric, 13-Shields, Luke, 14-Jones, Timothy, 15-Brown, Steve, 16-Wilson, Jace, 16-LaPierre, Maurice, 17-Taylor, Mason, 2-Hunt, Monty, 21-Turner III, Greg, 22-Reed, D'Arious, 22-Edwards, James, 25-Baker, Torin, 27-Jennings, Q'Daryius, 29-Purdy, Kaleb, 3-Wharton, Jameson, 30-Ashby, Spencer, 31-LeBlanc, Dom, 33-Brown, Kaleb, 35-Littles, Aidan, 36-Swift, Tayton, 36-Smith, Andrew, 4-Sanni, Obie, 40-Randolph, Xavier, 42-Crummie, Kalvyn, 44-Cooney, Miles, 47-Engstrand, Jaxon, 5-Hunter, Devin, 51-Tillman, Keonte, 52-Vaughn, Seth, 56-Holmberg, T.J., 64-Giles, Naquavious, 68-Delk, Wes, 7-Thomas, Leon, 77-Pozniak, Sean, 78-Delk, Alex, 8-Tucker, Hudson, 81-Nix, Tyler, 85-Rodriguez, Lazaro, 86-Watson, Wyatt, 87-Patterson, Griffin, 89-Swann, Tyler, 92-Hickman, Xavier, 93-Harris, Clayton, 94-McLaurin, Ethan, 96-Graves, Luke, 98-Brinson, Ezekiel, 99-Mendez, Jeremy

Tennessee St.

0-Perry, Braelen, 0-Guy, Jayden, 1-Watkins, Jashon, 11-Rowe, Brent, 14-Edwards, Tyson, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 15-Freeman, Jakobe, 17-Hughes, Justin, 19-Johnson, Ravon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 20-Taylor, Anthony, 21-Harkless, Lucas, 22-Sharp III, DuJuan, 24-Porter, Taveon, 25-Taylor, Sammy, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, Travis, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 37-Moore, Jonothan, 38-Wilhoite, Lelan, 4-Perez, Freddy, 40-Reid, Caleb, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 58-Crawford, Shamar, 6-Willis, Jelani, 6-Palmer, Jonathan, 71-Howell, Jackson, 75-Williams, Arlington, 82-Southall, Amari, 83-Walker, LJ, 86-Jones, Christian, 87-Ruth, Connor, 97-Carpenter II, Terence





GAME 3 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 21
AAMU — 24

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025





Scoring Summary report Alabama A&M vs Tennessee St. (Sep 13, 2025) Alabama A&M (2-1) vs Tennessee St. (1-2)

Date: Sep 13, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 10208

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Alabama A&M	3	10	10	0	23
Tennessee St.	0	21	0	0	21

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:25	A AMU - #49 V.Barbosa 26 yd FG, 9-62, 03:23	3-0
2nd	13:51	A AMU - #5 M.Parker 5 yd pass from #10 C.Brown (#49 V.Barbosa kick), 8-98, 02:39	10-0
2nd	10:07	TN ST - #1 K.Rhymes 5 yd rush (#4 F.Perez kick), 6-75, 03:44	10-7
2nd	04:29	TN ST - #30 Z.Simmons-Brown 27 yd rush (#4 F.Perez kick), 9-68, 04:41	10-14
2nd	01:39	A AMU - #49 V.Barbosa 26 yd FG, 10-67, 02:50	13-14
2nd	00:11	TN ST - #1 K.Rhymes 22 yd pass from #10 B.McNair (#4 F.Perez kick), 6-49, 01:19	13-21
3rd	08:49	A AMU - #6 D.Walker 30 yd pass from #10 C.Brown (#49 V.Barbosa kick), 8-84, 02:45	20-21
3rd	00:51	A AMU - #49 V.Barbosa 45 yd FG, 9-56, 04:02	23-21

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:32 PM
End of Game: 07:07 PM
Total elapsed: 03:34

OFFICIALS

Referee: Gabriel Tomlin
Umpire: Luke Madrovsky
Linesman: Jason Edler
Line judge: Waylon Jasinski
Back judge: Richard Guy
Field judge: Pat Pownall
Side judge: Marc Barmeier
Center judge: Jacob McGaha
Replay Official: Danoel Palmer

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 87 F





Individual Statistics report Alabama A&M vs Tennessee St. (Sep 13, 2025)

Date: Sep 13, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 10208

FULL GAME

ALABAMA A&M

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Maurice Edwards	10	38	0	38	0	12	3.8
Kolton Nero	4	17	0	17	0	6	4.2
Ryan Morrow	3	15	0	15	0	6	5.0
Cornelius Brown	8	17	15	2	0	7	0.2
Eric Handley	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
TEAM	2	0	3	-3	0	0	-1.5
Totals:	28	87	20	67	0	12	2.4

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cornelius Brown	21-33-0	329	2	46	2
Eric Handley	2-2-0	26	0	21	0
Totals:	23-35-0	355	2	46	2

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Travaunta Abner	7	6	104	68	0	28
Andre Craig	5	5	63	18	0	23
Myles Parker	6	4	29	21	1	8
Jordan Chambers-Smith	4	2	47	31	0	40
Daveon Walker	4	2	38	22	1	30
Franck Pierre	3	1	46	11	0	46
Donovan Price	1	1	25	27	0	25
Maurice Edwards	2	1	12	9	0	12
Kolton Nero	1	1	5	6	0	5
Ryan Morrow	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mekhi Maddox	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	35	23	369	213	2	46

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Robert Cole	5	233	46.6	50	1	1
Totals:	5	233	46.6	50	1	1

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Jordan Chambers-Smith	2	27	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaden Dixon	0	0	0	1	23	23	0	0	0
Ryan Morrow	0	0	0	1	16	16	0	0	0
Joshua Bledsoe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	2	27	18	2	39	23	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Victor Barbosa	1st	08:25	26	GOOD
Victor Barbosa	2nd	01:39	26	GOOD
Victor Barbosa	3rd	00:51	45	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Victor Barbosa	6	370	61.7	1	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Travaunta Abner	0	104	0	0	0	104
Jordan Chambers-Smith	0	47	0	27	0	74
Andre Craig	0	63	0	0	0	63
Maurice Edwards	38	12	0	0	0	50

FUMBLES

Alabama A&M - Cornelious Brown 1-0
Tennessee St. - Byron McNair 2-1

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kendric Rhymes	24	113	2	111	1	20	4.6
Zack Simmons-Brown	9	76	1	75	1	27	8.3
Byron McNair	8	22	29	-7	0	9	-0.9
Totals:	41	211	32	179	2	27	4.4

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Byron McNair	17-27-1	157	1	22	4
Totals:	17-27-1	157	1	22	4

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Kendric Rhymes	8	7	64	52	1	22
Tyson Edwards	6	3	28	3	0	21
DeVaughn Slaughter	5	3	15	6	0	14
Brock Montgomery	3	2	29	2	0	15
Justin Hughes	1	1	11	7	0	11
Jaden Guy	2	1	10	4	0	10
Jason Hoath Jr.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	27	17	157	74	1	22

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	6	230	38.3	55	4	0
Totals:	6	230	38.3	55	4	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Anthony Taylor	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lelan Wilhoite	0	0	0	4	116	51	0	0	0
Taveon Porter	0	0	0	1	19	19	0	0	0
Totals:	2	2	2	5	135	51	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
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KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Freddy Perez	4	246	61.5	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kendric Rhymes	111	64	0	0	0	175
Lelan Wilhoite	0	0	116	0	0	116
Zack Simmons-Brown	75	0	0	0	0	75
Brock Montgomery	0	29	0	0	0	29





Team Statistics report
Alabama A&M vs Tennessee St. (Sep 13, 2025)

