



EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (ET)
8/31	at Mississippi State	L, 7-56
9/7	at Western Kentucky	L, 0-31
9/14	WEST GEORGIA*	W, 26-7
9/21	MOREHEAD ST.	W, 42-13
9/28	ROBERT MORRIS	W, 31-7
10/12	at Southern Utah*	L, 21-42
10/19	at #17 ACU*	L, 20-34
10/26	UTAH TECH*	W, 28-17
11/2	at #7 Tarleton State*	W, 17-13
11/9	#16 CENTRAL ARK.*	W, 31-24
11/16	at Austin Peay*	W, 30-27 OT
11/23	NORTH ALABAMA*	W, 21-15
11/30	at #11 Villanova ¹	2 PM

* UAC game; Home games in bold; ¹FCS Playoffs

EASTERN KENTUCKY at #11 VILLANOVA

SATURDAY, NOV. 30

2 PM ET - ESPN +

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VILLANOVA

2024 Record / CAA Record	9-3 / 6-2
STATS FCS / AFCA Coaches Poll	12 / 11
Head Coach	Mark Ferrante
Record at 'Nova (Years)	56-32 (8th)
Career (Years)	Same
Last Game	W, 38-28 vs. Delaware (11/23)

COLONELS

2024 Record / UAC Record	8-4 / 6-2
STATS FCS / AFCA Coaches Poll	22 / RV
Head Coach	Walt Wells
Record at ECU (Years)	30-25 (5th)
Career (Years)	Same
Last Game	W, 21-15 vs. North Alabama (11/23)

QUICK COMPARISON

24.6	Points/Game	22.8
18.8	Points Allowed/Game	23.8
164.9	Rush Yards/Game	184.3
141.7	Rush Yards Allowed/Game	148.8
161.2	Pass Yards/Game	168.8
178.7	Pass Yards Allowed /Game	244.6
326.1	Total Offense/Game	353.0
320.3	Total Defense/Game	393.3
18.3	First Downs/Game	19.75
+7	Turnover Margin	+2



GAMEDAY

MEDIA COVERAGE

TV: ESPN+

Radio: WCYO 100.7 FM

Play-By-Play: Greg Stotelmyer

Analysts: Wes Chandler, Jim Tirey

ONLINE

Live Stats: EKUSports.com

X: @EKUFootball

Facebook: ECU Football

Instagram: @eku_football

Hashtags: #E2W | #MatterOfPride

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time: First Meeting

RECORDS



OPENING KICK

- Saturday's meeting in the First Round of the FCS Playoffs will be the first time the Wildcats and Colonels have ever met on the gridiron
- Villanova earned the 11th seed after a 9-3 season coming out of the CAA, with their only FCS losses coming against Maine and Monmouth on the road, having gone 6-0 at home this season
- ECU enters the FCS Playoffs for the 23rd time in program history, the second most of any school
- The Colonels are riding a five-game win streak following a narrow, 21-15 win over North Alabama on Senior Day last week
- In the win, it was Freshman wide receiver Marcus Calwise Jr. who delivered a 67 yard touchdown score to provide the game-winning score midway through the fourth
- Running back Joshua Carter has scored five times in the last four games having scored in nine straight games before the season finale
- Payton Collins and Mike Smith Jr. have both accepted invites to the 2025 Hula Bowl All-Star Game

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
0	Marvion Field	DL	6-3	275	Gr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Elon	Westlake
0	Jaycob Horn	WR	6-0	199	Sr.	Tupelo, Miss.	Northwest Mississippi C.C.	Tupelo
1	Cam Junior	LB	6-2	216	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Cincinnati	Middletown
2	Cameron Hergott	QB	6-3	206	R-So.	Fort Mitchell, Ky		Beechwood
2	Mike Smith Jr.	DB	6-1	206	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Appalachian State	First Coast
3	Darrian Baker	DL	6-4	274	Sr.	Harrodsburg, Ky.		Mercer County
3	Hunter Brown	TE	6-4	240	R-Sr.	Wellsboro, Pa.	Saint Francis	Wellsboro
4	Jeremiah Bailey	DL	6-3	268	R-So.	Smyrna, Tenn.		Smyrna
4	Matt Morrissey	QB	6-4	229	Gr.	Elmhurst, Ill.	Western Illinois	Montini
5	Kyle Kelly	LB	6-2	222	Gr.	Newport, Ky.	Ohio	Newport Central Catholic
6	Vito Tisdale	DB	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	ColoradoKentucky	Bowling Green
6	Ron Vann Jr.	WR	6-2	167	R-Jr.	Chula Vista, Calif.	Reedley CollegeNMSU	Bonita Vista
7	Colbey Lamberth	QB	6-3	225	R-Fr.	Dickson, Tenn.		Dickson County
7	Gabe Stephens	LB	6-4	219	R-Jr.	Mount Holly, N.C.	North Carolina	Mountain Island Charter
8	Joshua Carter	RB	5-9	207	R-Sr.	Navarre, Fla.	South Alabama	Navarre
8	Kylan Robinson	LB	5-11	218	R-Sr.	Southaven, Miss.	Northwest Mississippi C.C.	DeSoto Central
9	Jaheim Ward	DB	6-2	186	R-Jr.	Moultrie, Ga.	Austin Peay	Colquitt County
10	Moses Sarweh	DB	6-1	199	Jr.	Seat Pleasant, MD	Dodge City C.C.	Central
11	Maddox Marcellus	LB	6-3	225	So.	Miami, Fla.		Monsignor Edward Pace
12	Telly McCallister	RB	5-9	192	R-Jr.	Akron, Ohio		Streetsboro
13	Elijah Banks	WR	5-11	176	R-Jr.	Fayetteville, N.C.		Lindsey Wilson North Hardin
13	Jordon Thomas	DB	6-0	181	R-Jr.	Decatur, Ga.	Wingate	Grayson
14	Brayden Latham	RB	5-11	202	So.	Knoxville, Tenn.		Knoxville West
15	Brady Clark	QB	6-4	214	R-So.	Bardstown, Ky.		Bardstown
15	Garnell Wilds Jr.	DB	6-1	187	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.		JW Mitchell
16	Jackson House	WR	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.		Dunham School
17	Bryant Johnson Jr.	WR	6-2	179	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio		Winton Woods
18	Cornelius Evans	LB	6-4	216	Gr.	Orangeburg, S.C.	Butler C.C.	Central Gwinnett
19	Jace Bullock	QB	6-1	190	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.		North Oldham
19	Dequan Stanley	WR	5-10	174	R-Jr.	St. Augustine, Fla.	South Florida	St. Augustine
20	Xavier Couloute	WR	6-2	181	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga.	Myrtle Beach Collegiate	North Gwinnett
20	Mark Joseph	DB	5-11	167	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn.		Sheffield
21	Darian Allen	DB	6-2	180	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	Glendale C.C.	San Fernando
21	Jaylen Houston	DB	5-9	199	R-Jr.	Racine, Wisc.	College of DuPage	Racine Lutheran
22	Khalil Debrick	DB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Kennesaw, Ga.	Elizabeth City State	Allatoona
22	Frank Lee IV	LB	6-2	239	R-Sr.	Orangeburg, S.C.	Carson-Newman	Orangeburg Wilkinson
23	Jalen Montgomery	RB	5-9	166	R-Jr.	Columbia, S.C.	Middle Tenn. St.	Cardinal Newman
25	Jack McGrath	LB	6-3	212	Fr.	Wilmette, Ill.		Loyola Academy
26	Tre' Goodin	DB	5-10	158	Sr.	Campbellsville, Ky.		Taylor County
27	Steven Shoats-Thomas	RB	5-8	206	Grad.	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Weber State	Clark
85	Tyleik Maxwell	WR	6-3	174	R-Fr.	Winchester, Ky.		George Rogers Clark
28	C.J Green	LB	6-2	227	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.		IMG Academy
28	Jaylen Herrud	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.		Summit
29	Kevin Ford	DB	6-0	180	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Saint Francis(Fort Wayne)	Warren Central
30	Jeffrey Kinley	DB	6-0	192	R-So.	Richmond, Ky.		Madison Central
31	E.J Clinkscale	DB	5-9	165	Fr.	Lexington, Ky		Frederick Douglas
32	Rishad Hence	DB	5-11	150	R-Jr.	Detroit, Mich.	Akron	Martin Luther King
33	Jack Chappell	LB	6-3	207	Fr.	London, Ky		North Laurel
34	D.J. Galva	DB	6-1	165	Fr.	Bartow, Fla.		Bartow
35	Brody Wells	LB	6-1	216	R-Fr.	Corbin, Ky.		Corbin
37	Blake Howard	LBLS	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	East Tennessee	Princeton
38	Chris Lee Jr.	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.		Venice
39	Braden Sullivan	LB	6-2	228	So.	New Smyrna Beach, Fla.	Highland CC	New Smyrna Beach
40	Makah Abrams	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Columbus, Ga.		Glenwood
40	Garrett Thornsberry	LB	6-2	207	R-So.	Louisville, Ky.		Holy Cross
41	Sam Olokeogun	DB	6-3	195	Jr.	Calumet City, Ill.	University of Mary	South Holland
41	Devin Orr	KP	6-0	195	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH		Archbishop Moeller
42	Brady Hensley	RB	5-11	201	Fr.	Richmond, Ky		Lexington Christian Academy
42	A.J. Woods Jr.	DB	5-11	201	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.		Pleasure Ridge Park
43	Ed McKee	LB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Fort Worth, Tex.	Kentucky	IMG Academy
43	Zach Russell	TE	6-4	267	R-Jr.	Johnson County, Ky.	Bowling Green	Johnson Central

