



**Game 3 | Sept. 13, 2025 | 6 PM CT**  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1-1, 0-0) AT**  
**UT MARTIN (0-2, 0-0)**

**Martin, Tenn. | Hardy M. Graham Stadium (7,500)**

**Series:** SIU is 8-1 vs. UT Martin | H: 6-1; A: 2-0 Last Meeting: 2019 (SIU won, 28-14)

**2025 MVFC Standings**

	CONF	Pct.	ALL	Pct.	Home	Away	Ntrl	Strk
Indiana State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	W2
North Dakota State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	0-0	2-0	0-0	W2
South Dakota State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	1-0	1-0	0-0	W2
Youngstown State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	2-0	0-0	0-0	W2
Illinois State	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
North Dakota	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
Northern Iowa	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Southern Illinois	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
Murray State	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	0-0	L2
South Dakota	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	0-2	0-0	L2

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**2025 Southern Illinois Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time (CT)	Result	TV
Aug. 30	Thomas More	6 PM	W, 49-3	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Purdue	6:30 PM	L, 17-34	BTN
Sept. 13	at UT Martin	6 PM		ESPN+
Sept. 20	at SEMO	6 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 4	Indiana State	6 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 11	at North Dakota State	2:30 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 18	North Dakota	2 PM		ESPN+
Oct. 25	Northern Iowa (HC)	2 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Murray State	4 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Youngstown State	1 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 15	South Dakota	12 PM		ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Illinois State	12 PM		ESPN+

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**Recap of Purdue**

The Salukis fell, 34-17, to Purdue in their last game on Saturday. Southern found the end zone on each of its opening two drives, but didn't score again until the fourth quarter via a field goal.

Southern Illinois played in front of its fifth-largest crowd in program history last Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind., as Purdue had an attendance of 54,663. This was the eighth time where SIU has played in a game with a crowd of at least 50,000.

Against the Boilermakers, Southern totaled 283 yards on offense with 202 passing and 81 rushing. For the second-straight game, SIU did not commit a turnover while it forced one via a Vinny Pierre Jr. interception in the third quarter.

The Salukis' first touchdown came off of a DJ Williams seven-yard run, which was followed up by Williams connecting with tight end Ryan Schwendeman one drive later. Paul Geelen drilled a career-long 53 yard field goal in the fourth quarter for SIU's final points of the game.

**Series History**

The Salukis and Skyhawks will meet for the 10th time in program history on Saturday in Martin, Tenn. SIU holds an 8-1 advantage over UT Martin and currently sits on a four-game winning streak. Southern's last loss vs. UT Martin was in 1994 (35-26).

Southern Illinois won the most recent meeting, 28-14, on Sept. 14, 2019, in Carbondale. The Salukis ran for a total of 264 yards against the Skyhawks in the victory.

This will be the first meeting in Martin, Tenn., since Sept. 12, 1998; a game the

Salukis won by a final score of 36-7.

The first-ever meeting between SIU and UT Martin took place in 1927. The Salukis won each of the first four games in the series.

**Winning the Turnover Battle**

The Salukis have been among the best teams in the nation in terms of turnover margin, ranking second in the FCS at 3.00. SIU has forced six turnovers through the opening two weeks and has lost zero.

SIU is one of eight teams in the country without a turnover so far in 2025. Youngstown State is the only other team in the MVFC to also be without a turnover.

Southern's six turnovers gained are tied for fourth in the FCS with Dayton and Northern Colorado. The Salukis have recovered three fumbles and recorded three interceptions.

**Capitalizing in the Red Zone**

In nine trips to the red zone, the Salukis have come away with points in all nine attempts. Southern has scored eight touchdowns, four rushing and four passing, and made one field goal while in the red zone. SIU is one of 35 teams in the FCS to have a perfect percentage of 1.000.

On defense, Southern is tied for 29th with a percentage of .714. In seven attempts, opponents have scored five times against the Salukis with three touchdowns and two field goals.

**Strong Start on Defense**

Through the opening two games, the Southern Illinois defense, led by first-year defensive coordinator Lee Pronschinske,

has been one of the top units in both the Valley and the FCS. The Salukis are fourth in the conference and tied with Rhode Island for 23rd in the nation in scoring defense, allowing 18.5 points-per-game.

Southern is also fourth in the MVFC and 17th in the FCS in total defense. SIU has allowed an average of 282.5 yards-per-game so far in 2025.

The Salukis are 22nd in passing yards allowed (150.5) and are 41st in rushing (132.0).

**DJ Williams' Hot Start to 2025**

After playing in just three games in 2024 due to injury, senior quarterback DJ Williams has been one of the best in the MVFC to start the season. Williams has thrown for 429 yards and four touchdowns on a completion percentage of 66.7%, leading to a rating of 153.05.

The dual-threat quarterback has gotten it done on the ground as well. Through two games, Williams has ran for two touchdowns, with his most recent one being a seven-yard run for the opening score at Purdue.

Williams has led the Saluki offense to being ranked 32nd in the FCS in passing, averaging 220.0 yards-per-game through the air.

Southern's signal caller is tied for 32nd in the country in total offense, averaging 233.0 total yards-per-game, and is tied for ninth in points responsible for at 36.

**Andrew Behm's Big Performance at Purdue**

Veteran linebacker Andrew Behm recorded 16 tackles against Purdue last Saturday. This is tied for 21st in program history for a single game.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS OFFENSE

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown	Last School
0	Tae Marrero	WR	5'10"	187	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	Charleston
1	DJ Williams	QB	6' 3"	218	Sr.	Harvey, Ill.	Murray State
2	Vinson Davis III	WR	5'8"	175	Sr.	Miramar, Fla.	Charleston Southern
4	Edward Robinson	RB	5'11"	195	So.	Cleveland, Ohio	Duquesne
6	Kyle Thomas	WR	6'3"	190	So.	Richton Park, Ill.	Northern Illinois
7	Jake Curry	QB	5'11"	185	So.	Edwardsville, Ill.	Edwardsville HS
8	Chandler Chapman	RB	5'11"	210	Jr.	Bay St. Louis, Miss.	Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
9	Fabian McCray	WR	6'2"	195	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Jackson State
10	Jackson Parker	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Kingston, N.Y.	Albany
11	Ty Walls	WR	6'0"	192	So.	Jenks, Okla.	Oklahoma State
13	Jay Jones	WR	6'4"	210	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Carnahan HS
14	Cal Weidemann	WR	6'1"	195	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	Iowa Central CC
16	ET Harris	QB	6'3"	170	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Kentucky Country Day
17	Owen Rann	QB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Harrisburg, Ill.	Harrisburg HS
18	Blayne Sisson	WR	6'2"	190	R-Fr.	Mount Carmel, Ill.	Illinois
19	JC Mirasola	QB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	HB Plant HS
24	Lem Wash	RB	5'10"	220	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.	South Dakota
25	Kayleb Wagner	RB	6'2"	220	So.	Baker, Fla.	Baker HS
26	Quade Chatmon	RB	6'0"	205	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Lee's Summit North
28	Lashaun Lester	RB	5'10"	210	Sr.	Summerville, Ga.	Chattooga HS
32	Jimmy Athans	RB	5'8"	192	Jr.	Lake Geneva, Wis.	IMG Academy
33	Dedrick Welch	RB	5'8"	163	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.	Liberty Magnet
37	Arshawan Powell	ATH	5'10"	150	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Evergreen Park
41	Aidan Quinn	TE	6'1"	245	Sr.	Greenbrier, Tenn.	Davidson Academy
42	Patrick Carr	TE	6'5"	245	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Fern Creek HS
47	Miles Marshall	TE	6'5"	260	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Pembroke Hill HS
52	Ethan Goodin	OL	6'5"	300	R-Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	Austin Peay
53	Noah Fenske	C	6'6"	310	Sr.	New Hampton, Iowa	Colorado
60	Cameron Dye	OT	6'4"	310	Sr.	Alpharetta, Ga.	Georgia State
61	Aiden Logan	G	6'6"	320	Sr.	Carthage, Mo.	Butler CC
62	Liam Carney	OL	6'5"	290	Fr.	Wauconda, Ill.	Wauconda HS
63	Jak Lindsey	C	6'5"	300	R-Fr.	Beaver Dam, Ky.	Owensboro HS
64	Quentin Boeke	OT	6'6"	290	R-Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	FJ Reitz HS
65	Owen Lee	OL	6'4"	295	Fr.	Carbondale, Ill.	Carbondale HS
66	Parker Getter	OT	6'6"	305	R-Fr.	Glenwood, Iowa	Glenwood Community HS
67	Blaine Halley	OT	6'7"	300	So.	Atlanta, Ill.	Olympia HS
68	Derek Harden Jr.	G	6'3"	330	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Archer HS
69	Aidan Duerig	G	6'6"	305	So.	Lowell, Ind.	Crown Point HS
70	Brendan Bisgrove	OL	6'4"	285	Fr.	Oswego, Ill.	Oswego HS
71	Ostyn Friday	C	6'2"	285	So.	Iowa City, Iowa	City High
72	Antonio Ross Jr.	OL	6'6"	315	R-Fr.	Flowood, Miss.	Jackson State
73	Coleon Smith	OT	6'6"	310	Sr.	Romulus, Mich.	Eastern Michigan
74	Jacob Katauskas	G	6'4"	310	R-Fr.	Lemont, Ill.	Coastal Carolina
75	Tristan Cooke-Dennis	OL	6'6"	315	Fr.	Westfield, Ind.	Westfield HS
76	Jimmy Lansing	OT	6'7"	320	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Chaminade Prep
77	Tyrese Reid	OT	6'7"	260	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Webster Groves HS
79	Donte Green	OL	6'4"	310	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Plainfield South HS
80	Gage Green	WR	6'1"	190	R-Fr.	Du Quoin, Ill.	Du Quoin HS
81	Jacques Carter	WR	5'10"	170	Fr.	Canton, Ohio	Massillon Washington
82	Chris Potter	WR	5'11"	175	Fr.	Kirkwood, Mo.	Kirkwood HS
83	Ryan Schwendeman	TE	6'5"	245	Jr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	St. Dominic HS
84	Tristen Payne	WR	6'1"	170	Fr.	Little Rock, Ark.	Milton HS
85	Lincoln Acree	WR	5'11"	160	Fr.	Graves County, Ky.	Graves County HS
86	Logan Minton	TE	6'7"	240	So.	Wildwood, Mo.	Lafayette HS
87	Karsen Konkel	TE	6'6"	235	R-Fr.	Pinckneyville, Ill.	Pinckneyville HS
89	Aiden Moriarty	TE	6'4"	250	R-Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Oswego East HS