Date: Sep 13, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 10208

FULL GAME	A AMU	TN ST
FIRST DOWNS	19	21
Rushing	4	9
Passing	14	9
Penalty	1	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	67	179
Rushing Attempts	28	41
Average Per Rush	2.4	4.4
Rushing Touchdowns	0	2
Yards Gained Rushing	87	211
Yards Lost Rushing	20	32
NET YARDS PASSING	355	157
Completions-Attempts-Int	23-35-0	17-27-1
Average Per Attempt	10.1	5.8
Average Per Completion	15.4	9.2
Passing Touchdowns	2	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	422	336
Total offense plays	63	68
Average Gain Per Play	6.7	4.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	9-81	4-35
PUNTS-YARDS	5-233	6-230
Average Yards Per Punt	46.6	38.3
Net Yards Per Punt	42.2	35.5
Inside 20	1	4
50+ Yards	1	1
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair catch	2	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	6-370	4-246
Average Yards Per Kickoff	61.7	61.5
Net Yards Per Kickoff	35	39.2
Touchbacks	1	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-27-0	2-2-0
Average Per Return	13.5	1.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-39-0	5-135-0
Average Per Return	19.5	27.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	24:16	35:44
1st Quarter	06:01	08:59
2nd Quarter	05:07	09:53
3rd Quarter	06:47	08:13
4th Quarter	06:21	08:39
Third-Down Conversions	3-12	7-15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	1-1
Touchdowns	1	1
Field goals	2	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-29	2-12
PAT Kicks	2-2	3-3
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	3-3	0-0
Points off Turnover	0	0





Defensive Statistics report
Alabama A&M vs Tennessee St. (Sep 13, 2025)

Date: Sep 13, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 10208

FULL GAME

ALABAMA A&M

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
53	John Robinson	8	1	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
9	Wyatt Wright	5	1	6	1.0-8	1.0-8	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
50	Dimitris Biamby	5	0	5	1.0-9	2.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Desmon James	4	1	5	0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
35	Xzavier Booker	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Kylon Roberts	2	3	5	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
90	Nick Glenn	3	1	4	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Kaleb Brown	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
96	Jorhdan Brown	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
16	Robert Iverson Jr.	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Keon Handley Jr.	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
20	Joshua Bledsoe	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
21	Kaden Dixon	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Marquel Patterson	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Therman-Deon Moore	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Nikolas Barnes	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
37	Jordan Milton	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
59	Kamarius Bradshaw	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Tierphill Bien-Aime	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Keith Green	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Julian Thompson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Arenza Davis	1	0	1	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
3	Kiel Eldridge	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Brandon White	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
17	Jaquel Fells	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
14	Mekhi Maddox	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Montrell Campbell	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Jalen Wright	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		48	24	72	4.0-29	7.0-36	2	1-0	1-0	1	0	4

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
28	Kaiki Baker	10	1	11	0.0-0	2.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
7	James Stewart	2	5	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
4	Marlon Huff	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
51	Epoki Fakaosi	4	0	4	1.0-5	1.0-5	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
21	Jayden Cook	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Sammy Taylor	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Micah Gay	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Jashon Watkins	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Dominique Dixon	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Bryce Gray	2	0	2	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Brandon Collins	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Jalen LaBranche	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Brent Rowe	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
40	Caleb Reid	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Jaden Guy	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
35	Alijah Bivans	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
47	Matthew Wilson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Terence Carpenter II	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0





Defensive Statistics report
Alabama A&M vs Tennessee St. (Sep 13, 2025)

Date: Sep 13, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 10208

22	DuJuan Sharp III	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
27	Byron Davis	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		41	16	57	2.0-12	4.0-17	1	0-0	0-0	6	0	2





Participation report
Alabama A&M vs Tennessee St. (Sep 13, 2025)

Date: Sep 13, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 10208

ALABAMA A&M

Pos	##	OFFENSE
QB	10	Brown, Cornelious
WR	12	Chambers-Smith, Jordan
TE	13	Abner, Travaunta
WR	2	Pierre, Franck
RB	20	Edwards, Maurice
WR	6	Walker, Daveon
OL	62	Powell, Antonio
OL	66	Maxena, BJ
OL	71	Richardson, TyQuez
OL	75	Lewis, Ramier
OL	79	Crenshaw, Bruce

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DL	10	Roberts, Kylon
DB	14	Handley Jr., Keon
DB	16	Iverson Jr., Robert
DB	19	Mayberry, Delbert
DB	2	Brown, Kaleb
DB	20	Bledsoe, Joshua
DL	35	Booker, Xzavier
LB	50	Biamby, Dimitris
LB	53	Robinson, John
DL	7	Wilson, Devedrick
DT	90	Glenn, Nick

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
QB	10	McNair, Byron
WR	14	Edwards, Tyson
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
OL	54	Neals, Darius
OL	55	Brown, Breon
OL	58	Crawford, Shamar
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
TE	87	Ruth, Connor
TE	89	Hoath Jr., Jason

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	10	Safeeullah, Syncere
DB	13	Dixon, Dominique
DL	18	Price, Jaylon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
DB	22	Sharp III, DuJuan
DB	28	Baker, Kaiki
LB	3	Gay, Micah
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
LB	47	Wilson, Matthew
DL	7	Stewart, James
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

Alabama A&M

0-Campbell, Montrell, 11-Smallwood, Willburn, 11-Craig, Andre, 13-Clendenin, Preston, 14-Maddox, Mekhi, 15-James, Desmon, 15-Davis, Jarvis, 16-Wright, Xavier, 17-Fells, Jaquel, 18-Tucker, Jr., Ashley, 21-Dixon, Kaden, 24-Lucky, Elijah, 25-Bien-Aime, Tierphill, 26-Morrow, Ryan, 27-Moore, Therman-Deon, 3-Eldridge, Kiel, 32-Nero, Kolton, 37-Milton, Jordan, 4-Littlefield, Connon, 41-Patterson, Marquel, 43-Davis, Arenza, 44-White, Brandon, 47-Bender, Campbell, 49-Barbosa, Victor, 5-Parker, Myles, 52-Wright, Jalen, 59-Bradshaw, Kamarius, 6-Pettway, Lynn, 63-Cloy, Elias, 68-Sands, Kameran, 70-Dinkins Jr, Jamaal, 76-Cooper, Kapone, 8-Handley, Eric, 8-Cole, Robert, 84-Payne, Donovan, 85-Price, Donovan, 86-Williams, Ty'Jarian, 9-Wright, Wyatt, 91-Barnes, Nikolas, 96-Brown, Jorhdan, 97-Thompson, Julian, 99-Green, Keith

Tennessee St.

0-Perry, Braelen, 0-Guy, Jaden, 1-Watkins, Jashon, 11-Rowe, Brent, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 17-Hughes, Justin, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 20-Taylor, Anthony, 24-Porter, Taveon, 25-Taylor, Sammy, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 27-Davis, Byron, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, Travis, 32-Coleman, Jayden, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 37-Foreman, Jacorris, 38-Wilhoite, Lelan, 4-Perez, Freddy, 40-Reid, Caleb, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 49-Collins, Brandon, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 6-Willis, Jelani, 71-Howell, Jackson, 73-Van-Tagoe, Joel, 75-Williams, Arlington, 9-Montgomery, Brock, 97-Carpenter II, Terence





GAME 2 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 3
NDSU —59

SEPTEMBER 6, 2025





Scoring Summary report
North Dakota St. vs Tennessee St. (Sep 06, 2025)
North Dakota St. (2-0) vs Tennessee St. (1-1)

Date: Sep 06, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 8569

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
North Dakota St.	17	28	7	7	59
Tennessee St.	0	0	0	3	3

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	09:31	NDSU - #8 B.Kpeenu 10 yd rush (#38 E.Ozick kick), 9-71, 05:24	7-0
1st	07:08	NDSU - #8 B.Kpeenu 4 yd rush (#38 E.Ozick kick), 4-20, 01:55	14-0
1st	01:21	NDSU - #38 E.Ozick 22 yd FG, 9-38, 03:39	17-0
2nd	13:08	NDSU - #8 B.Kpeenu 6 yd rush (#38 E.Ozick kick), 5-33, 02:04	24-0
2nd	10:04	NDSU - #7 D.Scott 5 yd rush (#38 E.Ozick kick), 2-46, 00:50	31-0
2nd	09:03	NDSU - #1 D.Woolen 34 yd interception return (#38 E.Ozick kick), 01:01	38-0
2nd	01:21	NDSU - #3 R.Nelson 3 yd pass from #9 C.Payton (#38 E.Ozick kick), 8-67, 05:32	45-0
3rd	07:11	NDSU - #15 M.Collins 68 yd pass from #12 N.Hayes (#38 E.Ozick kick), 5-82, 02:56	52-0
4th	08:27	NDSU - #45 M.Mitchell 2 yd rush (#37 D.Klein kick), 5-49, 02:45	59-0
4th	04:05	TSU - #4 F.Perez 45 yd FG, 7-48, 04:22	59-3