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44	Daviyon Hawkins-Ingram	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla.		Cocoa
44	Michael Neal	LB	5-10	215	Fr.	Corbin, Ky.		Corbin
45	Quaid Luginbill	LS	6-0	215	Fr.	Matthews, NC		Weddington
46	Hayden Heath	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	Winchester, Ky.		George Rogers Clark
46	Patrick Nations	K	6-0	202	R-Sr.	Tamassee, S.C.	East Carolina University	Walhalla
47	Jacquez McGowan	LB	6-1	192	Jr.	Valdosta, Ga.	Tennessee Tech	Valdosta
47	Ben Fay	TE	6-6	240	Fr.	Hebron, Ky.		Conner
48	Kaden Smith	LB	6-2	219	Fr.	Campbellsville, Ky		Taylor County
49	Jacob Baker	KP	6-2	213	R-Fr.	Corbin, Ky.		Corbin
49	Ashton Moody	LB	6-0	195	Fr.	Medford, Ore.		Cascade Christian
50	Liam Coppinger	OL	6-4	298	R-Jr.	Everson, Wash.	College of Idaho	Nooksack Valley
51	Druce Clark Jr.	LB	5-11	216	R-Fr.	Decatur, Ala		Austin
52	Brandon McGraw	OL	6-6	332	R-Jr.	Rising Sun, Ind.	Wilmington College	South Dearborn
54	Alex Cline	LS	6-0	212	R-So.	Simpsonville, Ky.		Martha Layne Collins
55	Tyrell Green	OL	6-5	355	Fr.	Toledo, Ohio		Central Catholic
58	Isaiah Bunn	OL	6-3	292	R-Jr.	Sunrise, Fla.	Butler C.C.	Deerfield Beach
60	Anthony Johns	OL	6-2	314	R-So.	Winchester, Ky.		Lexington Christian Academy
61	Brendan Pohl	OL	6-3	250	Fr.	Asheville, N.C.		A.C. Reynolds
62	John Stone	OL	6-3	300	Sr.	Ashland, Ky.		Paul Blazer
63	Hunter Gulley	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Winchester, Ky.		George Rogers Clark
64	Joshua Jones	OL	6-1	314	Jr.	Joliet, Ill.		Joliet Catholic
65	Joe Schlarman	OL	6-3	276	Fr.	Lexington, Ky		Lexington Catholic
66	Noah Dillbeck	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.		Apollo
67	Kyler Edwards	OL	6-6	306	R-Sr.	Tampa, Fla.	Bethune-Cookman	Tampa Middleton
68	Steven Thomas Jr.	OL	6-3	330	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.		Louisville Male
69	Jonathan Duff	LS	6-0	209	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio		Oakwood
70	Vincent Munlin Jr.	OL	6-6	299	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio		Princeton
71	O'Brien Jackson	OL	6-4	295	R-Jr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.		Blackman
72	Fred Hinton	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.		IMG Academy
73	Dominic Sparks	OL	6-7	250	R-Fr.	Portsmouth, Ohio		Notre Dame
74	Payton Collins	OL	6-7	301	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio		Bishop Hartley
76	Mason Sulla	OL	6-4	306	R-Fr.	Lancaster, Ky.		Garrard County
77	Zane Mullins	OL	6-4	297	R-Fr.	Stanford, Ky.		Lincoln County
79	Antonio Gaines	OL	6-4	340	R-So.	Columbia, S.C.	Charlotte	Ridge View
80	Jakob Dixon	WR	6-5	210	So.	Louisville, Ky.		Pleasure Ridge Park
81	Mena Mannan	TE	6-4	232	So.	Franklin, Tenn.		Franklin
82	Jayden West	WR	6-3	183	R-Fr.	Richmond, Ky.		Madison Central
83	Marcus Calwise Jr.	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Covington, Ga.		Newton
84	Isaiah Allen	WR	6-2	184	R-Jr.	Lexington, Ky.		Frederick Douglass
84	Jaylen Eberhardt	TE	6-4	280	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH		Princeton
85	Ashton Lutz	K	5-10	140	Fr.	Mundelein, Ill.		Carmel Catholic
85	Keilyn Smith	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn.		Knoxville Catholic
86	T.J. Mitchell	WR	5-8	162	Fr.	Brunswick, Ga.		Brunswick
87	Kyle Vaka	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga.		Kell
88	Ben Hayes	TE	6-3	235	R-Fr.	Louisville, Ky.		Butler Traditional
88	Darius Sterling	DL	6-3	306	Sr.	South Chesterfield, Va.	Lincoln Univ.	Thomas Dale
89	Caeleb Schlachter	TE	6-3	226	R-So.	Kelowna, B.C., Ca.		South Alabama
90	Caleb Patterson	DL	6-3	250	R-Jr.	DeWitt, N.Y.	Rutgers	Jamsville-DeWitt
91	Grego Scott	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.		Pleasure Ridge Park
92	Simon Ghee	DL	6-3	262	R-Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky.		Warren East
93	Brad Gurley	DL	6-4	275	R-So.	Bowling Green, Ky.		Bowling Green
94	Bryce Tapp	DL	6-3	330	R-Fr.	Henderson, Ky.		Henderson County
95	Arian Mosaddad	DL	6-3	250	Jr.	Moraga, Calif.	Contra Costa	Campolindo
96	John Sualla	DL	6-2	310	R-Fr.	Lexington, Ky.		Frederick Douglass
97	Ryan Jackson	DL	6-2	299	Sr.	Mount Juliet, Tenn.		Friendship Christian School
98	Cedric Andrews Jr.	DL	6-2	260	Fr.	Panama City, Fla.		Rutherford
99	Gabe Fletcher	DL	6-4	264	R-Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.		Maplewood

Pronunciation Guide

Xavier Couloute (Co-let) Jaylen Eberhardt (Ee-bur-heart) Marvion Field (Mar-vee-on) Tyrell Green (Tie-rell) Daviyon Hawkins-Ingram (Day-vee-on) Cameron Hergott (Her-Get)
 Brayden Latham (Bray-den Lay-thum) Mena Mannan (Mean-uh Man-nan) Jacquez McGowan (Jock-kwez) Moses Sarweh (Sar-way) Caeleb Schlachter (Shh-lack-ter)
 Joe Schlarman (Shh-lar-man) John Sualla (Soo-ah-la) Mason Sulla (Soo-la) Kyle Vaka (Vahk-uh) sounds vodka
 Garnell Wilds Jr. (Gar(rhymes with car)-nell)



Requesting Credentials

Requests for press credentials and working space for Eastern Kentucky University home football games must be made via email to Isaac Ray in the EKU Athletics Communications Office no later than Wednesday at 2 PM ET (1 PM CT) prior to a specified home contest. The request should be made by the sports director of the newspaper, magazine, radio, or television outlet wishing to send reporter(s) and/or photographer(s) to the game.

Confirmation of the request will be made by Thursday the week of a game by EKU Athletics Communications personnel. Approved media members and visiting team personnel may pick up their credential on game day at the EKU Athletics Ticket Office inside the Rick Erdman Olympic Sport Training Center (OSTC).

Those requesting credentials for the press box should be aware that the press box is at the top of Roy Kidd Stadium's west stand and up several flights of stairs with no elevator access. If you do not feel like you are able to access the press box this way, then please notify Director of Athletics Communications Isaac Ray and other arrangements will be made.

Credentials ARE NOT issued to spouses, friends, or children, in accordance with the working code of the College Sports Communicators and the Football Writers Association of America. The press box is a working area, and cheering or inappropriate behavior will be grounds for removal.

Parking on Game Day

Media parking is at the Greg Adams Tennis Center across from Roy Kidd Stadium.

Media Game Day Information

Game notes from both institutions and flip cards will be provided as well in the press box on gameday. Stats will only be printed in-game for television and radio personnel, though full game packets will be printed for all media during postgame.

A media meal will be provided for all credentialed personnel from the time gates open through the conclusion of the first quarter on the lower tier of the press box down the southwest stairs.

Field Access

Field access for media in game is limited to videographers, photographers, and radio sideline personnel. No writers are permitted at field level once the game begins unless that individual is also the media entity's photographer. All representatives working at the field level must always have the required credential present and visible.

Due to HIPAA regulations, we ask all photographers, both television and print, not to photograph any injury evaluations done in the bench/sidelines area. Additionally, per the credential policy, there is no selling of game photos taken by media members without the express written agreement from Eastern Kentucky University.

External media members are at no time authorized to enter team sideline areas. Field-level personnel must stay within the dotted line boundaries outside the team areas. Please note: External media must stay behind the second set of dotted lines at field level, as the first line is designated for the ESPN production crew/camera operators.

Press Box Seating

All credentialed personnel, both external and visiting team will be issued a seat in the press box on the top level of Roy Kidd Stadium. Visiting team communications and primary beat reporters will be given priority in the seat selection process.

Visiting Team Radio

Visiting radio stations have a separate booth on the top floor in the press box at Roy Kidd Stadium. Visiting team broadcast teams are asked to please provide a list of necessary equipment and access via email to Isaac Ray.

Game Day Interview Policy

EKU's postgame press conference with Head Coach Walt Wells and select players will occur in the media studio inside the OSTC. No additional individual interviews, outside of live TV broadcasts previously agreed upon, will be permitted with any EKU personnel. In addition, the EKU locker room is closed to the media.

We will accept postgame media requests during the fourth quarter of the game. Written media wishing to attend the postgame press conference may proceed with a EKU Athletics Communications game day staff member to the field in the northwest corner of the stadium with shortly after the game.

Non-Game Day Interview Policy

Head coach Walt Wells and selected players will be available for a press conference via Zoom on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Media members wishing to attend this press conference should reach out to Isaac Ray for more information and access. One-off media requests for print, radio or TV purposes will be handled on an individual basis. Advanced notice for one-off requests is greatly appreciated.