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DEFENSE

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Hometown	Last School
2	Naz Hill	CB	6' 3"	185	So.	Kankakee, Ill.	Wyoming
3	Jagger Williams	DB	6' 2"	185	Sr.	Baldwin Hills, Calif.	Utah Tech
4	Vinny Pierre Jr.	S	6' 1"	200	Jr.	Belle Glade, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
5	Cejai Parson	S	6' 2"	195	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	White Station
6	Chris Presto	LB	6' 2"	230	Jr.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
7	Sebastian Vargas	CB	6' 1"	190	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla.	Florida
8	Jeremiah McClendon	CB	6' 0"	185	Sr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Florida International
9	Donnie Wingate	DE	6' 3"	250	Sr.	Choctaw, Okla.	Lindenwood
10	Bernadin Fleurima Jr.	DT	6' 0"	292	Sr.	Valley Stream, N.Y.	Robert Morris
11	Vontrell Chairse	DE	6' 3"	240	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Toledo
12	Johnny Schmitt	S	6' 1"	190	So.	Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
13	Camron Miller	DE	6' 3"	250	So.	Missouri City, Texas	Fresno City College
15	Charles Whelpley	LB	6' 2"	230	R-Fr.	Batavia, Ill.	Iowa State
16	Colin Bohanek	LB	6' 0"	227	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	Eastern Illinois
17	Tucker Murphy	S	6' 0"	195	Jr.	Murrieta, Calif.	Palomar College
20	Jake Parella	DE	6' 2"	255	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Oregon State
21	Matthew McClelland	S	6' 2"	200	Jr.	Mesa, Ariz.	Morehead State
22	Joshua Tillman	DB	6' 4"	200	R-Fr.	Waterford, Mich.	Northern Illinois
27	Denym Mitchell	CB	6' 0"	185	R-Fr.	Jackson, Miss.	Madison Central HS
29	Gavin Shepard	CB	5' 11"	175	R-Fr.	Miami Gardens, Fla.	Chaminade Madonna College Prep
31	Grant Thompson	S	6' 0"	190	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	North Atlanta HS
33	Shug Walker	LB	6' 2"	225	Sr.	Bethalto, Ill.	Murray State
34	David Obadein	LB	6' 2"	195	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill.	Plainfield HS
35	Cameron Cason	CB	6'0"	170	Fr.	Weldon Springs, Mo.	Francis Howell HS
36	Clayton Lakatos	S	6'1"	190	Fr.	Edwardsville, Ill.	Edwardsville HS
38	Stephen Green	LB	5'11"	200	Jr.	Collinsville, Ill.	Collinsville HS
39	Chase Reynolds	S	5'11"	191	Fr.	Collinsville, Ill.	Collinsville HS
40	Lukus McDaniels	DE	6-6	250	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Jeffersontown HS
43	Juwann Holmes	S	5-11	180	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	McKendree
44	Miles Wash	LB	5-11	225	So.	Wichita, Kan.	Derby HS
45	Ben Fiegel	LB	6-3	230	So.	Batavia, Ill.	Batavia HS
46	Andrew Behm	LB	6-2	230	Sr.	Appleton, Wis.	Akron
49	Max Bremer	DT	6-3	260	So.	Metropolis, Ill.	Massac County HS
52	Ryan Coby	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	Cardinal Newman
54	Colby Ryan	LB	6-1	215	So.	Greenup, Ill.	Cumberland HS
55	Alex Broshears	LS	5-11	205	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	Reitz Memorial HS
56	Nate Tronzo	DE	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Trinity HS
57	Kaden Clay	LB	6-0	207	Fr.	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglas HS
59	Brennan King	DE	6-2	235	Fr.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Cardinal Newman HS
88	Kaden Lewis	DT	6-2	290	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Ohio Dominican
90	Peyton Reeves	DT	6-2	305	Sr.	Basehor, Kan.	St. Thomas Aquinas
91	Kenneth Butler III	DT	6-2	275	Sr.	Newburgh, Ind.	Indiana State
92	Ryan Chandley II	DT	6-4	295	Jr.	Canton, Ga.	Cherokee HS
94	Amir Dwight	DT	6-1	272	So.	Cordele, Ga.	Crisp County HS

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SPECIALISTS

18	Jace Clark	LS	6-1	210	So.	Carbondale, Ill.	Carbondale HS
19	Paul Geelen	K/P	6-6	205	Sr.	Utrecht, Netherlands	William Jewell College
48	Ryan Algrim	LS	6-2	230	So.	Elburn, Ill.	Minnesota
55	Alex Broshears	LS	5-11	205	Fr.	Evansville, Ind.	Reitz Memorial HS
92	Elijah Gorman	P	5-11	200	Jr.	Kenosha, Wis.	Harborside Academy
99	Tanner Trachsel	K	6-3	205	R-Fr.	Olathe, Kan.	Olathe HS