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 01:32 PM
End of Game: 04:30 PM
Total elapsed: 02:58

OFFICIALS

Referee: Chris Brison
Umpire: David Casteel
Linesman: Jeff Estes
Line judge: Phillip DeWitt
Back judge: Billy Willis
Field judge: Zach Perry
Side judge: Marcelo Rodriguez
Center judge: Blake Ohren
Replay Official: Greg Laurentius

WEATHER

Weather: Cloudy 67 F
Wind: North 2 mph



Individual Statistics report
North Dakota St. vs Tennessee St. (Sep 06, 2025)Date: Sep 06, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 8569

FULL GAME

NORTH DAKOTA ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Barika Kpeenu	10	57	0	57	3	13	5.7
Myles Mitchell	6	53	0	53	1	21	8.8
DJ Scott	8	30	1	29	1	7	3.6
Cortez LeGrant	5	26	3	23	0	10	4.6
Cole Payton	5	21	0	21	0	7	4.2
Owen Johnson	3	11	3	8	0	10	2.7
Trey Drake	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals:	39	200	9	191	5	21	4.9

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cole Payton	13-16-0	166	1	41	0
Nathan Hayes	2-6-1	72	1	68	0
Trey Drake	1-1-0	4	0	4	0
Totals:	16-23-1	242	2	68	0

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Bryce Lance	4	3	46	12	0	26
Finn Diggins	4	3	28	14	0	13
RaJa Nelson	4	3	24	15	1	13
Carson Williams	2	2	23	15	0	15
Mekhi Collins	1	1	68	51	1	68
Reis Kessel	1	1	41	20	0	41
Barika Kpeenu	1	1	4	3	0	4
Logan Conklin	2	1	4	7	0	4
Jett Zabel	1	1	4	7	0	4
Myles Mitchell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Isiah St. Romain	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	23	16	242	144	2	68

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Aaron Bickerton	2	94	47.0	59	1	0
Totals:	2	94	47.0	59	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Jackson Williams	4	79	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
RaJa Nelson	0	0	0	1	24	24	0	0	0
John Gores	0	0	0	1	25	25	0	0	0
Donovan Woolen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	34
Totals:	4	79	37	2	49	25	1	34	34

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Eli Ozick	1st	01:21	22	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Eli Ozick	8	503	62.9	3	0
Drew Klein	2	126	63.0	1	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Jackson Williams	0	0	0	79	0	79
Mekhi Collins	0	68	0	0	0	68
Barika Kpeenu	57	4	0	0	0	61
Myles Mitchell	53	0	0	0	0	53

FUMBLES

North Dakota St. - None

Tennessee St. - Kendrick Rhymes 1-1

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kendric Rhymes	12	47	4	43	0	13	3.6
Zack Simmons-Brown	8	38	6	32	0	31	4.0
Byron McNair	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Travis Pearson	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Caleb McCreary	4	10	11	-1	0	8	-0.2
Jonathan Palmer	2	0	13	-13	0	0	-6.5
Totals:	28	104	34	70	0	31	2.5

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jonathan Palmer	5-13-0	38	0	16	1
Byron McNair	2-4-1	12	0	7	0
Caleb McCreary	1-1-0	11	0	11	0
Totals:	8-18-1	61	0	16	1

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Brock Montgomery	5	2	15	2	0	8
Kendric Rhymes	3	2	10	19	0	8
Tyson Edwards	2	1	16	5	0	16
Justin Hughes	1	1	11	0	0	11
Jaden Guy	1	1	5	6	0	5
DeVaughn Slaughter	3	1	4	0	0	4
Jason Hoath Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Zack Simmons-Brown	1	0	0	0	0	0
Christian Jones	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	18	8	61	32	0	16

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	8	339	42.4	52	1	0
Totals:	8	339	42.4	52	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Lelan Wilhoite	0	0	0	2	24	16	0	0	0
Taveon Porter	0	0	0	1	18	18	0	0	0
Byron Davis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0	3	42	18	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result	
Freddy Perez	3rd	02:27	49	MISSED	
Freddy Perez	4th	04:05	45	GOOD	
KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Freddy Perez	2	125	62.5	0	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kendric Rhymes	43	10	0	0	0	53
Zack Simmons-Brown	32	0	0	0	0	32
Lelan Wilhoite	0	0	24	0	0	24
Taveon Porter	0	0	18	0	0	18





Team Statistics report
North Dakota St. vs Tennessee St. (Sep 06, 2025)

Date: Sep 06, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 8569

FULL GAME	NDSU	TSU
FIRST DOWNS	24	4
Rushing	13	2
Passing	9	2
Penalty	2	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	191	70
Rushing Attempts	39	28
Average Per Rush	4.9	2.5
Rushing Touchdowns	5	0
Yards Gained Rushing	200	104
Yards Lost Rushing	9	34
NET YARDS PASSING	242	61
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-23-1	8-18-1
Average Per Attempt	10.5	3.4
Average Per Completion	15.1	7.6
Passing Touchdowns	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	433	131
Total offense plays	62	46
Average Gain Per Play	7.0	2.8
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	1-10	5-44
PUNTS-YARDS	2-94	8-339
Average Yards Per Punt	47.0	42.4
Net Yards Per Punt	47	32.5
Inside 20	1	1
50+ Yards	1	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	0	1
KICKOFF-YARDS	10-629	2-125
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.9	62.5
Net Yards Per Kickoff	42.6	38
Touchbacks	4	0
Fair Catch Yards	61	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	4-79-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	19.8	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-49-0	3-42-0
Average Per Return	24.5	14.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-34-1	1-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	33:37	26:23
1st Quarter	11:15	03:45
2nd Quarter	08:14	06:46
3rd Quarter	05:47	09:13
4th Quarter	08:21	06:39
Third-Down Conversions	3-9	1-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	7-7	0-0
Touchdowns	6	0
Field goals	1	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-10	0-0
PAT Kicks	8-8	0-0
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	1-2
Points off Turnover	14	0





Defensive Statistics report
North Dakota St. vs Tennessee St. (Sep 06, 2025)

Date: Sep 06, 2025
Site: , Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 8569

FULL GAME

NORTH DAKOTA ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
95	Zach Vanderpool	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Chance Symons	3	1	4	0.0-0	1.5-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Nathaniel Staehling	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
93	Toby Anene	3	0	3	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
0	Jaquise Alexander	3	0	3	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
54	Alijah Wayne	2	1	3	0.0-0	2.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Kelton McCaslin	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
55	Oliver Lucht	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
32	Austin Altepeter	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Logan Kopp	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Donovan Woolen	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-34	0	0	0
25	Ray James	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Darius Givance	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
97	Victor Isele	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	1
58	Keenan Wilson	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Ryan Jones	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
6	Jaylin Crumby	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Antoine Booth	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
56	Allante Burley	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Kegan Huber	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Noah Taylor	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Obald Niyonkuru	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
49	Matthew Stenbroten	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Jack Iuliano	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		35	4	39	1.0-10	8.0-34	1	1-0	1-34	1	0	4

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
27	Byron Davis	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
47	Matthew Wilson	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	James Stewart	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
21	Jayden Cook	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Kaiki Baker	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Brent Rowe	3	0	3	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
52	Bryce Gray	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Syncere Safeeullah	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
99	Lathun Snipes	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Kyle Hicks	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Jayden Coleman	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	Ravon Johnson	2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jelani Willis	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
36	Caleb Reid	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Dominique Dixon	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
22	DuJuan Sharp III	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Mark Shenouda	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
1	Jashon Watkins	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Marlon Huff	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Braelen Perry	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Sammy Taylor	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Khy'lek Jarrett	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
51	Epoki Fakaosi	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		46	6	52	0.0-0	3.0-7	0	0-0	1-0	2	0	3





Participation report
North Dakota St. vs Tennessee St. (Sep 06, 2025)

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Attendance: 8569

NORTH DAKOTA ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	18	Williams, Jackson
WR	3	Nelson, RaJa
WR	5	Lance, Bryce
OG	62	Empey, Griffin
OC	63	Fraley, Trent
OT	70	Johnson, Beau
OG	71	Tastad, Nate
OT	75	Magin, Josh
RB	8	Kpeenu, Barika
TE	89	Diggins, Finn
QB	9	Payton, Cole

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LB	1	Woolen, Donovan
CB	2	Duffie, Jailen
CB	24	Chideme-Alfaro, Anthony
S	29	Givance, Darius
LB	43	Kopp, Logan
LB	52	Staehling, Nathaniel
DT	58	Wilson, Keenan
S	6	Crumby, Jaylin
DT	64	Duttenhefer, Jaxon
DE	92	McCaslin, Kelton
DE	93	Anene, Toby

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
WR	14	Edwards, Tyson
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
OL	53	Nelson, Steven
OL	54	Neals, Darius
QB	6	Palmer, Jonathan
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
TE	86	Jones, Christian
TE	89	Hoath Jr., Jason

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	10	Safeullah, Syncere
DE	19	Johnson, Ravon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
DB	27	Davis, Byron
DB	28	Baker, Kaiki
LB	3	Gay, Micah
DB	33	Jefferson, Taeshawn
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
LB	47	Wilson, Matthew
DL	7	Stewart, James
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun

North Dakota St.