EKU QUICK FACTS AND NOTES

Eastern Kentucky Quick Facts

THE UNIVERSITY

Name Eastern Kentucky University
 Location..... Richmond, Kentucky
 Founded..... 1906
 Enrollment13,327
 Nickname..... Colonels
 Colors..... Maroon (PMS 209) and White
 Affiliation NCAA Division I FCS
 Conference United Athletic Conference
 President Dr. David McFaddin
 VP & Director of Athletics..... Kyle Moats
 Senior Woman Administrator Rachel Sloan

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Walt Wells
 Season at EKU5th Season
 Record at EKU..... 30-25
 Career Record..... 30-25
 Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers.....
 Jake Johnson
 Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs.....
 Andy Richman
 Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
 Caleb Cox
 Outside Linebackers/Co-Special Teams Cord. ...
 Derek Day
 Assistant Head Coach/NickelsMike Dietzel
 Defensive Backs/Co-Special Teams Cord.
 Rashad Watson
 Defensive Line/Def. Run Game Coordinator.....
 Eric Mathies
 Offensive Line Eric Ravellette
 QuarterbacksMaxwell Smith
 Tight Ends..... Brady Keeran
 Assistant Inside LB's Coach..... Josh McClurg
 Assistant Offensive Line Coach..... Isaac McClain
 Assistant Running Backs Coach Macho Arza
 Assistant Defensive Back's Coach KJ Dillon
 Assistant Specialist Coach... Matthew Amburgey
 Assistant Wide Receivers Coach...Jalen Burbage

PROGRAM INFORMATION

First year..... 1909
 All-time record (109th season)..... 639-416-38
 All-time UAC Record..... 5-2
 Home venueRoy Kidd Stadium/Hanger Field
 2023 Record / UAC Finish 5-6 / 4th
 Postseason Finish.....N/A
 NCAA Postseason Appearances..... 23
 All-Time Postseason Record16-20
 FCS National Championships 2 (1979, 1982)
 FCS National Championship Appearances 4 ('79, '80, '81, '82)
 Conference Championships 22
 Last Conference Championship2022 (ASUN)
 Most Wins in a Season 13 (1982)
 Most Consecutive Wins 18 (1982-83)
 Consecutive games without a loss 19 (1982-83), 1 tie

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"My God a Freshman!"

- Freshman wide receiver Marcus Calwise Jr. leads the Colonels with 507 receiving yards and 40 receptions
- The Georgia native has scored four touchdowns, having scored once in the last three games
- He ended the season with three Freshman of the Week honors in the UAC

Hey Mr. Carter!

- Against APSU, Josh Carter eclipsed 1,000 rushing yards this season and 2,000 rushing yards in a career
- He becomes the 17th and 18th individual to accomplish those feats at EKU
- This season he has rushed for 1,106 yards and 13 touchdowns
- The Florida native is averaging 4.9 yards per carry

Oh Captains My Captains

- Ahead of the 2024 season, Patrick Nations, Payton Collins, John Stone, Matt Morrissey, Kyle Kelly, Mike Smith Jr., and Ryan Jackson were named team captains

Ballhawking Bandits

- The defense has forced 14 turnovers this season
- In the win over Tarleton State the defense produced three turnovers with interceptions by DJ Galva, Maddox Marcellus, and Mike Smith Jr.

No-Fly Zone In Effect

- DB, Mike Smith Jr., leads the team with four interceptions this season

- The preseason All-UAC selection recorded 11 pass breakups and two interceptions a season ago
- DB Vito Tisdale has one interception and eight pass breakups this season

Nations Makes History

- With two field goals against Southern Utah Patrick Nations broke the all-time EKU record of 49 field goals made in a career
- Nations broke the EKU record for kicking points in a career with 288 against TSU

Field Flipper

- Punter Jacob Baker is 17th in all of FCS and 1st in the UAC in punting averaging 44 yards per punt
- He has had 22 punts inside the opponent's 20 and 16 punts of 50 yards or more

New Staff Additions

- EKU's coaching staff features eight new members
- Rashad Watson takes over as the DB's coach after spending the previous two years at Tuskegee in Alabama
- Eric Mathies takes over as the DL/Run Game Coordinator coming from two seasons at LIU as the asst. head coach and co-DC
- Eric Ravellette was named the new OL coach in June after serving in the same role and as co-OC at Trine University for 12 seasons

OFFENSE

QB	4	Matt Morrissey (6'4", 229, Grad.)	2	Cam Hergott (6'3", 206, R-So.)
RB	8	Joshua Carter (5'9", 207, R-Sr.)	14	Brayden Latham (5'11", 202, So.)
TE	89	Caeleb Schlachter (6'3", 226, R-So.)	43	Zach Russell (6'4", 267, R-Jr.)
WR	82	Jayden West (6'3", 183, R-Fr.)	17	Bryant Johnson Jr. (6'2", 179, R-Jr.)
WR	83	Marcus Calwise Jr. (5'10, 185, Fr.)	19	Dequan Stanley (5'10", 174, R-Jr.)
WR	6	Ron Vann Jr. (6'2", 167, R-Jr.)	16	Jackson House (6'0", 185, R-Fr.)
LT	74	Payton Collins (6'7", 301, Grad.)	67	Kyler Edwards (6'6", 306, R-Sr.)
LG	50	Liam Coppinger (6'4, 298, R-Jr.)	58	Isaiah Bunn (6'3", 292, R-Jr.)
C	62	John Stone (6'3", 300, Sr.)	60	Anthony Johns (6'2", 314, R-So.)
RG	55	Tyrell Green (6'5", 355, Fr.)	71	O'Brien Jackson (6'4", 295, R-Jr.)
RT	70	Vincent Munlin Jr. (6'6", 299, Sr.)	72	Fred Hinton (6'5", 290, Fr.)

DEFENSE

DE	4	Jeremiah Bailey (6'3", 268, R-So.)	93	Brad Gurley (6'4", 275, R-So.)
NT	97	Ryan Jackson (6'2", 299, Sr.)	0	Marvion Field (6'3", 275, Grad.)
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OLB	1	Cam Junior (6'2", 216, R-Jr.)	47	Jacquez McGowan (6'1", 192, Jr.)
CB	13	Jordon Thomas (6'0", 181, R-Jr.)	34	DJ Galva (6'1", 165, Fr.)
S	2	Mike Smith Jr. (6'1", 206, Sr.)	30	Jeffrey Kinley (6'0", 192, R-So.)
S	9	Jaheim Ward (6'2", 186, R-Jr.)	10	Moses Sarweh (6'1", 199, Jr.)
CB	6	Vito Tisdale (5'11", 175, R-Jr.)	26	Tre' Goodin (5'10, 158, Sr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	49	Jacob Baker (6'2", 213, R-Fr.)	46	Patrick Nations (6-0, 202, R-Sr.)
FG	46	Patrick Nations (6'0", 202, R-Sr.)	41	Devin Orr (6'0", 195, Fr.)
KO	46	Patrick Nations (6'0", 202, R-Sr.)	41	Devin Orr (6'0", 195, Fr.)
LS	69	Jonathan Duff (6'0", 209, Sr.)	45	Quaid Luginbill (6'0", 215, Fr.)
H	2	Cam Hergott (6'3", 206, R-So.)	16	Jackson House (6'0", 185, R-Fr.)
PR	23	Jalen Montgomery (5'9", 166, R-Jr.)	83	Marcus Calwise Jr. (5'10, 185, Fr.)
KR	14	Brayden Latham (5'11", 202, So.)	23	Jalen Montgomery (5'9", 166, R-Jr.)

CAREER GAMES/STARTS

#	Name	Games	Starts
0	Marvion Field ^{31/10}	22	12
0	Jaycob Horn	18	2
1	Cam Junior ^{3/0}	23	14
2	Cameron Hergott	24	0
2	Mike Smith Jr. ^{19/0}	33	26
3	Darrian Baker	44	24
3	Hunter Brown ^{25/23}	19	14
4	Jeremiah Bailey	25	12
4	Matt Morrissey ^{16/11}	12	12
5	Kyle Kelly ^{31/0}	14	6
6	Vito Tisdale ^{22/3}	12	11
6	Ronn Vann ^{3/0}	12	10
7	Gabe Stephens	23	5
7	Colbey Lamberth	1	0
8	Joshua Carter ^{17/0}	32	11
8	Kylan Robinson	10	0
9	Jackson Hensley ^{16/0}	9	6
9	Jaheim Ward ^{23/3}	11	10
10	Moses Sarweh	4	0
11	Maddox Marcellus	21	11
12	Telly McCallister	18	0
13	Jordon Thomas ^{16/13}	23	18
14	Brayden Latham	22	1
15	Garnell Wilds Jr.	2	0
16	Jackson House	12	0
17	Bryant Johnson	27	3
18	Cornelius Evans	26	2
19	Dequan Stanley ^{9/0}	18	5
20	Jordan Marshall	21	0
21	Jaylen Houston	19	0
22	Frank Lee ^{13/11}	20	13
23	Jalen Montgomery ^{26/0}	12	1
24	Sam Robertson	3	3
26	Tre' Goodin	39	1
27	Steven Shoats-Thomas	5	0
28	Jaylen Herrud	35	9
29	Kevin Ford	11	0
30	Jeff Kinley	12	0
32	Rishad Hince ^{22/5}	0	0
34	D.J. Galva	11	0
35	Brody Wells	10	0
36	Braxton Baptiste	4	0
37	Blake Howard	10	0
39	Braden Sullivan	12	9
42	Brady Hensley	12	0
43	Zach Russell	19	1
46	Patrick Nations ^{1/0}	46	0
47	Jacquez McGowan ^{22/19}	12	4
48	Kaden Smith	12	0
49	Jacob Baker	13	0
50	Liam Coppinger	9	6
52	Brandon McGraw ^{16/16}	10	0
55	Tyrell Green	12	9
56	Nick Bryan ^{11/3}	0	0
58	Isaiah Bunn	19	17
60	Anthony Johns	18	0
62	John Stone	51	23
67	Kyler Edwards ^{6/1}	6	0
69	Jonathan Duff	46	0
70	Vincent Munlin Jr.	47	32
71	O'Brien Jackson	22	3
72	Fred Hinton	10	1
74	Payton Collins	55	54
79	Antonio Gaines ^{4/3}	2	1
80	Jakob Dixon	15	5
81	Mena Mannan	11	1
82	Jayden West	13	5
83	Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	8
84	Jaylen Eberhardt	1	0
84	Isaiah Allen	3	0
88	Darius Sterling	10	0
89	Caeleb Schlachter	12	4
93	Brad Gurley	12	0
94	Bryce Tapp	5	0
97	Ryan Jackson	55	32
99	Gabe Fletcher	29	0

###/### Indicates GP/GS at a previous NCAA school

LT- 74 - Payton Collins

Grad. • 6-7 • 301
Columbus, Ohio

- Preseason All-American
- All-UAC 1st Team (2023)
- Has 22 consecutive starts over the past two seasons entering 2024
- East-West Shrine Bowl Watchlist

RG - 50 - Liam Coppinger

R-Jr. • 6-4 • 298
Everson, Wash.