## 2025 Southern Illinois Team Rankings

Category	Nation	MVFC	Value
3rd Down Conversion Pct (118 ranked)	29	4	0.429
3rd Down Conversion Pct Defense (118 ranked)	66	7	0.423
4th Down Conversion Pct (118 ranked)	51	7	0.500
4th Down Conversion Pct Defense (118 ranked)	89	8	0.750
Completion Percentage (118 ranked)	39	6	0.635
Fewest Penalties (118 ranked)	38	T-7	11
Fewest Penalty Yards (118 ranked)	78	9	126
Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game (118 ranked)	79	9	63.0
First Downs Defense (118 ranked)	59	6	42
First Downs Offense (118 ranked)	20	4	44
Fumbles Lost (118 ranked)	T-1	T-1	0
Fumbles Recovered (118 ranked)	T-5	T-1	3
Kickoff Return Defense (118 ranked)	59		21.0
Kickoff Returns (118 ranked)	T-3	1	36.5
Net Punting (118 ranked)	57	5	36.1
Passes Had Intercepted (118 ranked)	T-1	T-1	0
Passes Intercepted (118 ranked)	T-6	T-1	3
Passing Offense (118 ranked)	32	4	220.0
Passing Yards Allowed (118 ranked)	22	3	150.5
Passing Yards per Completion (118 ranked)	52	4	7.0
Punt Return Defense (118 ranked)	58		8.50
Red Zone Defense (118 ranked)	29	2	0.714
Red Zone Offense (118 ranked)	T-1	T-1	1.000
Rushing Defense (118 ranked)	41	7	137.5
Rushing Offense (118 ranked)	69	18	114.5
Sacks Allowed (118 ranked)	T-49	6	2.00
Scoring Defense (118 ranked)	23	4	18.5
Scoring Offense (118 ranked)	18	5	33.0
Team Passing Efficiency (118 ranked)	29	5	143.1
Team Passing Efficiency Defense (118 ranked)	31	4	111.3
Team Sacks (118 ranked)	78	10	2 total
Time of Possession (118 ranked)	111	10	25:01
Total Defense (118 ranked)	17	4	288.0
Total Offense (118 ranked)	52	6	334.5
Turnover Margin (118 ranked)	2	1	3.00
Turnovers Gained (118 ranked)	T-4	1	6
Turnovers Lost (118 ranked)	T-1	T-1	0

## Southern Illinois Individual Rankings

Statistic	Player	Nation	MVFC	Value
Passing Yards	DJ Williams	26	2	429
Passing Touchdowns	DJ Williams	T-12	T-2	4
Receiving Yards	Vinson Davis III	43	3	134
Yards per Reception	Fabian McCray	12	3	23.3
Tackles	Andrew Behm	13	4	22
Points Responsible For	DJ Williams	T-9		36

Behm played in six games in 2024, missing the rest due to injury. Now fully healthy, the senior from Appleton, Wis., is tied for 13th in the FCS in total tackles with 22 on the year.

### Paul Geelen Hits Career-Long Field Goal

Senior punter/kicker Paul Geelen made a 53-yard field goal at the 07:41 mark of the fourth quarter against Purdue, which set a new career-long.

Geelen was named to the Shrine Bowl 1000 Watchlist on July 28. Geelen was amongst the best in the country on special teams in 2024, ranking 19th in the FCS in punting with an average of 43.12 yards-per-punt.

In 2024, Geelen was 10-for-15 on field goals for a percentage of .667 with a long of 50, which came against North Dakota State on Oct. 12, 2024.

### Stats Perform FCS Top 25

Southern Illinois is now ranked No. 17 in the latest Stats Perform FCS Top 25 Poll after previously being ranked at No. 14 last week. North Dakota State and South Dakota State remained in the top two spots respectively as both have started the year 2-0.

SIU is one of six Valley teams to be ranked in the poll.

### Salukis Rise in AFCA FCS Coaches Poll

After moving up from No. 20 to No. 15 last week, Southern Illinois has again climbed in the most recent AFCA FCS Coaches Poll as it is now No. 14. Similar to the Stats Perform Poll, North Dakota State and South Dakota State sit in the top two spots.

SIU will face five ranked teams according to the poll. Its first ranked opponent will be No. 1 North Dakota State on Oct. 11 in Fargo, N.D., followed by a home matchup vs. No. 17 North Dakota on Oct. 18. Then, the Salukis will close-out the year with three-straight ranked games against No. 25 Youngstown State on Nov. 8, No. 20 South Dakota on Nov. 15 in Carbondale and No. 4 Illinois State on Nov. 22 in Normal.

Indiana State, Northern Iowa, and SEMO also all received votes.

### Deep Receiver Room Showing Promising Signs Through Two Weeks

In a mostly new-look receiver room, seven different Salukis recorded at least two receptions in Week One vs. Thomas More. Vinson Davis III, who is the team's leading returning receiver, paced the team in both catches (six) and yards (97) against the Saints. Veteran Jay Jones and newcomers Fabian McCray and Jackson Parker all found the end zone in Week One.

One week later, McCray led the team in receiving with 72 yards on two receptions.

McCray comes to SIU by way of Jackson State, where he played just three games in 2024 due to injuries. The Chicago native was on the preseason HBCU+ Player of the Year Watch List prior to the injury. Parker spent five seasons at Albany (2020-24) and played in 35 games before arriving in Carbondale. During his time there, Parker tallied 94 career catches for 1,224 yards and five touchdowns.

In terms of returners, senior Jay Jones caught five passes for 132 yards and one touchdown last season. Jones played in eight games in 2024, which matches his total from his first four years at SIU combined (did not play in 2020 and redshirted in 2021).

### Stats Perform Preseason All-America Teams

Colin Bohanek was Southern Illinois' lone representative on the 2025 Stats Perform Preseason All-America Teams, which was released on July 15. Bohanek was one of two linebackers to be named to the third team.

### Southern Illinois Lands 13 Players on MVFC Preseason Watch List

The Salukis have 12 players on the MVFC Preseason Watch List, which came out on July 21.

### MVFC PRESEASON POLL

1. North Dakota State (39)	417
2. South Dakota State	355
3. South Dakota (3)	349
4. Illinois State	292
5. Youngstown State	211
6. Southern Illinois	208
7. North Dakota	196
8. Northern Iowa	130
9. Indiana State	105
10. Murray State	47



Those players are the following: DJ Williams, Aidan Quinn, Ryan Schwendeman, Cameron Dye, Noah Fenske, Vinson Davis III, Donnie Wingate, Colin Bohanek, Chris Presto, Jeremiah McClendon, Ryan Algrim, and Paul Geelen.

### Historic Crowd for SIU vs. SEMO in 2024

The 13,421 fans in attendance for Family Weekend last season on Sept. 21 versus SEMO were the second-most in stadium history, behind only the standing-room crowd of 15,276 that attended the opening of the stadium in 2010 versus Division II Quincy. Saluki Stadium seats approximately 14,000 in its horseshoe-shaped seating bowl, with an official stadium capacity of 15,774 that includes the standing-room area of the berm.

### Postseason success under Hill

Of SIU's 11 playoff appearances in school history, Hill was the quarterback of two teams (2006, 2007) and head coach of three (2020, 2021, 2023). The Salukis have won 11 playoff games in school history and Hill was a part of six of them (quarterbacked three wins and coached three more).

Since 2019, only three FCS programs have won three or more playoff games (South Dakota State, North Dakota State and Southern Illinois).

### Saluki Football in the last five seasons...

- Three FCS Playoff appearances and three playoff wins
- 12-14 against FCS ranked teams, including wins over No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4.
- Power Five win at Northwestern (9/17/22) — the only FCS team to beat a Power Five in 2022
- FBS win at Northern Illinois (9/6/23)
- FCS Playoffs Elite 8 (Spring, 2021)
- Playoffs Sweet 16 (Fall, 2021, 2023)
- Twenty-two weeks ranked in the FCS Top 10, as high as No. 3 (Oct. 25, 2021)

### A Look at the Coaching Staff

Lee Pronschinske, who coached the safeties in 2024, was promoted to defensive coordinator at the conclusion of the season and is entering his first year in the role. Pronschinske will continue coaching the safeties as well.

Darius Davis and Eriq Moore are two new additions to the staff for 2025. Davis will serve as the team's defensive line coach while Eriq Moore will coach the cornerbacks. Prior to SIU, Davis spent three years at Robert Morris (2022-24) in the same role and coached SIU transfer defensive tackle Bernadin Fleurima Jr.

Moore arrived in Carbondale in April of 2025 after coaching defensive backs for two seasons at Missouri Western State. As a player, Moore was a three-year starter at SEMO (2013-16).

### Where SIU Ranked Statistically in 2024

Despite several injuries to the quarterback position, Southern Illinois still ranked third in the MVFC in passing, averaging 234.6 yards-per-game. This also ranked 30th in the country at the end of the season.

SIU's 13 interceptions were the fourth-most in the conference and were just one behind South Dakota, South Dakota State, and Illinois State for the league-lead.