0-Alexander, Jaquise, 10-Drake, Trey, 10-Booth, Antoine, 11-Symons, Chance, 12-Hayes, Nathan, 13-Nelson, Najee, 14-Eady, Taylen, 15-Collins, Mekhi, 17-St. Romain, Isiah, 2-Entz, Kellen, 20-Steil, Will, 21-Taylor, Noah, 22-Artz, Hudson, 23-Huber, Kegan, 25-James, Ray, 27-Jones, Ryan, 28-LeGrant, Cortez, 31-Ford, Mikhale, 32-Altepeter, Austin, 37-Klein, Drew, 38-Ozick, Eli, 39-Bickerton, Aaron, 4-Johnson, Owen, 40-Zenzen, Kaden, 41-Haugo, Peder, 44-Kokat, Luke, 45-Mitchell, Myles, 46-Werremeyer, Truman, 48-Bowers, Caleb, 49-Stenbrotten, Matthew, 54-Wayne, Alijah, 55-Lucht, Oliver, 56-Burley, Allante, 61-Schmidt, Gage, 66-Liwienski, Jack, 69-Lockerby, Devin, 7-Scott, DJ, 72-Schneckloth, Nate, 76-Babatz, Ryan, 78-Stommes, Noah, 80-Gores, John, 81-Kessel, Reis, 82-Kilzer, Jacob, 83-Osterman, Cade, 84-Conklin, Logan, 85-Zabel, Jett, 88-Williams, Carson, 94-Larson, Logan, 95-Vanderpool, Zach, 97-Isele, Victor, 98-Iuliano, Jack, 99-Niyonkuru, Obald

Tennessee St.

0-Perry, Braelen, 0-Guy, Jaden, 1-Watkins, Jashon, 10-McNair, Byron, 11-Rowe, Brent, 13-Dixon, Dominique, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 16-Reed, Exavious, 17-Hughes, Justin, 18-Price, Jaylon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 22-Sharp III, DuJuan, 24-Porter, Taveon, 25-Taylor, Sammy, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, Travis, 32-Coleman, Jayden, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 36-Reid, Caleb, 37-Moore, Jonothan, 37-Foreman, Jacorris, 38-Wilhoite, Lelan, 4-Perez, Freddy, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 49-Collins, Brandon, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 55-Douglas, Camron, 55-Brown, Breon, 6-Willis, Jelani, 75-Williams, Arlington, 77-Irby, Jakhye, 8-McCreary, Caleb, 9-Montgomery, Brock, 91-Jarrett, Khy'lek, 97-Carpenter II, Terence





GAME 1 — BOX SCORE

TSU — 24
NCAT — 21

AUGUST 30, 2025





Scoring Summary report N.C. A&T vs Tennessee St. (Aug 30, 2025) N.C. A&T (0-1) vs Tennessee St. (1-0)

Date: Aug 30, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 11016

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
N.C. A&T	7	7	0	7	21
Tennessee St.	7	3	7	7	24

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	07:07	NC AT - #35 W.Graves 40 yd rush (#39 A.Brown kick), 9-85, 04:35	7-0
1st	06:51	TN ST - #18 D.Slaughter 82 yd pass from #6 J.Palmer (#4 F.Perez kick), 1-82, 00:11	7-7
2nd	04:08	TN ST - #4 F.Perez 41 yd FG, 7-1, 03:10	7-10
2nd	00:12	NC AT - #17 B.Thomas 1 yd rush (#39 A.Brown kick), 4-33, 01:08	14-10
3rd	05:51	TN ST - #1 K.Rhymes 60 yd rush (#4 F.Perez kick), 1-60, 00:10	14-17
4th	14:19	TN ST - #1 K.Rhymes 51 yd rush (#4 F.Perez kick), 3-67, 00:50	14-24
4th	09:58	NC AT - #3 A.Jones 66 yd pass from #17 B.Thomas (#39 A.Brown kick), 6-83, 04:17	21-24

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:32 PM
End of Game: 07:02 PM
Total elapsed: 03:29

OFFICIALS

Referee: Brandon McCain
Umpire: Landon Trusty
Linesman: Michael Phillips
Line judge: Nathan Elliot
Back judge: Tatum Brown
Field judge: Andrew Barr
Side judge: Gary McCarthy
Center judge: Rashad Lewis
Replay Official: Greg Koerner

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 85 F





Individual Statistics report
N.C. A&T vs Tennessee St. (Aug 30, 2025)

Date: Aug 30, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 11016

FULL GAME

N.C. A&T

RUSHING		No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg		
Wesley Graves	14	72	3	69	1	40	4.9			
Jailen Hicks	4	27	0	27	0	22	6.8			
Shimique Blizzard	4	27	3	24	0	15	6.0			
Champ Long	7	13	6	7	0	4	1.0			
Braxton Thomas	12	29	23	6	1	10	0.5			
Totals:	41	168	35	133	2	40	3.2			
PASSING		C-A-I		Yds	TD	Long	Sack			
Braxton Thomas	11-13-0		169	1	66	2				
Champ Long	5-9-0		41	0	17	2				
Totals:	16-22-0		210	1	66	4				
RECEIVING		TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long			
Amonte Jones	7	4	91	38	1	66				
Michael Carlock-Williams	4	3	31	20	0	12				
Jayvonne Dillard	4	3	6	1	0	10				
Jamison Warren	2	2	42	9	0	31				
Shimique Blizzard	2	2	18	14	0	17				
Elijah Kennedy	1	1	14	4	0	14				
Jailen Hicks	1	1	8	9	0	8				
Wesley Graves	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals:	22	16	210	95	1	66				
PUNTING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB			
DJ Page	7	279	39.9	50	0	0				
Totals:	7	279	39.9	50	0	0				
RETURNS		Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	
Amonte Jones	5	30	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Aaron Harris	0	0	0	1	17	17	0	0	0	
Elijah Kennedy	0	0	0	2	42	25	0	0	0	
Joshua Iseah	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals:	5	30	15	3	59	25	1	0	0	
FIELD GOALS		Qtr		Time	Dist	Result				
Andrew Brown	4th	00:00		38	BLOCKED					
KICKOFFS		No.		Yards	Avg	TB	OB			
Andrew Brown	4	237		59.2	1	0				
ALL-PURPOSE		Rush		Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total		
Amonte Jones	0		91	0	30	0	0	121		
Wesley Graves	69		0	0	0	0	0	69		
Elijah Kennedy	0		14	42	0	0	0	56		
Shimique Blizzard	24		18	0	0	0	0	42		

FUMBLES

N.C. A&T - Champ Long 3-2, Braxton Thomas 1-1
Tennessee St. - Jonathan Palmer 1-0

TENNESSEE ST.