- 2024 marks his first season with ECU
- Spent the past two seasons at the College of Idaho
- Started every game in 2023 for the Coyotes helping them to a 10-3 record

C- 62 - John Stone

Sr. • 6-3 • 300
Ashland, Ky.

- Started all 11 games in 2023
- Graduated in the Fall of '23 with a Bachelors in Accounting, working on his MBA

RG - 55 - Tyrell Green

Fr. • 6-5 • 355
Toledo, Ohio

- Saturday has appeared in nine games as a freshman this season
- Won a OHSAA Division III State Championship with Central Catholic in 2023

RT- 70 - Vincent Munlin Jr.

Sr. • 6-6 • 299
Cincinnati, Ohio

- Started 10 games in 2023
- Was named Phil Steele 4th Team All-ASUN in 2022
- Graduated in 2023 with a degree in General Studies
- Father Vince Sr. played college football at Cincinnati

LT - 67 - Kyler Edwards

R-Sr. • 6-6 • 306
Tampa, Fla.

- Did not play in 2023 after transferring from Bethune-Cookman
- Graduated in 2023 with an undergraduate degree in General Studies

LG- 58 - Isaiah Bunn

R-Jr. • 6-3 • 292
Sunrise, Fla.

- Started all 11 games in 2023
- Entering his second season with the Colonels
- Transferred to ECU after two seasons with Butler Comm. College in Kansas

C- 60 - Anthony Johns

R-So. • 6-2 • 314
Winchester, Ky.

- Appeared in 10 games in 2023 for ECU
- Was a KSR All-State Football selection in 2021

LG- 71 - O'Brien Jackson

R-Jr. • 6-4 • 295
Murfreesboro, Tenn.

- Enters 2024 with 11 games of playing experience
- Was ranked the No. 16 offensive lineman in the state of Tennessee coming out of high school

LT- 72 - Fred Hinton

Fr. • 6-5 • 290
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

- Named a three-star national prospect according to ON3 and 247Sports
- Product of IMG Academy

WR - 82 - Jayden West

R-Fr. • 6-3 • 183
Richmond, Ky.

- Did not play in 2023, using his redshirt year
- Product of Madison Central HS
- Played WR, RB, and DB in high school

WR - 19 - Dequan Stanley

R-Jr. • 5-10 • 174
St. Augustine, Fla.

- Played in eight games in 2023
- Caught five passes for 71 yards last season
- Transferred last season from South Florida where he recorded one touchdown reception in two seasons

WR - 6 - Ron Vann Jr.

R-Jr. • 6-2 • 167
Chula Vista, Calif.

- A transfer from Reedley College
- In nine games in 2023 he recorded 21 receptions, two touchdowns, averaging 33.7 yards per game
- Caught the first ECU TD of the 2024 season vs Mississippi State

TE - 89 - Caleb Schlachter

R-So. • 6-3 • 226
Kelowna, B.C., Canada

- Transfer from South Alabama
- Did not see the field in two seasons with the Jaguars
- Attended Clearwater Academy International in Clearwater, Fla.
- Recorded 2 catches for 21 yds and 1 TD in 2024

RB - 8 - Joshua Carter

R-Sr. • 5-9 • 207
Navarre, Fla.

- Was named FCS Football Central All-UAC in 2023
- Rushed for a career-best 714 yards on 120 attempts with four touchdowns in 2023
- Transferred from South Alabama in 2022

WR - 17 - Bryant Johnson Jr.

R-Jr. • 6-2 • 179
Cincinnati, Ohio

- Played in 8 games in 2023
- Made one start
- Recorded six receptions for 100 yards in 2023
- Graduated with an undergraduate degree in 2023 majoring in Sport Management, currently pursuing an MBA

WR - 83 - Marcus Calwise, Jr.

Fr. • 5-10 • 185
Covington, Ga.

- Recorded 878 receiving yards on 47 receptions at Newton HS his senior season
- Tallied 16 total touchdowns, 12 receiving, two passing, and two rushing
- Recorded 14 catches for 150 yards in 2024

WR - 16 - Jackson House

R-Fr. • 6-0 • 185
Baton Rouge, La.

- Transitioned from QB to WR this past offseason
- Was a redshirt in 2023
- In high school he led Dunham school to a LHSAA State Football Prep Classic D-III State Championship Game appearance

TE - 43 - Zach Russell

R-Jr. • 6-4 • 267
Johnson County, Ky.

- Transferred from Bowling Green State in 2023
- Appeared in nine games last season
- Had offers from Army, Coastal Carolina, and various MAC schools coming out of high school

RB - 14 - Brayden Latham

So. • 5-11 • 202
Knoxville, Tenn.

- Played in 10 games in 2023
- Recorded 21 rushing yards on seven carries
- Was a two-time All-Tennessee selection at Knoxville West HS

QB - 4 - Matt Morrissey

Grad. • 6-4 • 229
Elmhurst, Ill.

- 2024 marks his first season with ECU after transferring from Western Illinois
- Was named honorable mention All-MVFC in 2023
- Started all 11 games for the Leathernecks
- Threw for 1,981 yards and 13 touchdowns averaging 180 yards passing per game with a completion percentage of 60.8
- Currently pursuing an MBA degree

QB - 2 - Cam Hergott

R-So. • 6-3 • 206
Fort Mitchell, Ky.

- Appeared in all 11 games in 2023
- Recorded 40 rushing yards against Cincinnati in week one
- Converted two two-point conversions last season
- Was the 2021 KFCA 2A Player of the Year at Beechwood HS
- 202 KFCA & AP Mr. Kentucky Football
- Led Beechwood to three state championships

DE- 4 - Jeremiah Bailey

R-So. • 6-3 • 268
Smyrna, Tenn.

- Played in all 11 games in 2023
- Recorded 13 tackles, two for loss, and one sack
- Had a 39-yard scoop-and-score in the season finale against SFA (Nov. 18)

NT- 92 -Ryan Jackson

Sr. • 6-2 • 299
Mount Juliet, Tenn.

- Started all 11 games in 2023
- Recorded 36 tackles, 7.5 for loss, and 3.5 sacks
- Had one fumble recovery at Gardner-Webb (Oct. 21)

DE- 3 - Darrian Baker

Sr. • 6-4 • 274
Harrodsburg, Ky.

- Started all 11 games in 2023
- Recorded 25 total tackles, six for loss, and four sacks
- Forced one fumble against Western Carolina (Sept. 16)

OLB- 22 - Frank Lee IV

R-Sr. • 6-2 • 239
Orangeburg, S.C.

- Appeared in all 11 games in 2023
- Made 31 tackles, 7.5 for loss with 4.5 sacks
- Forced one fumble against North Alabama (Sept. 30) and recorded an interception against Kentucky

DE- 93 - Brad Gurley

R-So. • 6-4 • 275
Bowling Green, Ky.

- Played in one game in 2023
- Was put on scholarship this off season after walking on in 2022

NT- 0 - Marvion Field

Grad. • 6-3 • 275
Atlanta, Ga.

- Transfer from Elon in 2023
- Recorded 22 tackles, 1.5 TFL in 11 games for ECU in 2023

DE- 99 - Gabe Fletcher

R-Jr. • 6-4 • 264
Memphis, Tenn.

- Appeared in all 11 games in 2023 for ECU
- Made five tackles
- Had one interception against North Alabama
- His father William Fletcher played football at Tennessee State

OLB- 1 - Cam Junior

R-Jr. • 6-2 • 216
Miami, Fla.

- Appeared in all 11 games in 2023 including one start against Gardner-Webb (Oct. 21)
- Recorded 30 tackles and two sacks

OLB- 7 - Gabe Stephens

R-Jr. • 6-4 • 219
Mount Holly, N.C.

- Played in all 11 games in 2023
- Made one start in the season finale against SFA (Nov. 18)

LB- 39 -Braden Sullivan

So. • 6-2 • 228
New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

- A new transfer from Highland Community College
- In 2023 recorded 82 total tackles in 10 games played, 13 tackles for loss with three sacks
- Was named All-KJCC in 2023

LB- 11 -Maddox Marcellus

So. • 6-3 • 225
Miami, Fla.

- Played in 10 games in 2023
- Recorded five tackles with 1.5 being for a loss
- Forced one fumble in the season finale against SFA (Nov. 18) that was returned for a touchdown

OLB- 47- Jacquez McGowan

Jr. • 6-1 • 192
Valdosta, Ga.

- In 2023, he recorded 72 total tackles averaging 6.5 tackles per game and had one interception
- Recorded 19 tackles for a TFL as well as a PBU and FF in 2024

CB- 13- Jordon Thomas

R-Jr. • 6-0 • 181
Decatur, Ga.

- Played in all 11 games with six starts in his first season with ECU in 2023 after transferring from Wingate
- Recorded 28 tackles, forced one fumble, and had five pass breakups

LB- 48-Kaden Smith

Fr. • 6-2 • 219
Campbellsville, Ky.

- A two-star prospect according to 247Sports coming out of Taylor County HS
- In his senior season he recorded 103 total tackles with 13.5 sacks

LB- 35 - Brody Wells

R-Fr. • 6-3 • 225
Russellville, Ky.