The Salukis had a top five red zone defense in the Valley, as opponents converted at a rate of 79.5%. In the FCS, this ranked 47th out of 123 teams.

### One of two FCS teams to beat FBS opponents in both 2022 and 2023

Southern Illinois was one of two FCS teams that beat FBS opponents in both 2022 and 2023. The Salukis defeated Northwestern in 2022 and beat Northern Illinois in 2023. Sacramento State beat Colorado State (2022) and Stanford (2023).

### Jake Curry to back-up DJ Williams after Busy Freshman Year

Jake Curry became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Salukis in 35 years (Brendon Prenger, a true freshman walk-on QB, started at Northern Iowa on Nov. 11, 1989) in 2025 after Southern lost both Williams and Hunter Simmons due to injury. Curry took over in Game 7 vs. North Dakota State after Simmons went down.

Curry went on to play in seven games and make five starts in his first year as a Saluki. The Edwardsville, Ill., native finished the season 82-of-147 for 931 yards, three touchdowns, and seven interceptions. Curry also ran 45 times for 159 yards and three touchdowns.

Against Youngstown State, Curry helped lead SIU back from a 28-0 deficit to win, 37-33, earning the then freshman quarterback Stats Perform National Freshman Player of the Week honors. Curry threw for 322 yards with three touchdowns to go along with 78 yards on the ground and one touchdown.

The comeback was the largest in school history and tied for the largest in conference history.

### Experience Across the Offensive Line

Southern's offensive line boasts plenty of experience in 2025. All five projected starters – Coleon Smith, Aiden Logan, Noah Fenske, Derek Harden Jr., and Cameron Dye – are seniors with at least five years under their belt.

Fenske is entering his second year as a starter for SIU after sitting out the 2023 campaign due to NCAA transfer rules.

On the outside, tackles Dye and Smith have a combined 10 years

### Nick Hill versus ...

	H	A	All
Arkansas State	0-0	0-1	0-1
Austin Peay	1-0	1-0	2-0
BYU	0-0	0-1	0-1
Dayton	1-0	0-0	1-0
Florida Atlantic	0-0	0-1	0-1
Idaho	0-0	0-1	0-1
Illinois State	2-2	1-2	3-4
Incarnate Word	1-0	0-1	1-1
Indiana State	1-2	3-1	4-3
Kansas State	0-0	0-1	0-1
Memphis	0-0	0-1	0-1
Missouri State	2-2	2-3	4-5
Mississippi	0-0	0-1	0-1
Miss. Valley St.	1-0	0-0	1-0
Murray State	2-0	2-0	4-0
Nicholls State	1-0	0-0	1-0
Northwestern	0-0	1-0	1-0
North Dakota	2-0	0-1	2-1
North Dakota St.	1-2	0-4	1-6
Northern Illinois	0-0	1-0	1-0
Northern Iowa	1-2	0-2	1-4
Purdue	0-0	0-1	0-1
SEMO	2-3	3-1	5-4
Southeastern La.	1-0	0-0	1-0
South Dakota	1-2	2-3	3-4
South Dakota St.	0-4	1-4	1-7
Thomas More	1-0	0-0	1-0
UMass	0-0	1-0	1-0
UT Martin	1-0	0-0	1-0
Weber State	0-0	1-0	1-0
Western Illinois	2-1	3-1	5-2
Youngstown St.	2-2	1-4	3-6

**TOTAL** **26-22 23-35 49-57**

vs. FCS Coaches Top 25.....	15-30
vs. FCS Coaches Top 10.....	8-16
vs. Unranked FCS Teams .....	28-20
When Ranked.....	27-22
vs. FBS Teams .....	3-7
Home.....	26-22
Road.....	23-35
Neutral .....	0-0
Conference.....	28-42
When rushing for 200+ .....	20-11
When passing for 300+ .....	11-14
When scoring 35+ .....	31-6
Opponents score <10.....	12-0
When forcing 3 or more TOs .....	18-4
When SIU scores first .....	28-23
When SIU leads at half .....	35-18
When SIU trails at half .....	10-37
When SIU is tied at half .....	4-1
When leading after third .....	41-11
When trailing after third .....	7-43
When tied after third .....	0-1
Games decided 3 or less .....	8-12
Games decided by 11+ .....	31-28
Games decided by 8-10.....	4-6





of experience. Guards Logan and Harden Jr. have a total of 11 years between them.

The offensive line is coached by Dan Clark, who has been in the role since 2022. Clark previously coached at Illinois State before joining the Salukis.

### Related — or Not?

#### Brothers

DL Caden Reeves, DL Peyton Reeves

RB Lem Wash, LB Miles Wash

#### Not related

LB Stephen Green, OL Donte Green, WR Gage Green

QB DJ Williams, DB Jagger Williams

### Salukis on active NFL rosters

- SIU currently has three players on NFL rosters — S Jeremy Chinn (Las Vegas), LB Branson Combs (Jacksonville), S PJ Jules (Cincinnati).
- Chinn was a second-round draft pick (64th overall) in the 2020 draft and runner-up for Defensive Rookie of the Year. The safety signed a two-year, \$16.25 million contract with Las Vegas in March.
- Jules, who was on the Bengals' practice squad in 2024, is now a member of the 53-man roster for the 2025 season. Combs was signed to Jacksonville's practice squad.

### Salukis' NFL Tradition

- 43 SIU football alums went on to play in the NFL
- RB Brandon Jacobs was a two-time Super Bowl Champion with New York Giants.
- QB Jim Hart was a four-time Pro Bowl selection who threw for 34,665 career yards with the St. Louis Cardinals. Later, he served as SIU's director of athletics.
- LB Bart Scott was an 11-year NFL pro with the Baltimore Ravens and New York Jets.
- OL Carl Mauck was a 13-year NFL veteran and a 21-year NFL assistant coach (OL).

### In 11 Playoff Appearances, SIU is 11-10

1. **1983:** Beat Indiana St. in the first round 23-7, beat Nevada in the second round 23-7 and beat Western Carolina in Charleston, SC for the **1AA Championship**, 43-7.
2. **2003:** Lost at Delaware in the first round, 45-7.
3. **2004:** Lost to Eastern Washington in the first round, 35-31.
4. **2005:** Won at Eastern Illinois in the first round 21-6 and lost at Appalachian St. in the second round, 38-24.
5. **2006:** Beat UT-Martin 36-30 in the first round and lost at Montana 20-3 in the second round.
6. **2007:** Beat Eastern Illinois 30-11 in the first round, beat Massachusetts 34-27 in the second round and lost to Delaware in the **Final Four**, 20-17.
7. **2008:** Lost to New Hampshire in the first round, 29-20.
8. **2009:** Beat Eastern Illinois, 48-7 in the first round and lost to William and Mary in the second round, 24-3.
9. **2020-21 (Spring):** Won at Weber St. in the first round, 34-31 and lost at South Dakota St. in the **Elite Eight**, 31-26.
10. **2021:** Won at South Dakota in the first round, 22-10. Lost at North Dakota State in the second round, 38-7.
11. **2023:** Beat Nicholls State, 35-0. Lost at Idaho, 20-17 (OT)

### Quick Facts

Carbondale, Illinois is located in the southern tip of the state — about a five-hour drive south of Chicago and two hours southeast of St. Louis...Many of SIU's alums are concentrated in those two cities...