RUSHING		No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kendric Rhymes	21	180	6	174	2	60	8.3	
Jonathan Palmer	3	12	19	-7	0	12	-2.3	
DeVaughn Slaughter	4	2	10	-8	0	1	-2.0	
TEAM	2	0	30	-30	0	0	-15.0	
Totals:		30	194	65	129	2	60	4.3

PASSING		C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Jonathan Palmer	11-21-1	123	1	82	2	
Totals:		11-21-1	123	1	82	2

RECEIVING		TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
DeVaughn Slaughter	6	4	102	76	1	82	
Kendric Rhymes	4	3	3	3	0	5	
Brock Montgomery	4	2	11	3	0	7	
Tyson Edwards	4	1	7	2	0	7	
Jason Hoath Jr.	2	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals:		20	11	123	84	1	82

PUNTING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Mark Shenouda	8	352	44.0	53	4	1	
Totals:		8	352	44.0	53	4	1

RETURNS		Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	
Anthony Taylor	2	22	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	
DeVaughn Slaughter	0	0	0	2	35	18	0	0	0	
Travis Pearson, II	0	0	0	1	8	8	0	0	0	
Totals:		2	22	18	3	43	18	0	0	

FIELD GOALS		Qtr	Time	Dist	Result		
Freddy Perez	2nd	04:08	41	GOOD			
KICKOFFS		No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB	
Freddy Perez	5	315	63.0	1	1		
ALL-PURPOSE		Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Kendric Rhymes	174	3	0	0	0	0	177
DeVaughn Slaughter	-8	102	35	0	0	0	129
Anthony Taylor	0	0	0	22	0	0	22
Brock Montgomery	0	11	0	0	0	0	11





Team Statistics report
N.C. A&T vs Tennessee St. (Aug 30, 2025)

Date: Aug 30, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 11016

FULL GAME	NC AT	TN ST
FIRST DOWNS	15	11
Rushing	5	7
Passing	7	4
Penalty	3	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	133	129
Rushing Attempts	41	30
Average Per Rush	3.2	4.3
Rushing Touchdowns	2	2
Yards Gained Rushing	168	194
Yards Lost Rushing	35	65
NET YARDS PASSING	210	123
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-22-0	11-21-1
Average Per Attempt	9.5	5.9
Average Per Completion	13.1	11.2
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	343	252
Total offense plays	63	51
Average Gain Per Play	5.4	4.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-3	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	8-55	8-68
PUNTS-YARDS	7-279	8-352
Average Yards Per Punt	39.9	44.0
Net Yards Per Punt	36.7	39
Inside 20	0	4
50+ Yards	1	2
Touchbacks	0	1
Fair catch	3	1
KICKOFF-YARDS	4-237	5-315
Average Yards Per Kickoff	59.2	63.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	42.2	39.6
Touchbacks	1	1
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	5-30-0	2-22-0
Average Per Return	6.0	11.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-59-0	3-43-0
Average Per Return	19.7	14.3
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	35
Possession Time	32:55	27:05
1st Quarter	09:56	05:04
2nd Quarter	06:05	08:55
3rd Quarter	08:02	06:58
4th Quarter	08:52	06:08
Third-Down Conversions	5-15	2-11
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-1
Touchdowns	1	0
Field goals	0	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-19	4-19
PAT Kicks	3-3	3-3
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	0-1	1-1
Points off Turnover	7	0





Defensive Statistics report
N.C. A&T vs Tennessee St. (Aug 30, 2025)

Date: Aug 30, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 11016

FULL GAME

N.C. A&T

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
3	Joshua Iseah	5	5	10	0.0-0	3.0-3	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
12	Kamari Blankumsee	7	1	8	0.0-0	2.0-27	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Jayden Williams	3	1	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Jonathan Kimbrough-Campbell	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
90	Marquis Hood	2	1	3	1.0-9	2.0-13	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
97	Giovanni Divers	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Aaron Harris	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
92	Jelani King-Leverett	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Tim Alderman	2	0	2	1.0-10	2.0-19	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
13	Anthony Rucker	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Ty Williams Jr.	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
48	Eddie Conover	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Tre Mittman	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Charlie Dixon	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Terien George	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		31	18	49	2.0-19	11.0-64	1	0-0	1-0	3	0	2

TENNESSEE ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
28	Kaiki Baker	8	1	9	0.0-0	1.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	James Stewart	5	1	6	1.0-2	2.5-3	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
21	Jayden Cook	5	0	5	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Sammy Taylor	4	1	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
3	Micah Gay	4	1	5	0.0-0	1.5-4	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
36	Caleb Reid	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
27	Byron Davis	2	2	4	1.0-5	1.0-5	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
10	Syncere Safeeullah	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	2-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	Ravon Johnson	3	0	3	1.0-4	2.0-9	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
47	Matthew Wilson	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Lathun Snipes	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
8	Brendan Hale	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
52	Bryce Gray	2	0	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
32	Jayden Coleman	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Brent Rowe	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Jelani Willis	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Jaylon Price	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Kyle Hicks	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Stephon Shivers	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		50	12	62	4.0-19	13.0-39	3	3-0	0-0	0	1	2





Participation report
N.C. A&T vs Tennessee St. (Aug 30, 2025)

Date: Aug 30, 2025
Site: Nashville, Tennessee
Stadium: Nissan Stadium
Attendance: 11016

N.C. A&T

Pos	##	OFFENSE
TE	13	Rucker, Anthony
WR	2	Warren, Jamison
WR	3	Jones, Amonte
RB	35	Graves, Wesley
WR	5	Dillard, Jayvonne
OL	51	Navarro, Gabe
OL	55	Cannon, Jonathan
OL	59	Sharpe, Korion
OL	65	Dorsey, Andrew
OL	66	Wiggins, Sterling
QB	7	Long, Champ

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DE	1	Alderman, Tim
DB	12	Blankumsee, Kamari
S	21	Mittman, Tre
S	27	Kimbrough-Campbell, Jonathan
LB	3	Iseah, Joshua
DE	37	Etheridge III, Mitchell
DB	4	Harris, Aaron
LB	44	Williams, Jayden
DB	6	Williams Jr., Ty
DL	90	Hood, Marquis
DE	98	Carr-Bordeaux, Mecca

N.C. A&T

0-George, Terien, 15-Lane, Cortez, 17-Thomas, Braxton, 18-Wilson, Corbin, 2-Maddox, Cam, 23-Dalrymple, Cameren, 24-Hicks, Jailen, 33-Macon, David, 34-Hamilton, Willie, 38-Misenheimer, Wesley, 39-Brown, Andrew, 46-Page, DJ, 48-Conover, Eddie, 49-Ruddy, Bryson, 56-Dye, Travon, 57-Culberson, Kellen, 6-Bell, Antoine, 60-Hammonds, Tim, 76-Okoye, Noah, 8-Dixon, Charlie, 80-Brown, Thomas, 82-Sanchez, Tony, 83-Baker, Jaylen, 84-Carloek-Williams, Michael, 87-Jackson, Damien, 88-Kennedy, Elijah, 89-Jones-Amen-Hetep, Rory, 9-Howard, Tyler, 9-Blizzard, Shimique, 92-King-Leverett, Jelani, 94-Cabaniss-Ali, Sidiq, 97-Divers, Giovanni

Tennessee St.

0-Guy, Jaden, 11-Rowe, Brent, 13-Dixon, Dominique, 15-Shenouda, Mark, 15-Freeman, Jakobe, 18-Price, Jaylon, 2-Shivers, Stephon, 22-Taylor, Anthony, 22-Sharp III, DuJuan, 23-Jefferson, Tysean, 24-Porter, Taveon, 26-LaBranche, Jalen, 3-Gay, Micah, 30-Simmons-Brown, Zack, 31-Pearson, II, Travis, 32-Coleman, Jayden, 33-Jefferson, Taeshawn, 35-Bivans, Alijah, 36-Reid, Caleb, 37-Foreman, Jacorris, 4-Perez, Freddy, 43-Hicks, Kyle, 44-Cunningham, Ethan, 51-Fakaosi, Epoki, 52-Gray, Bryce, 55-Brown, Breon, 6-Willis, Jelani, 71-Howell, Jackson, 75-Williams, Arlington, 8-McCreary, Caleb, 86-Jones, Christian

TENNESSEE ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Rhymes, Kendric
WR	14	Edwards, Tyson
WR	18	Slaughter, DeVaughn
OL	53	Nelson, Steven
OL	54	Neals, Darius
QB	6	Palmer, Jonathan
OL	63	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer
OL	70	Igwe, Jesse
OL	73	Van-Tagoe, Joel
TE	89	Hoath Jr., Jason
WR	9	Montgomery, Brock