- Made his first appearance in week one against Mississippi State
- Recorded 1 total tackle
- Helped Corbin to back-to-back regular seasons and a 2022 KHSAA 4A state championship appearance

CB- 6 - Vito Tisdale

R-Jr. • 5-11 • 175
Bowling Green, Ky.

- A transfer from Colorado and previously Kentucky
- Appeared in three games last season seeing three snaps
- In 2021 at UK, he played in nine games recording 21 tackles and a pass breakup

CB- 34 - DJ Galva

Fr. • 6-1 • 165
Bartow, Fla.

- Led his team in tackles from the secondary while having double digit pass breakups in his junior and senior seasons.... also ran track and field.
- Nickname is Rabbit

S- 2 - Mike Smith Jr.

Sr. • 6-1 • 206
Jacksonville, Fla.

- 2024 preseason All-UAC
- Named to the Reese's Senior Bowl Watchlist
- Led the UAC in passes defended with 13 in 2023 with two interceptions
- Played in all 11 games

S- 9 -Jaheim Ward

R-Jr. • 6-2 • 186
Moultrie, Ga.

- New to ECU after playing the past three seasons at Austin Peay
- In 2023, played in seven games, recording 20 tackles and four pass breakups in seven games played

CB- 26 -Tre' Goodin

Sr. • 5-10 • 158
Campbellsville, Ky.

- Played in all 11 games in 2023
- Recorded 14 tackles on the season with one pass breakup

S- 30 -Jeffrey Kinley

R-So. • 6-0 • 192
Richmond, Ky.

- Did not play his first two seasons at ECU
- In his senior season with Madison Central he recorded 84 tackles, five forced fumbles, recovered five fumbles, and scored two defensive TDs

S- 10 - Moses Sarweh

Jr. • 6-1 • 199
Seat Pleasant, MD.

- Played in 11 games in 2023 at Dodge City Comm. College
- Recorded 57 tackles with 11 for loss and one sack
- Added one interception and four pass breakups

QB

#4 Matt Morrissey

PASSING	Team	GP	Cmp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	PCT	Avg/P	Avg/G
2021-22	UNI	2	10	28	2	126	0	35.7	12.6	63.0
2022-23	UNI	3	0	1	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2023-24	WIU	11	205	337	7	1981	13	60.8	9.7	118.8
2024-25	EKU	12	178	299	8	2013	13	59.5	11.3	167.8
TOTAL		28	393	665	18	4120	26	59.1	10.5	147.1
RUSHING	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Avg/G		
2021-22	UNI	2	4	13	0	5	3.3	6.5		
2022-23	UNI	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0		
2023-24	WIU	11	116	-192	2	13	-1.7	-17.5		
2024-25	EKU	12	86	263	3	46	3.1	21.9		
TOTAL		28	206	84	5	46	0.4	3.0		

#2 Cameron Hergott

PASSING	Team	GP	Cmp	Att	INT	Yds	TD	PCT	Avg/P	Avg/G
2022-23	EKU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2023-24	EKU	11	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2024-25	EKU	12	3	8	0	12	0	37.5	4.0	1.0
TOTAL		24	3	9	0	12	0	33.3	4.0	0.5
RUSHING	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Avg/G		
2022-23	EKU	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	4.0		
2023-24	EKU	11	6	40	0	13	6.7	3.6		
2024-25	EKU	12	20	125	1	22	6.3	10.4		
TOTAL		24	27	169	1	22	6.3	7.0		

RB

#8 Joshua Carter

RUSHING	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Avg/G
2019-20	USA	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020-21	USA	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2022-23	EKU	9	55	303	3	69	5.5	33.7
2023-24	EKU	11	120	714	4	48	6.0	64.9
2024-25	EKU	12	225	1106	13	28	4.9	92.2
TOTAL		49	400	2123	20	69	5.3	43.3
RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2019-20	USA	10	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2020-21	USA	7	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2022-23	EKU	9	8	66	0	19	8.3	7.3
2023-24	EKU	11	21	147	0	39	7.0	13.4
2024-25	EKU	12	20	181	0	30	9.1	15.1
TOTAL		49	49	394	0	39	8.0	8.0

#14 Brayden Latham

RUSHING	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Avg/G
2023-24	EKU	10	7	21	0	10	3.0	2.1
2024-25	EKU	12	131	628	3	42	4.8	52.3
TOTAL		22	138	649	3	42	4.7	29.5
RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2023-24	EKU	10	1	13	0	13	13.0	1.3
2024-25	EKU	12	10	66	0	22	6.6	5.5
TOTAL		22	11	79	0	22	7.2	5.5

TE

#89 Caeleb Schlachter

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2024-25	EKU	12	6	61	1	19	10.2	5.1
TOTAL		12	6	61	1	19	10.2	5.1

#43 Zach Russell

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2023-24	EKU	8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2024-25	EKU	11	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL		19	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0

WR

#82 Jayden West

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2023-24	EKU	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2024-25	EKU	12	8	78	0	18	9.8	6.5
TOTAL		13	8	78	0	18	9.8	6.0

#17 Bryant Johnson Jr.

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2020-21	EKU	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2021-22	EKU	5	8	53	0	11	6.6	10.6
2023-24	EKU	8	6	100	0	40	16.7	12.5
2024-25	EKU	10	9	116	1	24	12.9	11.6
TOTAL		26	23	269	1	40	11.7	10.0

#83 Marcus Calwise Jr.

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2024-25	EKU	12	40	507	4	67	12.7	42.3
TOTAL		12	40	507	4	67	12.7	42.3

#19 Dequan Stanley

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2021-22	USF	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2022-23	USF	7	1	73	1	73	73.0	10.4
2023-24	EKU	8	5	71	0	31	14.2	8.9
2024-25	EKU	10	27	372	5	75	13.8	37.2
TOTAL		27	33	516	6	75	15.6	19.1

#6 Ron Vann Jr.

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2021-22	NMSU	3	1	6	0	6	6.0	2.0
2024-25	EKU	12	21	220	1	20	10.5	18.3
TOTAL		15	22	226	1	20	10.3	15.1

#16 Jackson House

RECEIVING	Team	GP	Rec	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/R	Avg/G
2024-25	EKU	12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0.6
TOTAL		12	1	7	0	7	7.0	0.6

DE

#4 Jeremiah Bailey

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2022-23	EKU	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	EKU	11	4	9	2	1	1	1	0	1
2024-25	EKU	12	14	20	2	1	0	0	0	0.5
TOTAL		25	19	29	4	2	1	1	0	1.5

#3 Darrian Baker

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	EKU	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
2021-22	EKU	10	1	2	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	EKU	7	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	1
2023-24	EKU	11	13	12	6	0	1	0	0	4
2024-25	EKU	12	18	18	7.5	2	1	0	1	2
TOTAL		44	37	40	17	2	2	0	1	8

#93 Brad Gurley

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2023-24	EKU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024-25	EKU	11	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL		12	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	1

#99 Gabe Fletcher

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	EKU	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	EKU	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	EKU	11	1	4	0.5	0	0	0	1	0
2024-25	EKU	12	7	4	5	1	0	1	0	3
TOTAL		29	9	11	6.5	1	0	1	1	3

NT

#97 Ryan Jackson

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	EKU	9	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	1
2021-22	EKU	11	5	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	EKU	12	10	14	3.5	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	EKU	11	19	17	7.5	3	0	1	0	3.5
2024-25	EKU	12	16	15	3.5	2	0	0	0	1
TOTAL		55	56	62	18.5	5	0	1	0	5.5

#0 Marvion Field

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2019-20	Elon	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020-21	Elon	6	4	3	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	Elon	11	3	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
2022-23	Elon	12	9	5	3.5	1	0	0	0	0
2023-24	EKU	11	8	14	1.5	0	2	0	0	0
2024-25	EKU	11	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL		53	31	36	6.5	2	2	0	0	1

LB

#39 Braden Sullivan

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2024-25	EKU	12	43	41	2.5	1	1	1	0	0
TOTAL		12	43	41	2.5	1	1	1	0	0

#48 Kaden Smith

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2024-25	EKU	12	7	7	1.5	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL		12	7	7	1.5	0	0	0	0	1

#11 Maddox Marcellus

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2023-24	EKU	10	3	2	1.5	0	1	0	0	1
2024-25	EKU	11	40	47	6	2	0	1	2	0
TOTAL		21	43	49	7.5	2	1	1	2	1

#35 Brody Wells

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2024-25	EKU	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

OLB

#22 Frank Lee IV

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	C-N	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
2021-22	C-N	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	C-N	11	27	12	13.5	8	1	0	0	5
2023-24	EKU	11	16	15	7.5	2	1	0	1	4.5
2024-25	EKU	9	8	10	2	1	0	1	0	0
TOTAL		33	53	39	24	11	2	2	1	9.5

#1 Cameron Junior

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2021-22	UC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	UC	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	EKU	11	15	15	2	0	2	1	0	2
2024-25	EKU	12	26	18	2	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		25	41	36	4	3	2	1	0	2

#7 Gabe Stephens

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2023-24	EKU	11	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	1
2024-25	EKU	12	17	15	6.5	1	3	0	0	4.5
TOTAL		22	22	22	7.5	1	3	0	0	5.5

#47 Jacquez McGowan

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2022-23	TNTech	11	30	29	4	1	0	0	1	0.5
2023-24	TNTech	11	40	32	3.5	2	0	0	1	2.5
2024-25	EKU	12	18	18	1	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL		34	88	79	8.5	4	1	0	2	3

CB

#13 Jordon Thomas

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2021-22	Win	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	Win	14	24	15	3	11	0	0	2	1
2023-24	EKU	11	23	5	0	5	1	1	0	0
2024-25	EKU	12	28	14	1	13	0	1	0	0
TOTAL		39	76	35	4	29	1	2	2	1

#6 Vito Tisdale

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	UK	10	11	9	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	UK	9	12	9	1.5	1	0	0	0	1
2023-24	CU	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024-25	EKU	12	22	11	0	8	0	0	1	0
TOTAL		34	45	29	2	9	0	0	1	1

#34 DJ Galva

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2024-25	EKU	11	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL		11	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0

#26 Tre' Goodin

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	EKU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	EKU	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	EKU	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	EKU	11	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2024-25	EKU	12	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		39	27	5	0	1	0	0	0	0

S

#2 Mike Smith Jr.