### Stats Perform FCS Top 25

	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	North Dakota State	2-0	1393	1
2	South Dakota State	2-0	1351	2
3	Tarleton State	3-0	1260	5
4	Montana State	0-2	1202	3
5	Montana	1-0	1123	6
6	Rhode Island	2-0	1050	9
7	Illinois State	1-1	1049	7
8	Idaho	1-1	937	10
9	UC Davis	1-1	885	8
10	Lehigh	2-0	836	11
11	Villanova	1-0	743	13
12	South Dakota	0-2	649	4
13	Abilene Christian	1-1	648	16
14	UIW	1-1	568	12
15	Tennessee Tech	2-0	560	17
16	North Dakota	1-1	535	20
17	Southern Illinois	1-1	510	14
18	Northern Arizona	1-1	409	19
19	Jackson State	1-1	381	15
20	Monmouth	2-0	373	21
21	Sacramento State	0-2	253	18
22	Austin Peay	1-1	233	NR
23	New Hampshire	2-0	132	NR
24	Lamar	1-1	121	NR
25	West Georgia	2-0	110	NR

**Dropped Out of Top 25:** Nicholls (22); Mercer (23); Southern Utah (24); Stephen F. Austin (25)

**Others Receiving Votes** Mercer (0-1), 101; Presbyterian (2-0), 100; Harvard (0-0), 86; Southeast Missouri (1-1), 86; ETSU (1-1), 73; Richmond (1-1, 0-1 Patriot), 64; UT Martin (0-2), 59; Youngstown State (2-0), 59; Nicholls (1-2, 1-0 Southland), 52; Eastern Kentucky (1-1), 31; Southern Utah (1-1), 29; Gardner-Webb (1-1), 27; Stephen F. Austin (0-2), 27; South Carolina State (1-1), 14; Stony Brook (0-2, 0-1 CAA), 13; Tennessee State (1-1), 13; Towson (2-0), 9; Western Carolina (0-2), 5; Bryant (1-1), 5; LIU (1-1), 5

### AFCA FCS Coaches Poll

	Team (First-Place Votes)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	North Dakota State (24)	2-0	648	1
2	South Dakota State (2)	2-0	623	2
3	Tarleton State	3-0	594	T-3
4	Illinois State	1-1	516	7
5	Rhode Island	2-0	509	8
6	Montana State	0-2	494	T-3
7	Montana	1-0	481	10
8	UIW	1-1	422	9
9	UC Davis	1-1	421	5
10	Idaho	1-1	389	11
11	Villanova	1-0	374	12
12	Lehigh	2-0	354	13
13	Abilene Christian	1-1	297	17
14	Southern Illinois	1-1	266	15
15	Jackson State	1-1	236	14
16	Tennessee Tech	2-0	233	20
17	North Dakota	1-1	230	22
18	Monmouth	2-0	227	18
19	Northern Arizona	1-1	184	19
20	South Dakota	0-2	172	6
21	Sacramento State	0-2	129	16
22	Mercer	0-1	82	21
23	Austin Peay	1-1	73	NR
24	New Hampshire	2-0	72	NR
25	Youngstown State	2-0	56	NR

The Southern Illinois region is informally known as "Little Egypt," hence the adoption of the Saluki (an Egyptian hunting dog) as the school mascot.

### Salukis vs. the FBS

Since becoming a I-AA/FCS member in 1982, SIU is 6-38 versus FBS teams. Nick Hill was involved in five of the wins as either a player (Indiana-2006, Northern Illinois-2007) or head coach (UMass-2019, Northwestern-2022, Northern Illinois-2023).

**Saluki Offense 2-Deep**

WR	13	<b>Jay Jones 6-4, 210, Sr.</b>
	6	Kyle Thomas, 6-3, 190, So.
WR	2	<b>Vinson Davis III, 5-8, 175, Sr.</b>
	0	Tae Marrero Jr., 5-10, 187, Sr.
WR	9	<b>Fabian McCray, 6-2, 195, Sr.</b>
	10	Jackson Parker, 6-2, 205, Sr.
LT	73	<b>Coleon Smith, 6-6, 310, Sr.</b>
	67	Blaine Halley, 6-7, 300, So.
LG	61	<b>Aiden Logan, 6-6, 320, Sr.</b>
	74	Jacob Katauskas, 6-4, 310, R-Fr.
C	53	<b>Noah Fenske, 6-6, 310, Sr.</b>
	71	Ostyn Friday, 6-2, 285, So.
RG	68	<b>Derek Harden Jr., 6-3, 330, Sr.</b>
	69	Aidan Duerig, 6-6, 305, So.
RT	60	<b>Cameron Dye, 6-4, 310, Sr.</b>
	76	Jimmy Lansing, 6-7, 320, Jr.
QB	1	<b>DJ Williams, 6-3, 218, Sr.</b>
	7	Jake Curry, 5-11, 185, So.
RB	28	<b>Shaun Lester Jr., 5-10, 210, Sr.</b>
	8	Chandler Chapman, 5-11, 210, Jr.
TE	41	<b>Aidan Quinn, 6-1, 245, Sr.</b>
	83	Ryan Schwendeman, 6-5, 245, Jr.

**Saluki Defense 2-Deep**

DE	9	<b>Donnie Wingate, 6-3, 250, Sr.</b>
	56	Nate Tronzo, 6-4, 255, R-Fr.
DT	90	<b>Peyton Reeves, 6-2, 305, Sr.</b>
	10	Bernadin Fleurima Jr., 6-0, 292, Sr.
DT	99	<b>Caden Reeves, 6-3, 285, Sr.</b>
	or	
	94	Amir Dwight, 6-1, 272, So.
DE	20	<b>Jake Parella, 6-2, 255, Sr.</b>
	11	Vontrell Chairse, 6-3, 245, Sr.
MIKE	46	<b>Andrew Behm, 6-2, 230, Sr.</b>
	45	Ben Fiegel, 6-3, 230, So.
WILL	16	<b>Colin Bohanek, 6-0, 227, Sr.</b>
	33	Shug Walker, 6-2, 225, Sr.
BEAR	6	<b>Chris Presto, 6-2, 230, Jr.</b>
	38	Stephen Green, 5-11, 200, Jr.
CB	29	<b>Gavin Shepard, 5-11, 175, R-Fr.</b>
	27	Denym Mitchell, 6-0, 185, R-Fr.
S	5	<b>Cejai Parson, 6-2, 195, Sr.</b>
	12	Johnny Schmitt, 6-1, 190, So.
S	3	<b>Jagger Williams, 6-2, 185, Sr.</b>
	or	
	4	Vinny Pierre Jr., 6-1, 200, Jr.
CB	8	<b>Jeremiah McClendon, 6-0, 185, Sr.</b>
	7	Sebastian Vargas, 6-1, 190, Jr.

**Saluki Specialists 2-Deep**

K	19	<b>Paul Geelen, 6-6, 205, Sr.</b>
	99	Tanner Trachsel, 6-3, 205, R-Fr.
KO	19	<b>Paul Geelen, 6-6, 205, Sr.</b>
	99	Tanner Trachsel, 6-3, 205, R-Fr.
P	19	<b>Paul Geelen, 6-6, 205, Sr.</b>
	92	Elijah Gorman, 5-11, 200, Jr.
LS	48	<b>Ryan Algrim, 6-2, 230, So.</b>
	18	Jace Clark, 6-1, 210, So.
H	18	<b>Jace Clark, 6-1, 210, So.</b>
	92	Elijah Gorman, 5-11, 200, Jr.
KR	2	<b>Vinson Davis III, 5-8, 175, Sr.</b>
	0	Tae Marrero Jr., 5-10, 187, Sr.
PR	0	<b>Tae Marrero Jr., 5-10, 185, Jr.</b>
	2	Vinson Davis III, 5-8, 175, Jr.

**2025 Game-By-Game Starters**

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	WR	WR	WR	TE	K
Thomas More	Smith	Logan	Fenske	Harden Jr.	Dye	Williams	Lester	Davis III	McCray	Jones	Quinn	Geelen
Purdue	Smith	Logan	Fenske	Harden Jr.	Dye	Williams	Chapman	Davis III	McCray	Jones	Quinn	Geelen
Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	CB	S	S	CB	P
Thomas More	Wingate	P. Reeves	C. Reeves	Parella	Behm	Bohanek	Presto	Shepard	Parson	Pierre Jr.	McClendon	Geelen
Purdue	Wingate	P. Reeves	C. Reeves	Parella	Behm	Bohanek	Presto	Shepard	Parson	Pierre Jr.	McClendon	Geelen



## Entering his 10th season as head coach in 2025, Nick Hill has elevated his alma mater into one of the elite programs in FCS Football.

A native son of Southern Illinois and one of Saluki Football's all-time great quarterbacks, Hill made it his mission to restore the program to its place among the nation's best. By any standard, he has achieved that goal.

Playing in the toughest conference at the FCS level, the Salukis have advanced to the playoffs three times in the last five seasons. Southern is one of only four FCS programs to accomplish this feat, joining North Dakota State, South Dakota State and Montana.