Pos	##	DEFENSE
DB	10	Safeeullah, Syncere
DE	19	Johnson, Ravon
CB	21	Cook, Jayden
LB	25	Taylor, Sammy
DB	27	Davis, Byron
QB	28	Baker, Kaiki
DL	4	Huff, Marlon
LB	47	Wilson, Matthew
DL	7	Stewart, James
S	8	Hale, Brendan
DL	99	Snipes, Lathun





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Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
Scoring	128	256
Points per game	14.2	28.4
Points Off Turnovers	16	63
First Downs	125	167
Rushing	46	69
Passing	58	77
Penalty	21	21
Rushing Yardage	802	1363
Yards gained rushing	1188	1592
Yards lost rushing	386	229
Rushing attempts	287	333
Average per rush	2.8	4.1
Average per game	89.1	151.4
TDs Rushing	5	20
Passing Yardage	1505	1759
Comp-Att-Int	138-238-11	147-240-6
Average per pass	6.3	7.3
Average per catch	10.9	12.0
Average per game	167.2	195.4
TDs Passing	8	11
Total offense	2307	3122
Total plays	525	573
Average per play	4.4	5.4
Average per game	256.3	346.9
Kick returns: #-Yards	24-480	17-392
Punt returns: #-Yards	16-45	24-237
Int returns: #-Yards	6-46	11-161
Kick return average	20.0	23.1
Punt return average	2.8	9.9
Int return average	7.7	14.6
Fumbles-Lost	17-8	12-6
Penalties-Yards	60-555	66-614
Average per game	61.7	68.2
Punts-Yards	50-2118	41-1713
Average per punt	42.4	41.8
Net punt average	37.0	39.5
Kickoffs-Yards	34-2147	50-3078
Average per kick	63.1	61.6
Net kick average	39.2	39.2
Time of possession / game	29:42	30:18
3rd-down conversion	37/124	40/109
3rd-down pct	30%	37%
4th-down conversion	4/9	4/10





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	TSU	OPP
4th-down pct	44%	40%
Sacks by-Yards	19-125	26-183
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	13	34
Field goals - attempts	12-19	6-11
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(14-17) 82%	(24-26) 92%
Red-zone touchdowns	(5-17) 29%	(20-26) 77%
PAT-attempts	(12-12) 100%	(34-34) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	46992	5968
Games / Avg per game	7/6713	2/2984
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	27	44	23	34	0	128
Opponents	69	111	48	28	0	256





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Tennessee St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	48	Western Ill. (10/25/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	179	Alabama A&M (09/13/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	4.4	Alabama A&M (09/13/2025)
TD RUSHES	2	Alabama A&M (09/13/2025)
	2	N.C. A&T (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	41	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/11/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	21	Tennessee Tech (09/27/2025)
YARDS PASSING	241	Tennessee Tech (09/27/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	9.3	at Eastern Ill. (10/04/2025)
TD PASSES	3	Howard (10/18/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	76	Western Ill. (10/25/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	351	Western Ill. (10/25/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	5.6	at Eastern Ill. (10/04/2025)
POINTS	24	Howard (10/18/2025)
	24	N.C. A&T (08/30/2025)
SACKS BY	4	Howard (10/18/2025)
	4	N.C. A&T (08/30/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	21	Western Ill. (10/25/2025)
	21	Tennessee Tech (09/27/2025)
	21	Alabama A&M (09/13/2025)
PENALTIES	10	at Southeast Mo. St. (10/11/2025)
	10	Tennessee Tech (09/27/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	96	Lindenwood (11/01/2025)
TURNOVERS	4	Tennessee Tech (09/27/2025)
PUNTS	8	North Dakota St. (09/06/2025)
	8	N.C. A&T (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	45.8	Tennessee Tech (09/27/2025)
LONG PUNT	55	Alabama A&M (09/13/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Alabama A&M (09/13/2025)
	4	N.C. A&T (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	18	N.C. A&T (08/30/2025)





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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	James Stewart	9	23	27	50	12.5-47	4.5-27	.	4	6	.	3	.	.
3	Micah Gay	9	22	20	42	3-6	.	2-11	.	3	1-0	.	.	.
28	Kaiki Baker	6	34	7	41	4.5-11	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
13	Dominique Dixon	9	17	17	34	0.5-0	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	9	19	15	34	2-15	1-9	.	.	2	.	.	1	.
21	Jayden Cook	9	28	5	33	2.5-6	0.5-0	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
8	Brendan Hale	5	14	16	30	0.5-0	.	1-4	1	.	.	.	.	.
27	Byron Davis	9	20	10	30	3-8	1-5	2-0	5	2	.	1	.	.
99	Lathun Snipes	9	17	6	23	3.5-7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
4	Marlon Huff	9	8	14	22	2.5-16	1-11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
52	Bryce Gray	9	9	10	19	4-26	3-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Stephon Shivers	9	5	13	18	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
18	Jaylon Price	9	9	8	17	3.5-14	2-11	.	2	4	.	.	.	.
0	Braelen Perry	8	3	14	17	1.5-15	1-15	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
10	Syncere Safeeullah	8	10	3	13	0.5-1	.	1-31	3	.	2-0	.	.	.
49	Brandon Collins	7	7	5	12	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Jelani Willis	8	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
40	Caleb Reid	8	7	4	11	1.5-5	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Terence Carpenter II	8	4	7	11	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Epoki Fakaosi	9	5	5	10	1-5	1-5	.	2	1	.	1	1	.
98	Ravon Johnson	3	6	4	10	3-10	1-4	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1	Jashon Watkins	7	6	3	9	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
35	Alijah Bivans	8	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brent Rowe	4	6	3	9	2-5	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	9	8	.	8	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	5	5	3	8	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jalen LaBranche	8	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Kyle Hicks	9	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Mikeece Jones	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Jayden Coleman	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Brock Montgomery	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Jakobe Freeman	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Jacorris Foreman	5	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Freddy Perez	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Khy'lek Jarrett	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Demetrius Gore	1	.	2	2	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Tysean Jefferson	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Shaun Ayers	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Justin Hughes	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Jayden Guy	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Snap Reed	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.





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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
15	Mark Shenouda	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	DuJuan Sharp III	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
50	Joshua Green	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Trevor Pearson	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
	Totals	9	331	246	577	58-216	19-125	6-46	32	22	6-0	8	3	1
	Opponents	9	317	210	527	86-385	26-183	11-161	24	35	8-0	9	0	0





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Tennessee St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
08/30/2025	N.C. A&T	W 24-21	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	North Dakota St.	L 3-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Alabama A&M	L 21-23	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/2025	Tennessee Tech	L 8-35	3	2	6	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	at Eastern Ill.	L 7-31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/11/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L 12-28	3	2	6	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/18/2025	Howard	W 24-7	4	4	24	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/25/2025	Western Ill.	L 16-17	3	3	13	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/2025	Lindenwood	L 13-35	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 14 of 17 (82.4%)			17	14	62	5	1	4	9	9	0	2	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Tennessee St. Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ						
08/30/2025	N.C. A&T	W 24-21	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/2025	North Dakota St.	L 3-59	7	7	45	6	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/13/2025	Alabama A&M	L 21-23	4	3	13	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
09/27/2025	Tennessee Tech	L 8-35	1	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/04/2025	Eastern Ill.	L 7-31	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/11/2025	Southeast Mo. St.	L 12-28	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/2025	Howard	W 24-7	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/25/2025	Western Ill.	L 16-17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/2025	Lindenwood	L 13-35	5	4	28	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals 24 of 26 (92.3%)			26	24	153	20	15	5	4	4	0	0	0	1	1