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2020-21	APP	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021-22	APP	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	EKU	10	22	9	2	1	0	0	1	0
2023-24	EKU	11	34	22	0	11	0	1	2	0
2024-25	EKU	12	40	22	0	5	1	0	4	0
TOTAL		52	96	57	2	17	1	1	7	0

#9 Jaheim Ward

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2021-22	APSU	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022-23	APSU	11	5	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023-24	APSU	7	8	12	0	4	0	0	0	0
2024-25	EKU	11	38	26	5	7	2	1	1	0
TOTAL		33	52	51	5	11	2	1	1	0

#30 Jeffrey Kinley

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2024-25	EKU	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		12	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

#10 Moses Sarweh

DEFENSIVE	Team	GP	Solo	Ast	TFL	PBU	FF	FR	INT	Sacks
2024-25	EKU	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0



CAREER STATS

P

#49 Jacob Baker

#46 Patrick Nations

PUNTING	Team	GP	Att	Yds	Long	Avg/P	TB	In 20	50+
2023-24	EKU	3	1	40	40	40.0	0	0	0
2024-25	EKU	12	56	2462	65	44.0	6	22	16
TOTAL		15	57	2502	65	43.9	6	22	16

NO PUNTING STATS

K

#46 Patrick Nations

#41 Devin Orr

KICKOFFS	Team	GP	Att	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
2021-22	EKU	11	58	3569	61.5	31	3
2022-23	EKU	12	76	4486	59.0	26	7
2023-24	EKU	11	60	3676	61.3	26	0
2024-25	EKU	12	54	3462	64.1	40	0
TOTAL		46	248	15193	61.3	123	10
FIELD GOALS	Team	GP	Made	Att	Long	PCT	PAT
2021-22	EKU	11	12	16	51	75.0	34
2022-23	EKU	12	14	21	46	66.7	48
2023-24	EKU	11	19	25	49	76.0	31
2024-25	EKU	12	8	11	47	72.7	32
TOTAL		46	53	73	51	72.6	145

NO NCAA GAMES PLAYED

PR

#23 Jalen Montgomery

#83 Marcus Calwise Jr.

PUNT RETURN	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
2024-25	EKU	12	11	157	0	54	14.3
TOTAL		12	11	157	0	54	14.3

NO RETURN STATS

KR

#14 Brayden Latham

#23 Jalen Montgomery

KICK RETURN	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
2023-24	EKU	10	3	60	0	26	20.0
2024-25	EKU	12	6	91	0	25	15.2
TOTAL		22	9	151	0	26	16.8

KICK RETURN	Team	GP	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
2024-25	EKU	12	19	453	0	54	23.8
TOTAL		12	19	453	0	54	23.8

Rushed 30 times in a game

Joshua Carter vs Utah Tech on Oct. 26, 2024 (31)

Rushed for 200 yards

Daryl McCleskey Jr. vs. Tennessee St. on Sept. 28, 2019 (202)

Rushed for 150 yards

Joshua Carter vs. Utah Tech on Oct. 26, 2024 (167)

Rushed for 100 yards

Brayden Latham vs. North Alabama on Nov. 23, 2024 (103)

Rushed for 100 yards in cons. games

Joshua Carter vs. Utah Tech on Oct. 26, 2024 (167)

Joshua Carter vs. No. 7 Tarleton State on Nov. 2, 2024 (149)

Rushed for 3 or more touchdowns

Braeden Sloan vs. Tarleton State on Oct. 14, 2023 (4)

Passed for 400 yards

Parker McKinney vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (454)

Passed for 300 yards

Parker McKinney at Central Arkansas on Nov. 11, 2023 (377)

Attempted 50 passes

Parker McKinney vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (57)

Attempted 40 passes

Parker McKinney vs. Southeast Missouri State on Sept. 23, 2023 (49)

Threw 5 touchdown passes

Parker McKinney vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (5)

Threw 4 touchdown passes

Parker McKinney vs. Charleston Southern on Sept. 17, 2022 (4)

Threw 3 touchdown passes

Parker McKinney vs. Central Arkansas on Nov. 5, 2022 (3)

Had 400 yards total offense

Parker McKinney vs. Western Carolina on Sept. 16, 2023 (425)

Accounted for 5 or more touchdowns

Parker McKinney vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (5)

Accounted for 4 or more touchdowns

Braeden Sloan vs. Tarleton State on Oct. 14, 2023 (4)

Accounted for 3 or more touchdowns

Matt Morrissey vs. Morehead State on Sept. 21, 2024 (3)

Caught 10 or more passes

Jaden Smith vs. Western Carolina on Sept. 16, 2023 (10)

Caught 7 or more passes

Marcus Calwise Jr. at No. 17 Abilene Christian on Oct. 19, 2024 (7)

Had 200 or more yards receiving

Orlandus Harris at Tennessee Tech on Nov. 13, 2010 (200)

Had 150 or more yards receiving

Cornelius McCoy vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (155)

Had 100 or more yards receiving

Dequan Stanley at No. 17 Abilene Christian on Oct. 19, 2024 (116)

Caught 3 or more touchdown passes

Cornelius McCoy vs. North Alabama on Oct. 22, 2022 (3)

Had 2 interceptions

Joseph Sayles at Presbyterian on Sept. 21, 2019 (2)

Had 15 or more tackles

Logan Blake at North Alabama on Sept. 30, 2023 (15)

Had 20 or more tackles

Logan Blake at Gardner-Webb on Oct. 21, 2023 (21)

Had 20 or more first downs

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (27)

Had 400 yards rushing

vs. Morehead State on Aug. 30, 2018 (404)

Had 300 yards rushing

vs. Morehead State on Sept. 21, 2024 (301)

Had 50 or more rushing attempts

vs. No. 7 Tarleton State on Nov. 2, 2024 (50)

Had 5 or more rushing TDs

vs. Tarleton State on Oct. 14, 2023 (5)

Had 4 or more rushing TDs

vs. Morehead State on Sept. 21, 2024 (4)

Had 400 yards passing

vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (454)

Had 350 yards passing

at Central Arkansas on Nov. 11, 2023 (377)

Had 300 yards passing

at Central Arkansas on Nov. 11, 2023 (377)

Had 50 pass attempts

at Central Arkansas on Nov. 11, 2023 (54)

Completed 40 passes

at Murray State on Nov. 14, 2015 (44)

Completed 30 passes

at Central Arkansas on Nov. 11, 2023 (38)

Had 5 TDs passing

vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022 (5)

Had 4 TDs passing

vs. Charleston Southern on Sept. 17, 2022 (4)

Had 3 TDs passing

vs. Southeast Missouri State on Sept. 23, 2023 (3)

Had 600 yards total offense

vs. Tennessee Tech on Oct. 8, 2015 (629)

Had 500 yards total offense

vs. Robert Morris on Sept. 28, 2024 (513)

Had 80 total plays

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (82)

Scored 70 points

Scored 60 points

at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (67)

Scored 50 points

vs. North Alabama on Oct. 22, 2022 (56)

Scored 40 points

vs. Morehead State on Sept. 21, 2024 (42)

Committed no turnovers

vs. No. 16 Central Arkansas on Nov. 9, 2024

Had two 100-yd. rushers

vs. Tennessee State on Sept. 28, 2019
(Daryl McCleskey Jr., 202; Alonzo Booth, 115)

Had two 100-yd. receivers

vs. Gardner-Webb on Nov. 26, 2022
(Cornelius McCoy, 151; Jayden Higgins, 109)

Returned a punt for TD

vs. APSU on Nov. 20, 2010 (Jeremy Caldwell)

Returned a KO for TD

vs. No. 16 Central Arkansas on Nov. 9, 2024
(Caeleb Schlachter – 73 yards)

Returned an INT for TD

vs. Austin Peay on Sept. 24, 2022
(Joseph Sayles – 42 yards)

Returned a fumble for TD

vs. Utah Tech on Oct. 26, 2024
(Maddox Marcellus - 23 yards)

Returned a blocked punt for TD

vs. Robert Morris on Nov. 10, 2018
(Brentton Ervin – 5 yards)

Blocked a punt

vs. Kentucky on Sept. 9, 2023
(Cornelius Evans)

Blocked a FG

at Central Arkansas on Oct. 16, 2021
(Joseph Sayles)

Blocked a PAT

at Marshall on Sept. 8, 2018
(Leodis Moore III)

Missed a PAT

at No. 17 Abilene Christian on Oct. 19, 2024 (Patrick Nations)

Had a punt blocked

at Mississippi State on Aug. 31, 2024

Had a FG blocked

at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 26, 2019

Was held scoreless

at Western Kentucky, Sept. 7, 2024 (31-0)

Was held scoreless at home

vs. Eastern Illinois, Nov. 19, 2016 (24-0)

Held an opponent scoreless

at Austin Peay on Oct. 4, 2014 (31-0)

Held an oppt. scoreless at home

vs. Tennessee State on Nov. 2, 2013 (44-0)

Held an oppt. to 10 first downs

at Eastern Illinois on Oct. 26, 2019 (8)

Held an oppt. to 300 yards total offense

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (287)

Held an oppt. to 200 yards total offense

vs. Lamar on Oct. 30, 2021 (193)

Held an oppt. to 150 yards total offense

vs. Tennessee Tech on Nov. 16, 2019 (150)

Held an oppt. to less than 100 yards rushing

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (48)

Held an oppt. to less than 50 yards rushing

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (48)

Held an opponent to 100 yards passing

vs. Lamar on Oct. 30, 2021 (77)

Held an opponent without a TD

vs. Tarleton on Oct. 2, 2021

Scored an offensive 2-pt. conversion

vs. Southern Utah on Oct. 12, 2024

Scored a defensive 2-pt. conversion

vs. Morehead State on Sept. 13, 2014

Had 10 or more penalties

at Western Kentucky on Sept. 7, 2024 (10)

Had 100 penalty yards

at Western Kentucky on Sept. 7, 2024 (102)

Had 35 minutes ToP

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (38:16)

Played an OT game

vs. Austin Peay on Nov. 16, 2024 (W, 30-27)

Scored a safety

vs. Murray State on Nov. 5, 2016

Allowed a safety

at Marshall on Sept. 8, 2018



Head Coach Walt Wells



Eastern Kentucky University football head coach Walt Wells is a familiar name. Wells served as an assistant under legendary ECU Head Coach Roy Kidd from 1997 to 2002 and was an assistant again with the Colonels in 2015.