SIU was one of only two FCS teams in the nation to beat FBS opponents in both 2022 (Northwestern) and 2023 (Northern Illinois), joining Sacramento State, which beat Colorado State (2022) and Stanford (2023).

In its history, Saluki Football has won six games against FBS-level teams, and Hill has been a part of five of those wins (two as starting quarterback, three as head coach).

The Salukis have dominated in-state competition under Hill, winning their eight of their last nine games against in-state schools (Northern Illinois, Northwestern, Illinois State twice, Western Illinois four times). The lone loss came against Illinois State Oct. 5, 2024.

Southern has beaten 11 ranked FCS teams in the last four seasons, including wins over the No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4-ranked opponents.

Since 2020, the Salukis have been nationally ranked for 43 weeks, including 18 weeks in the top 10 and as high as No. 3. They enter the 2024 season having been ranked every week since Week 1 of 2023.

SIU has won three playoff games in the last five seasons, winning at Weber State (2020), at South Dakota (2021) and versus Nicholls State (2023), in the first home playoff game in Saluki Stadium history.

The program has produced multiple NFL players during Hill's tenure, including safeties Jeremy Chinn and Ryan Neal, cornerbacks Craig James and Madre Harper, plus tight end MyCole Pruitt. Chinn was a second-round draft pick of the Carolina Panthers and the 64th player chosen overall in 2020.

A leader on and off the field, Hill won the 2023 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Grant Teaff Coach of the Year Award, sponsored by the AFCA.

Hill's journey to the top job at SIU started just 20 miles north of campus, where he was a football and basketball icon at DuQuoin High School. During his senior year of high school in 2002-03, Hill was the area's Player of the Year in both sports and guided the Indians to the Illinois High School Association 3A state championship football game.

The legend continued on the hardwood where Hill averaged 23 points as a senior at Du Quoin and chose Western Kentucky from a host of Division I offers. A broken hand prematurely ended his freshman season at Western but ultimately led him home.

In the spring of 2004, Hill transferred to SIU to switch sports and play football under head coach Jerry Kill, just as

### The Hill File

**Birthday:** April 5, 1985 (Age 40)

**Hometown:** Du Quoin, Illinois

**Alma mater:** Southern Illinois, 2008

**NFL Career:** Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers

**AFL Career:** Rio Grande Valley

Dorados, Orlando Predators,

Tampa Bay Storm, San Antonio Talons

**Carbondale H.S.:** Head coach in 2013



### Collegiate Coaching Record

Year	School	Assignment	Overall	MVFC
2014	Southern Illinois	Quarterbacks	6-6	3-5 (t-7th)
2015	Southern Illinois	OC/QBs	3-8	2-6 (9th)
2016	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	4-7	2-6 (t-8th)
2017	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	4-7	2-6 (t-8th)
2018	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	2-9	1-7 (10th)
2019	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	7-5	5-3 (t-3rd)
2020	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	6-4	3-3 (5th)
2021	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	8-5	5-3 (3rd)
2022	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	5-6	4-4 (6th)
2023	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	8-5	4-4 (7th)
2024	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	4-8	2-6 (8th)
2025	Southern Illinois	Head Coach	1-1	1-0 (5th)
<b>Career Southern Illinois Head Coach</b>			<b>49-57</b>	<b>28-42</b>

the program was beginning its rapid rise to the top of the league standings.

Hill initially sat behind league Player of the Year Joel Sambursky, before taking over the starting job in 2006. In two seasons as the starter, he went 21-6 and set the school record for passing yards in 2007. He still holds the best completion percentage (68.3) in school history.

Highlights of Hill's playing career include guiding Southern to a win at Indiana in 2006, in which he passed for four touchdowns as SIU became the league's first team to defeat a Big Ten opponent. Hill capped off his career in 2007 by leading the team to the Final Four of the playoffs, where the Salukis ultimately lost a 20-17 heartbreaker to Joe Flacco and Delaware. He was also a finalist for the Peyton Award in '07.

Hill played six seasons of professional football, mostly in the Arena Football League, where he played for head coach Jay Gruden, who went on to coach NFL's Washington Redskins from 2014-2019. Hill also had brief free-agent stints with the Chicago Bears in 2008 and Green Bay Packers in 2012.

Playing for Gruden, one of the game's top offensive minds, helped shape Hill's offensive philosophy. First as Southern's offensive coordinator and now as head coach, Hill has refined his own unique style of offense that combines elements of Air Raid, spread and up-tempo.

"Coaching my alma mater is a dream come true," Hill said. "I love everything about this region and what it stands for, that blue-collar mentality. This is not my team. This is our team. Our program is going to invest in the community and make us proud on and off the field."

Hill and wife, Alicia, a former volleyball player at SIU, reside in Carbondale and have three daughters. His brother, former Saluki quarterback A.J. Hill, coaches football at Rochester (Ill.) High School.

**QUICK FACTS**

School .....	Southern Illinois University
Location .....	Carbondale, Ill.
Founded .....	1869
Enrollment .....	11,790 (Fall, 2024)
Nickname .....	Salukis
Colors .....	Maroon and White
Affiliation .....	NCAA Division I (FCS)
Conference .....	Missouri Valley Football
President .....	Dr. Daniel F. Mahony
Chancellor .....	Dr. Austin A. Lane
Director of Athletics .....	Tim Leonard
Football Athletic Trainer .....	Mike Lyznicki
Equipment Manager .....	Matt Orbany
Football Office Phone .....	(618) 453-3332
Ticket Office Phone .....	(618) 453-2000

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

Stadium (Capacity) .....	Saluki Stadium (15,000)
First Season .....	2010
Surface .....	FieldTurf Classic HD
Record .....	43-37

**TEAM INFORMATION**

2024 Record .....	4-8
Home .....	3-3
Road .....	1-5
MVFC (Finish) .....	2-6 (9th)
Offensive Starters Returning .....	5
QB DJ Williams, RB Shaun Lester, C Noah Fenske, OT Cam Dye, WR Vinson Davis III	
Defensive Starters Returning .....	5
DE Caden Reeves, DT Peyton Reeves, LB Chris Presto, LB Shug Walker, CB Jeremiah McClendon	
Special Teams Returning Starters .....	1
K/P Paul Geelen	

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Head Coach .....	Nick Hill
Alma Mater .....	Southern Illinois, 2008
Defensive Coordinator / Safeties .....	Lee Pronschinske
Alma Mater .....	Winona State, 2016
Dan Clark .....	Offensive Line
Darius Davis .....	Defensive Line
Nathan Frame .....	Special Teams Coordinator, Defensive Assistant
Zach Grant .....	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
Nate Griffin .....	Tight Ends
Mac McLeran .....	Linebackers
Ryan McVicker .....	Quarterbacks
Eriq Moore .....	Cornerbacks
Larry Warner .....	Running Backs
Chris Gillespie .....	Director of Football Operations
Meade Smith .....	Head Strength Coach
Michael Lindauer .....	Graduate Assistant
Jack Halperin .....	Director of Player Personnel & Recruiting
Devan Williams .....	Video Coordinator
Reece Barrow .....	Defensive Assistant
Jacqueline Crain .....	Graduate Assistant

**PRONUNCIATIONS**

#0 Tae Marrero Jr. ....	Tay Mario
#2 Naz Hill .....	nahz
#5 Cejai Parson .....	CJ
#8 Jeremiah McClendon .....	muh-clen-DIN
#10 Bernadin Fleurima Jr. ....	fluh-REE-muh
#11 Vontrell Chairse .....	sha-ZAY
#14 Cal Weidemann .....	wide-UH-men
#16 Colin Bohanek .....	bo-han-ick
#18 Blayne Sisson .....	sis-in
#27 Denym Mitchell .....	Denim
#32 Jimmy Athans .....	ath-ins
#33 Shug Walker .....	shuug (like sugar)
#34 David Obadein .....	oh-buh-dine
#45 Ben Fiegel .....	fee-gull
#46 Andrew Behm .....	Bame
#53 Noah Fenske .....	fin-skee
#64 Quentin Boeke .....	Bake-EE
#67 Blaine Halley .....	how-lee
#69 Aidan Duerig .....	dur-ig
#74 Jacob Katauskas .....	kuh-tow-skus
#94 Amir Dwight .....	UH-meer
#98 Noah Friedt .....	freed
#99 Tanner Trachsel .....	track-sull
Lee Pronschinske .....	pron-CHIN-ski
Michael Lindauer .....	LIND-hour