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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	James Stewart	9	23	27	50	12.5-47	4.5-27	.	.	4	6	.	3	.	.
3	Micah Gay	9	22	20	42	3-6	.	2-11	.	.	3	1-0	.	.	.
28	Kaiki Baker	6	34	7	41	4.5-11	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	9	19	15	34	2-15	1-9	.	.	.	2	.	.	1	.
13	Dominique Dixon	9	17	17	34	0.5-0	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jayden Cook	9	28	5	33	2.5-6	0.5-0	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
8	Brendan Hale	5	14	16	30	0.5-0	.	1-4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Byron Davis	9	20	10	30	3-8	1-5	2-0	5	2	.	1	.	.	.
99	Lathun Snipes	9	17	6	23	3.5-7	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
4	Marlon Huff	9	8	14	22	2.5-16	1-11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
52	Bryce Gray	9	9	10	19	4-26	3-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Stephon Shivers	9	5	13	18	1.5-9	1.5-9	.	2	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
0	Braelen Perry	8	3	14	17	1.5-15	1-15	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
18	Jaylon Price	9	9	8	17	3.5-14	2-11	.	2	4	.	.	.	.	.
10	Syncere Safeeullah	8	10	3	13	0.5-1	.	1-31	3	.	.	2-0	.	.	.
6	Jelani Willis	8	7	5	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
49	Brandon Collins	7	7	5	12	1-2	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
97	Terence Carpenter II	8	4	7	11	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40	Caleb Reid	8	7	4	11	1.5-5	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	Ravon Johnson	3	6	4	10	3-10	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
51	Epoki Fakaosi	9	5	5	10	1-5	1-5	.	2	1	.	1	1	1	.
1	Jashon Watkins	7	6	3	9	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Brent Rowe	4	6	3	9	2-5	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	.
35	Alijah Bivans	8	4	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	9	8	.	8	1-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Matthew Wilson	5	5	3	8	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Kyle Hicks	9	3	4	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jalen LaBranche	8	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Mikeece Jones	3	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Jayden Coleman	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Tysean Jefferson	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Jacorris Foreman	5	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Brock Montgomery	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Jakobe Freeman	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Freddy Perez	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Khy'lek Jarrett	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Demetrius Gore	1	.	2	2	0.5-3	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Trevor Pearson	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
22	Dujuan Sharp III	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Mark Shenouda	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Snap Reed	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Shaun Ayers	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Justin Hughes	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Jayden Guy	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Joshua Green	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		9	331	246	577	58-216	19-125	6-46	32	22	6-0	8	3	1	
Opponents		9	317	210	527	86-385	26-183	11-161	24	35	8-0	9	0	0	





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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Freddy Perez	12-19	63.2	0-0	2-2	5-5	5-8	0-4	48	0
Opponents	6-11	54.5	0-0	4-4	0-1	1-5	1-1	51	1

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Freddy Perez	-	12-19	12-12	-	-	-	-	-	48
Kendric Rhymes	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
DeVaughn Slaughter	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Snap Reed	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Connor Ruth	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Zack Simmons-Brown	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Total	13	12-19	12-12	0	0	0	0	1	128
Opponents	34	6-11	34-34	0	0	0	0	0	256

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	27	44	23	34	0	128
Opponents	69	111	48	28	0	256

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Mark Shenouda	50	2118	42.4	55	3	11	13	7	0
Total	50	2118	42.4	55	3	11	13	7	0
Opponents	41	1713	41.8	59	2	13	11	8	2

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Anthony Taylor	14	45	3.2	0	18
Sammy Taylor	1	0	0.0	0	0
Epoki Fakaosi	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	16	45	2.8	0	18
Opponents	24	237	9.9	0	37

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Taveon Porter	8	170	21.3	0	35
Lelan Wilhoite	7	162	23.1	0	51
Amari Southall	3	63	21.0	0	23
Kendric Rhymes	2	31	15.5	0	18
Trevor Pearson	2	19	9.5	0	11
DeVaughn Slaughter	2	35	17.5	0	18
Total	24	480	20.0	0	51
Opponents	17	392	23.1	0	35

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Kendric Rhymes	8	403	218	0	31	0	652	81.5
DeVaughn Slaughter	9	-4	397	0	35	0	428	47.6
Zack Simmons-Brown	9	367	37	0	0	0	404	44.9
Snap Reed	6	0	219	0	0	0	219	36.5
Taveon Porter	8	33	0	0	170	0	203	25.4
Lelan Wilhoite	7	18	15	0	162	0	195	27.9
Tyson Edwards	8	0	176	0	0	0	176	22.0
Brock Montgomery	8	0	150	0	0	0	150	18.8
Amari Southall	4	0	69	0	63	0	132	33.0
Anthony Taylor	7	8	63	45	0	0	116	16.6
Justin Hughes	8	0	84	0	0	0	84	10.5
Trevor Pearson	9	40	0	0	19	0	59	6.6
Connor Ruth	7	0	44	0	0	0	44	6.3
Syncere Safeeullah	8	0	0	0	0	31	31	3.9
Byron McNair	8	17	0	0	0	0	17	2.1
Jayden Guy	7	0	15	0	0	0	15	2.1
Micah Gay	9	0	0	0	0	11	11	1.2
Jason Hoath Jr.	5	0	8	0	0	0	8	1.6
Mark Shenouda	9	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.6
Christian Jones	6	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.8
Lucas Harkless	1	0	5	0	0	0	5	5.0
Brendan Hale	5	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.8
Jonathan Palmer	5	-22	0	0	0	0	-22	-4.4
Caleb McCreary	4	-31	0	0	0	0	-31	-7.8
Total	9	802	1505	45	480	46	2878	319.8
Opponents	9	1363	1773	237	392	161	3926	436.2

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Byron McNair	8	219	17	1156	1173	146.6
Kendric Rhymes	8	104	403	0	403	50.4
Zack Simmons-Brown	9	75	367	0	367	40.8
Jonathan Palmer	5	68	-22	288	266	53.2
Trevor Pearson	9	9	40	0	40	4.4
Taveon Porter	8	12	33	0	33	4.1
Caleb McCreary	4	17	-31	61	30	7.5
Lelan Wilhoite	7	3	18	0	18	2.6
Anthony Taylor	7	1	8	0	8	1.1
Mark Shenouda	9	1	5	0	5	0.6
DeVaughn Slaughter	9	11	-4	0	-4	-0.4
Total	9	525	802	1505	2307	256.3
Opponents	9	573	1363	1759	3122	346.9





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS

**JAYDEN GUY**

Freshman
Punt Returner
6-0 // 175
Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Blackman

0**FREDDY PEREZ**

Sophomore
Kicker
6-3 // 190
Carrollton, Ga.
Carrollton
Georgia Military College

4**MARK SHENOUDA**

Redshirt Sophomore
Punter
6-2 // 190
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
Mt. Juliet
Memphis

15**TAVEON PORTER**

Senior
Kick Returner
5-9 // 219
Chicago Heights, Ill.
Bremen
Elmhurst
College of DuPage

19**ANTHONY TAYLOR**

Freshman
Punt Returner
5-9 // 172
San Diego, Calif.
Cathedral Catholic

20**LELAN WILHOITE**

Graduate Student
Kick Returner
5-11 // 185
Nashville, Tenn.
Siegel
Florida A&M

38**KYLE HICKS**

Redshirt Freshman
Long Snapper
6-3 // 235
Nashville, Tenn.
Hillsboro

39**JEROD KRUSE**

1st Season
Emporia State '00
On Field

ST



TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED DEFENSIVE STARTERS



JASHON **WATKINS**

Graduate
Cornerback
6-4 // 215
Nashville, Tenn.
East Nashville Magnet
Memphis / UMass

1



MICAH **GAY**

Redshirt Junior
Will
6-1 // 213
Atlanta, Ga.
Johns Creek

3



MARLON **HUFF**

Sophomore
Defensive Tackle
6-3 // 280
Delray Beach, Fla.
Atlantic

4



JAMES **STEWART**

Redshirt Senior
BUCK
6-3 // 274
Antioch, Tenn.
Bewntwood Academy
Memphis / MTSU

7



BRANDAN **HALE**

Redshirt Junior
Safety
6-1 // 180
Orange, Calif.
Orange Lutheran
Southern Utah

8



DOMINIQUE **DIXON**

Redshirt Freshman
Strong Safety
6-1 // 190
St. Louis, Mo.
Cardinal Ritter College Prep

13



JAYLON **PRICE**

Junior
Defensive End
6-2 // 225
Nashville, Tenn.
Ensworth

18



JAYDEN **COOK**

Redshirt Sophomore
Left Cornerback
6-0 // 190
Frankfort, Ill.
Lincoln-Way East
Kansas State