Wells was hired as the 15th head coach in program history on Dec. 9, 2019.

The fourth season of the Walt Wells era in 2023, was one of late game dramatics with the average point differential against FCS opponents being 4.8 points per game. ECU went 5-4 against FCS opponents and 4-2 in the inaugural season of the United Athletic Conference.

The Colonels first win came against then No. 16 South East Missouri, as ECU comeback from being down 17-0 in the game to win 41-38 as Patrick Nations drilled a 46-yard field goal to seal the win. Two weeks later, on Homecoming the Colonels treated the fans at Roy Kidd Stadium to a classic, defeating conference foe Tarleton State, 41-35 in double-overtime.

On the season the Colonels were led by their three All-Americans in offensive lineman Josiah Ezirim, linebacker Logan Blake, and all-purpose selection Braedon Sloan. Additionally, in all conference recognition, QB Parker McKinney, TE Hunter Brown, OL Payton Collins and Josiah Ezirim, and LB Logan Blake earned first team All-UAC honors.

Ezirim went on to be the first Colonel drafted to the NFL under Wells, being selected in the seventh round of the 2024 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints.

McKinney closed out his historic career as a Colonel with program records in passing attempts, completions, yards, passing touchdowns, and total offense. He leaves Richmond with the 11th most passing yards in FCS history with 12,760. Logan Blake finished the season 4th in the FCS in total tackles with 114.

In his third season at ECU, Wells led the Colonels to their first NCAA FCS Playoff berth since 2014 and a share of the ASUN regular-season championship. ECU went 6-2 against FCS opponents and beat an FBS team for the first time in eight seasons. The Colonels rose to No. 16 in the national polls and posted a 5-2 mark at Roy Kidd Stadium.

Wells earned the ASUN Coach of the Year honor for the second consecutive season. a trip to the NCAA Division I Championship game. The Dukes reeled off 14 consecutive wins after a narrow 20-13 defeat in the season opener at Big 12 foe West Virginia. JMU went 8-0 in league play to obtain the outright CAA title and notched eight nationally-ranked wins, with there in the top 10.

The Colonels beat FBS foe Bowling Green 59-57 in seven overtimes, which tied the record for the second-longest game in Division I football history. ECU also knocked off No. 15 Southeast Missouri on the road for the program's third win over a ranked opponent in as many seasons.

ECU quarterback Parker McKinney was named the ASUN's Co-Offensive Player of the Year and the Colonels landed five players on the All-ASUN team. McKinney was named an All-American, along with offensive lineman Payton Collins, linebacker Matthew Jackson, and running back Braedon Sloan, giving the Colonels four All-Americans for the first time ever in a single season.

During the 2022 campaign, ECU ranked second in the FCS in punt returns, third in passing offense, fifth in third-down conversion percentage, sixth in kickoff returns, eight in completion percentage, 10th in total offense, 11th in scoring offense and team passing efficiency, and 18th in red-zone offense.

In 2021, Wells orchestrated the biggest single-season turnaround in program history as ECU went 7-4 after a 3-6 campaign in 2020. The Colonels defeated three teams that were ranked in the preseason top-25 and went 5-1 at Roy Kidd Stadium. Eastern Kentucky climbed as high as No. 19 in the national rankings and won five consecutive games for the



first time since 2014. Wells was named the ASUN Coach of the Year and was honored as the AFCA FCS Region 3 Co-Coach of the Year.

The Colonels upset No. 19 Austin Peay, 35-27, in Richmond and rallied from a 22-point road deficit to beat Central Arkansas. Eastern Kentucky also won its second consecutive Opportunity Bowl, knocking off Jacksonville State in double-overtime, 39-31.

ECU placed six players on the All-ASUN team while defensive back Davion Ross was named the ASUN Defensive Player of the Year and kicker Patrick Nations won ASUN Special Teams Player of the Year. Ross, Nations, and offensive lineman Payton Collins were each honored as All-Americans.

During 2021, the Colonels ranked second nationally in kickoff return average, fourth in defensive touchdowns and red-zone offense, 15th in red-zone defense, and 19th in sacks allowed.

In his first season, the Colonels faced one of the toughest schedules in program history. Among the nine games in the fall of 2020 were three contests against FBS teams and two games against a team ranked among the top-25 in the FCS. Wells led ECU to a road win at The Citadel, a near upset of FBS Troy, a victory over No. 11 Central Arkansas and a 49-17 win against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl.

The Colonels suffered two heartbreaking last-minute losses during the 2020 season. The win over 11th ranked Central Arkansas was the program's first victory over a ranked team since 2013 and the first win over a non-conference ranked team since 2003 when Eastern Kentucky beat No. 11 Appalachian State.

ECU was recognized as the national team of the week three times during the 2020 season. Quarterback Parker McKinney, wide receiver Keyion Dixon and running back Alonzo





Booth each earned national player of the week honors as well.

During the fall 2020 season, Eastern ranked second in the nation in interceptions and passing efficiency, and third in first downs, passing offense, passing yards per completion, fumbles recovered and turnovers gained.

"I'm excited to be back and be the head football coach at Eastern Kentucky University," said Wells. "This is a place that is very close to my heart, and my wife Jennifer's heart. ECU has a proud tradition and I look forward to continuing that tradition."

Wells served as a quality control assistant at the University of Kentucky during the 2018 and 2019 seasons. The 2018 Wildcat team beat Florida for the first time in 32 years, posted the program's best Southeastern Conference (SEC) record in 41 years and beat No. 12-ranked Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. All totaled, the 10-3 record was Kentucky's best season in 41 years and only the third 10-win season in school history.

In 2019, the Wildcats won seven games and reach bowl eligibility again. Wells' responsibilities included breaking down the opponents' offense for the UK defense. The Kentucky defense ranked fourth in the nation in passing yards allowed, ninth in passing efficiency defense, 12th in scoring defense, 14th in fewest first downs allowed, 20th in total defense, 23rd in red-zone defense and 31st in sacks in 2019.

From 2016 to 2017, Wells worked on the staff at the University of Tennessee. He was an offensive quality control coach, working primarily with the offensive line during the 2016 season, and served as the offensive line coach during the 2017 season. He worked closely with the UT line that paved the way for 2,668 rushing yards (5.2 yards per carry) in 2016. The Vol offense also ranked 24th in the nation in scoring that season (36.4 points per game). Wells coached Freshman All-American and All-SEC left guard Trey Smith. He was ranked as a top-10 national recruiter.

Wells returned to the ECU coaching staff in the spring of 2015 as the assistant head coach and offensive line coach. His work helped the Colonels average 30.3 points per game, the 35th-most in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS). Lineman Brett Eyckmans earned first team All-Ohio Valley Conference recognition after the 2015 season.

During his first stint with the Colonels, Eastern won the 1997 OVC title with a perfect 7-0 mark and advanced to the NCAA FCS playoffs. Wells served as Kidd's tight ends coach from 1997 to 1999, and as the offensive line coach from 2000 to 2002. He coached seven All-OVC players and an All-American. ECU ranked among top-15 nationally in rushing in 2001 and 2002.

"Twenty-two years ago I came here and met coach Kidd and his staff," Wells said. "I learned many valuable lessons that have carried me through my career. I appreciate them pouring their knowledge into me, and I look forward to now passing that on to our team here."

The veteran coach brings 25 years of college coaching experience to the sidelines as both an offensive line coach and coordinator. Wells has also spent time at Cumberland University, Western Kentucky, South Florida and New Mexico State.

As the offensive line coach in 2014 at New Mexico State, Wells helped center Valerian Ume-Ezeoke earn All-Sun Belt Conference accolades. The Aggies allowed just 10 sacks all year, which ranked second-best nationally. Ume-Ezeoke went on to sign a free agent contract with the Atlanta Falcons.

Wells spent the 2013 season at South Florida as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. Under Wells, tight end Mike McFarland and tailback Marcus Shaw were named second team All-American Athletic Conference. He also guided wide receiver Andre Davis to a program record in single season receiving yards (735).

Prior to joining the South Florida staff in December 2012, Wells spent 10 years at Western Kentucky working with the offensive line. During the final four years of his stay at WKU, Wells' role expanded to offensive coordinator and running game coordinator. Four Hill-topper offensive linemen earned All-America honors under Wells' direction, and Western ranked in the top four in the Sun Belt Conference in rushing each of his final four seasons - leading the league with 181.6 rushing yards per game in 2011 and improving that number to 186.2 yards per game in 2012.

As a result of Wells' mentoring, Adam Smith, a four-year starter, went on to sign a free agent contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after the 2012 season. Wells also coached Greg Ryan, who earned a free-agent contract with the Baltimore Ravens in 2009.

Wells' collegiate coaching career began in 1994 at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee, as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator. He led an offense that twice topped the NAIA in rushing, while helping the Bulldogs reach a top-15 national ranking. Wells also spent two years as an assistant at Smyrna (Tenn.) High School.