# SALUKIS VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

Oct. 30, 2020	#25	SEMO	W	20	17
Feb. 27, 2021	#1	North Dakota State	W	38	14
Mar. 13, 2021	#4	Northern Iowa	W	17	16
Mar. 20, 2021	#6	South Dakota State	L	3	44
April 17, 2021	#15	SE Louisiana	W	55	48
April 24, 2021	#3	at Weber State*	W	34	31
May 2, 2021	#2	at South Dakota State*	L	26	31
Oct. 9, 2021	#2	at South Dakota State	W	42	41
Oct. 16, 2021	#22	North Dakota	W	31	28
Oct. 30, 2021	#16	at Northern Iowa	L	16	23
Nov. 6, 2021	#17	Missouri State	L	28	38
Nov. 27, 2021	#17	at South Dakota*	W	22	10
Dec. 4, 2021	#3	at North Dakota State*	L	7	38
Sept. 3, 2022	#14	at Incarnate Word	L	29	64
Sept. 24, 2022	#19	North Dakota	W	34	17
Oct. 8, 2022	#20	at Missouri State	W	38	21
Nov. 12, 2022	#4	North Dakota State	L	18	21
Sept. 16, 2023	#13	at SEMO	W	26	25
Oct. 21, 2023	#1	South Dakota State	L	10	17
Nov. 4, 2023	#9	South Dakota	L	7	14
Nov. 11, 2023	#12	North Dakota State	L	10	34
Dec. 2, 2023	#4	at Idaho	L	17	20

\* Denotes Playoff Game

## SIU's Record Vs....

Ranked Teams .....	58-90
Top 10 Teams .....	21-49
Top 5 Teams .....	12-26
No. 1 Teams .....	2-5

## Salukis Versus FBS Ranked Opponents

Date	Rank	Opponent	Result	SIU	Opp
Oct. 28, 1967	#8	Tulsa	W	16	13
Sept. 29, 1973	#11	Oklahoma State	L	7	70
Oct. 9, 1982	#20	at Florida State	L	8	59
Nov. 10, 1990	#15	at Illinois	L	21	56

## Salukis Versus FBS and Power 5 Opponents

Since becoming a I-AA/FCS member in 1982, SIU is 6-38 versus FBS teams, including a 2-20 mark against Power 5 opponents. (Power Five teams listed in bold.)

Date	Attend.	FBS Opponent	Result	SIU	Opp
Oct. 2, 1982	22,359	at Louisiana	L	10	20
<b>Oct. 9, 1982</b>	<b>51,233</b>	<b>at Florida State</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>
Oct. 16, 1982	26,935	at Tulsa	L	3	22
Oct. 29, 1983	14,000	New Mexico State	W	41	3
Sept. 1, 1984	17,127	at Tulsa	L	10	23
<b>Sept. 14, 1985</b>	<b>76,330</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Oct. 4, 1986</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>at Kansas</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Oct. 3, 1987</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>at Kansas</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Oct. 10, 1987	34,523	at Fresno State	L	0	35
Oct. 22, 1988	13,000	at Northern Illinois	L	9	10
<b>Oct. 29, 1988</b>	<b>50,093</b>	<b>at Kentucky</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>24</b>
Sept. 2, 1989	15,280	at Nevada	L	3	41
Oct. 7, 1989	23,933	at Northern Illinois	L	24	29
<b>Sept. 22, 1990</b>	<b>64,469</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Nov. 10, 1990</b>	<b>52,812</b>	<b>at South Carolina</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>38</b>
Nov. 9, 1991	15,650	at Louisiana Tech	L	16	48
Sept. 18, 1993	22,984	at Toledo	L	28	49
Oct. 2, 1993	14,852	at Northern Illinois	L	15	45
<b>Sept. 10, 1994</b>	<b>25,134</b>	<b>at Mississippi</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Sept. 23, 2000</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>at Kansas</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Nov. 24, 2001</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>at Baylor</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>
Sept. 28, 2002	15,221	at Eastern Michigan	L <sup>(2017)</sup>	45	48
Sept. 11, 2004	28,021	at Northern Illinois	L	22	23
Sept. 17, 2005	24,497	at Western Michigan	L	28	34
<b>Sept. 16, 2006</b>	<b>31,150</b>	<b>at Indiana*</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>
Sept. 8, 2007	24,182	at Northern Illinois	W	34	31
<b>Sept. 13, 2008</b>	<b>19,062</b>	<b>at Northwestern</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>
Sept. 5, 2009	24,012	at Marshall	L	28	31
<b>Sept. 11, 2010</b>	<b>52,217</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Sept. 10, 2011</b>	<b>58,504</b>	<b>at Mississippi</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42</b>
Sept. 8, 2012	17,725	at Miami University	L	14	30
<b>Aug. 31, 2013</b>	<b>42,175</b>	<b>at Illinois</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Sept. 20, 2014</b>	<b>31,434</b>	<b>at Purdue</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Sept. 5, 2015</b>	<b>36,071</b>	<b>at Indiana</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>
Sept. 3, 2016	14,887	at Florida Atlantic	L	30	38
Sept. 23, 2017	41,584	at Memphis	L	31	44
<b>Sept. 8, 2018</b>	<b>53,339</b>	<b>at Mississippi</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>76</b>
Sept. 7, 2019	10,524	at UMass	W	45	20
Sept. 21, 2019	24,176	at Arkansas State	L	28	41
<b>Sept. 11, 2021</b>	<b>47,628</b>	<b>at Kansas State</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Sept. 17, 2022</b>	<b>23,146</b>	<b>at Northwestern</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>
Sept. 9, 2023	13,114	at Northern Illinois	W	14	11
<b>Aug. 31, 2024</b>	<b>63,712</b>	<b>at BYU</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Sept. 6, 2025</b>	<b>54,663</b>	<b>at Purdue</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>

\*First-ever win by a Gateway/MVFC school over a Big Ten opponent.



# MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

## Wins, Losses and Streaks

All-time Games Played.....	1,082 in 107 Seasons
Overall Record.....	487-563-32
National Championships .....	1 (1983)
Undefeated and Untied Teams .....	1 (1930: 9-0)
Longest Undefeated Streak.....	15 games (1929-31)
Longest Winning Streak .....	15 games (1929-31)
Longest Losing Streak.....	12 games (1948-49)
Longest Home Winning Streak.....	12 games (2003-04)
Most Shutouts in a Season .....	7 (1928)

## Consecutive-Game Streaks

Shutouts.....	6 (1930)
Games w/o Being Shutout.....	198 (9/8/01-10/21/17)
Scoring 10+ Points.....	59 (10/6/12 - 10/21/17)

## Longest Winning Streaks - All Games

Year(s)	Streak	Loss to End Streak
1929-31	15	L, 14-0 at Illinois State
1982-83	12	L, 28-6 at Wichita State
2009	11	L, 24-3 William & Mary*
2003	10	L, 43-40 at Northern Iowa
2004	9	L, 35-31 Eastern Washington*
1959-60	8	L, 27-6 at Bowling Green
2008	7	L, 29-20 New Hampshire*

\* Indicates loss in playoffs

## Longest Winning Streaks - Conference Games

Year(s)	Streak	Loss to End Streak
2008-09	14	L, 31-28 at Youngstown St. (*10)
1959-61	12	L, 22-13 at Western Illinois
2004-05	9	L, 61-35 vs. Illinois St.
2003	6	L, 43-40 at Northern Iowa

## 10-Win Seasons

Year	Wins	Final Record	Final Ranking*
1983	13	13-1	#1
2007	12	12-2	#3
2009	11	11-2	#6
2004	10	10-2	#9
2003	10	10-2	#10

\* FCS Coaches Poll

## Most Wins in Back-to-Back Seasons

Rank	Seasons	Wins
1.	2007-08	21
	2006-07	21
3.	2008-09	20
	2003-04	20
5.	2004-05	19
	1982-83	19
7.	2005-06	18
8.	2009-10	16
	1930-31	16
10.	1978-79	15
	1960-61	15