21



SAMMY **TAYLOR**

Redshirt Sophomore
Will
6-2 // 215
Nashville, Tenn.
Ensworth

25



BYRON **DAVIS**

Junior
NICKLE
6-1 // 185
Nashville, Tenn.
Cane Ridge
Kentucky Wesleyan

27



LATHUN **SNIPES**

Graduate Student
Nose Tackle
6-1 // 290
Elk Grove, Calif.
Monterey Trail
Butte College

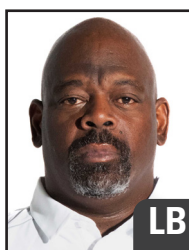
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GREGG **WILLIAMS**

1st Season
Northeast Missouri State
On Field

DC



CEDRIC **THORNTON**

1st Season
Alabama State '95
On Field

LB



DEION **HARRIS**

1st Season
Virginia State '20
On Field

DB



JEROD **KRUSE**

1st Season
Emporia State '00
On Field

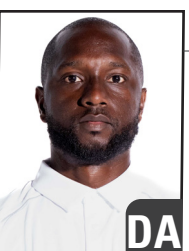
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DEXTER **JACKSON**

1st Season
Florida State '98
On Field

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JUSTIN **HANNAH**

1st Season
Tuskegee '10
Press Box

DA



RYAN **CONWAY**

1st Season
Virginia
Press Box

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TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED OFFENSIVE STARTERS



SNAP REED

Redshirt Freshman
Wide Receiver
6-2 // 206
Memphis, Tenn.
Bartlett

2



BYRON MCNAIR

Junior
Quarterback
6-0 // 176
St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis
Kansas Wesleyan

10



JUSTIN HUGHES

Senior
Wide Receiver
6-3 // 207
Nashville, Tenn.
Memphis
Lipscomb Academy
Arkansas Baptist

17



DEVAUGHN SLAUGHTER

Freshman
Wide Receiver
6-1 // 182
Indianapolis, Ind.
Indianapolis Cathedral

18



ZACK SIMMONS-BROWN

Redshirt Freshman
Running Back
5-11 // 178
Phenix City, Ala.
Central

30



STEVEN NELSON

Freshman
Center
6-3 // 250
Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Rockvale

53



DARIUS NEALS

Redshirt Senior
Left Guard
6-3 // 345
Ellenwood, Ga.
Cedar Grove

54



VEGUER JEAN-JEMEAU

Junior
Offensive Left Tackle
6-7 // 288
Nashville, Tenn.
Hillboro

63



JESSE IGWE

Junior
Offensive Right Guard
6-2 // 330
Greer, S.C.
Riverside
Gardner-Webb

70



JOEL VAN-TAGOE

Junior
Offensive Right Tackle
6-6 // 325
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Oklahoma City
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M

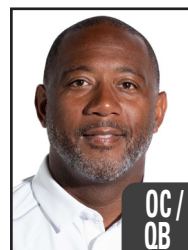
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CONOR RUTH

Redshirt Freshman
Tight End
6-3 // 228
Knoxville, Tenn.
Knoxville Catholic

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SHANNON HARRIS

1st Season
Tennessee State '04
On Field

OC / QB



TORIANO MORGAN

1st Season
Tennessee State '00
Press Box

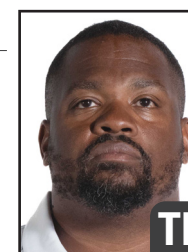
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RUSS EHRENFELD

1st Season
Vanderbilt '19
On Field

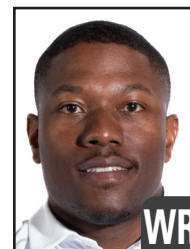
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EDDIE WOODS

1st Season
Tennessee State '06
On Field

TE



NICK ANDREWS

1st Season
Alabama State '12
Press Box

WR



LEO RUMBAUGH

1st Season
Union College
Press Box
"Soldiers to Sidelines"

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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/30/2025	N.C. A&T	W	24-21	11016
	09/06/2025	North Dakota St.	L	3-59	8569
	09/13/2025	Alabama A&M	L	21-23	10208
*	09/27/2025	Tennessee Tech	L	8-35	2137
*	10/04/2025	at Eastern Ill.	L	7-31	3315
*	10/11/2025	at Southeast Mo. St.	L	12-28	2653
	10/18/2025	Howard	W	24-7	14056
*	10/25/2025	Western Ill.	L	16-17	0
*	11/01/2025	Lindenwood	L	13-35	1006

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Kendric Rhymes	8	104	435	32	403	3.9	3	60	50.4
Zack Simmons-Brown	9	75	403	36	367	4.9	2	50	40.8
Trevor Pearson	9	9	46	6	40	4.4	0	24	4.4
Taveon Porter	8	12	66	33	33	2.8	0	25	4.1
Lelan Wilhoite	7	3	18	0	18	6.0	0	15	2.6
Byron McNair	8	53	170	153	17	0.3	0	40	2.1
Anthony Taylor	7	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	1.1
Mark Shenouda	9	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.6
DeVaughn Slaughter	9	10	15	19	-4	-0.4	0	6	-0.4
Jonathan Palmer	5	8	12	34	-22	-2.8	0	12	-4.4
Caleb McCreary	4	7	10	41	-31	-4.4	0	8	-7.8
Team	9	4	0	32	-32	-8.0	0	0	-3.6
Total	9	287	1188	386	802	2.8	5	60	89.1
Opponents	9	333	1592	229	1363	4.1	20	67	151.4

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Byron McNair	8	128.4	105-166-6	63.3	1156	7	70	144.5
Jonathan Palmer	5	87.5	29-60-2	48.3	288	1	82	57.6
Caleb McCreary	4	51.2	4-10-2	40.0	61	0	33	15.3
DeVaughn Slaughter	9	-200.0	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	9	45.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	9	112.9	138-238-11	58.0	1505	8	82	167.2
Opponents	9	132.9	147-240-6	61.3	1759	11	68	195.4

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
DeVaughn Slaughter	9	33	397	12.0	3	82	44.1
Kendric Rhymes	8	21	218	10.4	1	48	27.3
Snap Reed	6	19	219	11.5	2	29	36.5
Brock Montgomery	8	14	150	10.7	0	27	18.8
Tyson Edwards	8	11	176	16.0	0	49	22.0
Zack Simmons-Brown	9	8	37	4.6	0	14	4.1
Anthony Taylor	7	7	63	9.0	0	23	9.0
Connor Ruth	7	6	44	7.3	2	17	6.3
Justin Hughes	8	6	84	14.0	0	33	10.5
Amari Southall	4	5	69	13.8	0	21	17.3
Lelan Wilhoite	7	2	15	7.5	0	23	2.1
Jason Hoath Jr.	5	2	8	4.0	0	8	1.6
Jayden Guy	7	2	15	7.5	0	10	2.1
Christian Jones	6	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.8
Lucas Harkless	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Total	9	138	1505	10.9	8	82	167.2
Opponents	9	147	1773	12.1	11	68	197.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-7	2-5	0-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-5	0-3	0-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-2	2-2	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
First Downs	125	167
Rushing	46	69
Passing	58	77
Penalty	21	21
Rushing Yardage	802	1363
Rushing attempts	287	333
Average per rush	2.8	4.1
Average per game	89.1	151.4
TDs Rushing	5	20
Passing Yardage	1505	1759
Comp-Att-Int	138-238-11	147-240-6
Average per pass	6.3	7.3
Average per catch	10.9	12.0
Average per game	167.2	195.4
TDs Passing	8	11
Total offense	2307	3122
Average per play	4.4	5.4
Average per game	256.3	346.9
Kick returns: #-Yards	24-480	17-392
Punt returns: #-Yards	16-45	24-237
Int returns: #-Yards	6-46	11-161
Fumbles-Lost	17-8	12-6
Penalties-Yards	60-555	66-614
Punts-Avg	50-42.4	41-41.8
Time of possession / game	29:42	30:18
3rd-down conversion	37/124	40/109
4th-down conversion	4/9	4/10
PAT-attempts	(12-12) 100%	(34-34) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-1) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Micah Gay	2	11	5.5	0	11
Byron Davis	2	0	0.0	0	0
Brendan Hale	1	4	4.0	0	4
Syncere Safeeullah	1	31	31.0	0	31
Total	6	46	7.7	0	31
Opponents	11	161	14.6	3	94