## Records by Decade

Decade	Record	Win. %	Games
1913-19	20-17-1	.526	38
1920-29	32-27-13	.444	72
1930-39	35-47-6	.398	88
1940-49	31-34-5	.443	70
1950-59	34-53-3	.378	90
1960-69	45-52-1	.459	98
1970-79	44-59-3	.415	106
1980-89	52-61	.460	113
1990-99	37-73	.363	110
2000-09	78-45	.634	123
2010-19	48-65	.421	113
2020-	31-28	.525	59

## Milestone Victories

Win#	Date	Opponent	Score
50	Nov. 2, 1929	SE Missouri State	7-0
100	Oct. 27, 1945	Western Illinois	13-6
150	Nov. 14, 1959	Central Michigan	51-20
200	Oct. 24, 1970	Illinois State	45-24
250	Sept. 4, 1982	Western Illinois	38-7
300	Nov. 2, 1991	Eastern Illinois	31-30
350	Sept. 18, 2004	William Penn	59-9
400	Oct. 3, 2009	Western Illinois	30-10
450	Sept. 7, 2019	at UMass	45-20

## History of Overtime Games (8-5)

Date	Opponent	OT	Result
Oct. 14, 1995	Missouri State	1OT	W, 33-30
Sept. 26, 1998	at Illinois State	1OT	L, 41-38
Oct. 9, 1999	Youngstown State	1OT	L, 43-37
Sept. 28, 2002	at Eastern Michigan	2OT	L, 48-45
Oct. 1, 2005	Missouri State	1OT	W, 30-23
Nov. 22, 2008	at Illinois State	1OT	W, 17-10
Oct. 9, 2010	Northern Iowa	1OT	W, 45-38
Sept. 7, 2013	Eastern Illinois	2OT	L, 40-37
Oct. 12, 2013	at Northern Iowa	1OT	W, 27-24
Oct. 24, 2015	#17 Youngstown St.	1OT	W, 38-31
Oct. 2, 2021	at Western Illinois	1OT	W, 31-30
Oct. 9, 2021	at #2 South Dakota St.	1OT	W, 42-41
Dec. 2, 2023	at #4 Idaho	1OT	L, 20-17

## Biggest Comebacks -- SIU

	Deficit	Opponent	Def.	Final	Date
1.	28 points	Youngstown State	28-0 (2Q)	37-33	11/9/24
2.	21 points	at Northern Illinois	28-7 (3Q)	34-31	9/8/07
3.	20 points	at SEMO	27-7 (2Q)	28-27	8/31/91
3.	20 points	Missouri State	20-0 (4Q)	33-30OT	10/14/95
3.	20 points	at Youngstown St.	20-0 (4Q)	21-20	11/11/00
3.	20 points	Northern Iowa	20-0 (2Q)	40-36	10/2/04
3.	20 points	UT Martin	27-7 (3Q)	36-30	11/25/06
3.	20 points	at South Dakota St.	20-0(2Q)	42-41	10/9/21

## Biggest Comebacks -- Opponent

	Deficit	Opponent	Def.	Final	Date
1.	31 points	SEMO	31-0 (2Q)	34-31	9/9/00
2.	21 points	Illinois State	21-0 (1Q)	55-48	10/23/99
2.	21 points	Arkansas State	35-14 (2Q)	42-38	9/26/92

## Biggest Margin of Victory -- SIU

	Margin	Opponent	Score	Date
1.	118	U. of Arts & Sciences	118-0	11/6/1914
2.	80	Shurtleff	80-0	11/12/1915
3.	78	Kentucky Wesleyan	78-0	8/29/02
4.	75	St. Joseph's (IN)	75-0	9/27/2003
4.	75	Union (KY)	82-7	9/10/2005
6.	66	Ewing College	66-0	10/27/1924
6.	66	Bradley	69-3	10/31/1970
6.	66	Xavier	73-7	10/13/1973
9.	63	Lincoln	63-0	8/31/1985
9.	63	Quincy	70-7	9/2/2010
9.	63	Western Illinois	63-0	10/28/23

## Biggest Crowds - Road Games

		Stadium	Attend.
1.	at Illinois - 9/14/85	Memorial	76,330
2.	at Illinois - 9/22/90	Memorial	64,469
3.	at BYU - 8/31/24	LaVell Edwards	63,712
4.	at Mississippi - 9/10/11	Vaught-Hemingway	58,504
5.	at Purdue - 9/6/25	Ross-Ade Stadium	54,663
6.	at South Carolina - 11/10/90	Williams-Brice	52,812
7.	at Illinois - 9/11/10	Memorial	52,217
8.	at Kentucky - 10/29/88	Commonwealth	50,093
9.	at Kansas State - 9/11/21	Bill Snyder	47,628
10.	at Illinois - 8/31/13	Memorial	42,175
11.	at Memphis - 9/23/17	Liberty Bowl	41,584
11.	at Indiana - 9/5/15	Memorial	36,071

## Average Home Attendance

1975.....	8,180
1976.....	9,060
1977.....	9,706
1978.....	13,010
1979.....	11,560
1980.....	9,995
1981.....	13,930
1982.....	9,860
1983.....	12,614
1984.....	7,172
1985.....	11,550
1986.....	13,120
1987.....	11,185
1988.....	9,680
1989.....	7,700
1990.....	9,000
1991.....	12,225
1992.....	8,350
1993.....	6,340
1994.....	8,420
1995.....	8,167
1996.....	6,171
1997.....	5,640
1998.....	6,820
1999.....	7,220
2000.....	6,000
2001.....	6,177
2002.....	7,914
2003.....	9,748
2004.....	9,713
2005.....	8,581
2006.....	9,508
2007.....	9,950
2008.....	9,055
2009.....	8,882
2010.....	10,890
2011.....	10,140
2012.....	9,550
2013.....	8,554
2014.....	9,154
2015.....	7,750
2016.....	7,918
2017.....	6,762
2018.....	6,557
2019.....	6,456
2020.....	1,920
2021.....	7,742
2022.....	7,513
2023.....	8,506
2024.....	8,052



## Miscellaneous Stats & Honors

Player	Career Starts						Career	Cons.
	21	22	23	24	25			
Andrew Behm	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	2
Colin Bohanek	—	—	12	2	2	16	2	2
Chandler Chapman	—	—	—	5	1	1	—	—
Jake Curry	—	—	—	5	—	5	—	—
Vinson Davis III	—	—	12	10	2	24	4	4
Cameron Dye	—	—	—	8	2	10	10	10
Noah Fenske	—	—	—	11	2	13	7	7
Paul Geelen	—	—	—	11	2	13	13	13
Blaine Halley	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Derek Harden Jr.	—	5	12	2	2	21	2	2
Jay Jones	—	—	—	2	2	4	2	2
Shaun Lester Jr.	—	—	—	6	1	7	—	—
Aidan Logan	—	—	1	—	2	3	2	2
Jeremiah McClendon	—	—	—	4	2	6	5	5
Fabian McCray	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Jake Parrella	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Cejai Parson	—	—	—	2	2	4	2	2
Vinny Pierre Jr.	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Chris Presto	—	—	—	10	2	12	2	2
Aidan Quinn	—	—	13	—	2	15	2	2
Caden Reeves	—	—	—	6	2	8	2	2
Peyton Reeves	—	—	—	5	2	7	2	2
Ryan Schwendeman	—	—	4	4	—	8	—	—
Gavin Shepard	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Coleon Smith	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2
Sebastian Vargas	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—
Shug Walker	—	—	—	11	—	10	—	—
DJ Williams	—	—	—	3	2	5	2	2

### Career 100-yard Rushing Games

Player	Times	Last Time
DJ Williams	1	121 at BYU, 8/31/24
Shaun Lester Jr.	1	111 at Austin Peay, 9/7/24

### Career 100-yard Receiving Games

Player	Times	Last Time
Vinson Davis III	2	13 vs. SEMO, 9/23/24

### Career 300-yard Passing Games

Player	Times	Last Time
DJ Williams	1	301 vs. Incarnate Word, 9/14/24
Jake Curry	1	322 vs. Youngstown State, 11/9/24

### MVFC Weekly Awards

#### National Weekly Awards

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