Wells earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Belmont in 1993 after transferring from Austin Peay State University where he was on the football team for four years, having started and lettered in two of those seasons. He received a master's degree in human relations management in 1995 at Cumberland.

Wells and his wife, Jennifer, have two children - Madison and K.J.

"Becoming the head coach at ECU has always been a career goal of mine," said Wells. "ECU football has, and will always be, A Matter of Pride."

THE WELLS COACHING FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Season	School	Position
1992-93	Smyrna HS	Assistant Coach
1994-96	Cumberland University	Asst. HC/OC
1997-02	Eastern Kentucky University	TE Coach (97-99), OL Coach (00-02)
2003-12	Western Kentucky	OL Coach (03-08), OC (09-12)
2013	South Florida	OC/OL Coach
2014	New Mexico State	OL Coach
2015	Eastern Kentucky	Asst. HC
2016-17	Tennessee	Offensive QC (2016), OL Coach (2017)
2018-19	Kentucky	Quality Control Asst.
2020-pres.	Eastern Kentucky University	Head Coach

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Season	School	Record / Conf.	Postseason
2020	Eastern Kentucky University	3-6/0-0	Opportunity Bowl, W, 49-17
2021	Eastern Kentucky University	7-4/4-2	
2022	Eastern Kentucky University	7-5/3-2	FCS Playoffs
2023	Eastern Kentucky University	5-6/4-2	
2024	Eastern Kentucky University	8-4/6-2	FCS Playoffs
Totals	5 Seasons	30-25 / 17-7	



Jake Johnson **Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers Coach** **5th Season | EKU, 2002**

Former Colonel Jake Johnson returned to EKU in December 2019 as the program's defensive coordinator. Johnson previously spent 12 seasons (2004-15) on the Colonel coaching staff, including the final 11 as the defensive line coach.

In 2023, the Colonel defense was led by linebacker and NAIA graduate transfer Logan Blake. Blake earned first-team All-UAC honors after finishing with the third most total tackles in all of FCS (132), and a critical interception in 20T against Tarleton State on homecoming, setting EKU up for a 41-35 win.

Johnson's defense came up clutch just one week earlier, forcing and recovering a fumble against SEMO that set up kicker Patrick Nations with a game-winning field goal as time expired.

In his third season at EKU, two Colonel defenders were named to the All-ASUN team and linebacker Matthew Jackson was tabbed as a Fourth-Team Phil Steele/DraftScout All-American. EKU held No. 15 Southeast Missouri to 10 points in the second half of a comeback victory and limited Central Arkansas to its lowest point total against an FCS opponent of the season.

Jackson ranked third in the ASUN with 87 total tackles, while defensive lineman TK McLendon finished the season third in the conference with six sacks.

In 2021, the Colonel defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense, allowing opponents to score just 10.1 points per game in the second half. Cornerback Davion Ross was a consensus All-American, the ASUN Defensive Player of the Year, and three EKU defenders were named to the All-ASUN team. Linebacker Matthew Jackson was tabbed as Phil Steele's ASUN Defensive Player of the Year.

Ross ranked fifth in the nation in passes defended. Kyle Bailey finished the season sixth in the nation in solo tackles, while Jackson ranked 20th. EKU held a pair of opponents to under 250 total yards.

In his first season, Johnson's defense stymied a pair of Southern Conference offenses helping EKU beat The Citadel, 37-14, on the road and Western Carolina, 49-17, in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. EKU also knocked off No. 11 Central Arkansas for the program's first win over a top-25 ranked team since 2013, and first victory over a non-conference ranked team since 2003.

In his first season as a starter, linebacker Matthew Jackson excelled in Johnson's defense. Jackson led the nation during the fall season with two fumbles recovered and ranked ninth in the country with 9.9 tackles per game. Defensive back Kmare Carey ranked ninth in the nation during the fall season with 0.40 interceptions per game.

As a team, Eastern Kentucky was third in the country during the fall season with 16 turnovers gained.

Johnson worked on the staff at Murray State University from 2016 to 2019. After spending his first two seasons with the Racers as the linebackers coach and special teams coordinator, Johnson served as the defensive coordinator in 2018 and 2019 while still also coaching the linebacker position group.

Under his guidance as defensive coordinator, Murray State improved its scoring and rushing defense each season. Linebacker Quincy Williams was selected in the third round of the 2019 NFL Draft, the highest draft pick in MSU history. In addition, defensive back Marquez Sanford signed a free agent contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2019.

Johnson recruited multiple all-conference players. In 2018 he successfully recruited the No. 1 and No. 5 ranked players in the Ohio Valley Conference. As the special teams coordinator, Johnson tutored kicker Connor Mitchell who led the nation in field goals per game (1.82) and set a school record with six field goals in a game during the 2016 season.

In his first stint at Eastern Kentucky, Johnson helped the Colonels win OVC Championships in 2007, 2008 and 2011 and make four FCS playoff appearances. He coached 17 defensive linemen who earned All-Ohio Valley Conference honors and five who picked up All-America recognition. In 2015, Noah Spence and Bryce Krebs were named to the All-OVC team. Spence was also chosen as the OVC Co-Defensive Player of the Year, earned All-America honors and was drafted in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft. EKU ranked first or second in the OVC in rushing defense in each of his final four seasons as defensive line coach.

After graduating from Eastern in 2002 with a bachelor's of science degree in geography, with an emphasis in global studies, Johnson spent a year at Wingate University as an assistant coach. His duties there included serving as the Bulldogs' full-time tight ends coach and assistant offensive line coach, while also aiding in player recruitment and game-day planning. Johnson then returned to Eastern Kentucky in 2004 as a graduate assistant coach.

A three-year starting offensive lineman during his collegiate career, Johnson garnered All-Ohio Valley Conference accolades at center in 2001. That same year, Johnson served as the Colonels' offensive team captain and was named the squad's offensive lineman of the year.



Andy Richman **Offensive Coordinator / Running Backs Coach** **5th Season | EKU, 2002**

Andy Richman was chosen as EKU's offensive coordinator and running backs coach in January 2020.

The 2023 season saw the Colonels post the total offense numbers in the UAC averaging 437.4 yards per game with a total of 4,811 yards on the season. The offense featured four UAC First Team All-Conference selections in quarterback Parker McKinney, tight end Hunter Brown, and offensive linemen Payton Collins and Josiah Ezirim.

Ezirim went on to collect four separate All-American selections after a stellar season up front before being drafted in the 2024 NFL Draft by the New Orleans Saints in the seventh round.

In his third season at EKU, the Colonels ranked third in the nation in passing offense, fifth in third-down conversion percentage, eight in completion percentage, 10th in total offense, 11th in scoring offense and team passing efficiency, and 18th in red-zone offense. EKU set a school record with 434 points scored, posting at least 40 points in six games, and quarterback Parker McKinney broke every school single-season and career passing record.

McKinney, offensive lineman Payton Collins, and running back Braedon Sloan each earned All-American honors. Sloan became the first Colonel in at least two decades to record 500 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving in a single season.

In 2021, Eastern Kentucky boasted the fourth-best red-zone offense in the country, scoring on 31 of its 33 trips (93.9 percent) inside in the red zone. EKU scored 30 points in six different games and McKinney set a school record with 229 pass completions.

In his first season, Richman led an offense that concluded the fall third in the nation in passing offense (247.4 yards per game) and fourth in the country in total offense (376.4 yards per game). The Colonels ran up a season-high 590 yards of offense against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. The unit totaled 400 yards or more of offense in six of the final seven games of the season.

Three offensive players – quarterback Parker McKinney, wide receiver Keyion Dixon and running back Alonzo Booth – were each chosen as the national player of the week during the 2020 season. Booth led the nation in rushing yards and rushing touchdowns during the fall. Dixon was third in the country in receiving yards and fourth in receiving touchdowns. McKinney was among the nation's passing leaders for much of the season before missing the final three and a half games due to an injury. He still ranked fourth in passing touchdowns.

Richman utilized three different starting quarterbacks during the 2020 season. McKinney started the first six games but suffered a season-ending injury just before halftime against No. 11 Central Arkansas. Dakota Allen came on and led the team on a last minute, game-winning touchdown drive to beat the nationally ranked Bears. Allen would start the next two games. Isaiah Velz was called on to make his first collegiate start in the season finale. He threw for 310 yards while leading EKU to a 49-17 win in the Opportunity Bowl.

Richman was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator at New Mexico State University from 2015 through the 2019 season. He coached a Sunbelt Conference Newcomer of the Year and an Associated Press All-America running back. In 2017, the Aggies' offense ranked sixth in the nation in passing offense while winning seven games and earning a victory in the Arizona Bowl.

From 2011 through the 2014 season, Richman served on the staff at Valdosta State University. He was the offensive line coach and run game coordinator during the 2012 season and the offensive coordinator in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Richman tutored six first team all-conference linemen, four All-America offensive linemen selections and a fourth round NFL Draft pick. VSU had two 1,000-yard rushers in 2012 on its way to winning the Division II National Championship.

Richman was an offensive line quality control assistant for the Wisconsin Badgers from 2008 to 2010. He helped Wisconsin reach three bowl games including the 2011 Rose Bowl after winning the Big Ten Championship.

Richman worked with EKU Head Coach Walt Wells at Western Kentucky University during the 2006 season, serving as the tight ends coach. He also coached the defensive line at Denison University (2005), and running backs and tight ends at Reedley College (2004).

Richman was the offensive line coach at his alma mater, Wisconsin-Stevens Point, in 2001. He was part of two conference championships and one playoff team during his collegiate career (1996-99). He earned a physical education degree from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2002.



Caleb Cox

Wide Receivers Coach / Recruiting Coordinator

5th Season | Kentucky Christian, 2013

Caleb Cox was chosen as ECU's wide receivers coach in January 2020.

Cox's recruiting prowess shined in the 23-24 season as the Colonels brought in the eighth best recruiting class at the FCS level according to On3 Sports.

In 2023, the ECU receiving core helped the Colonels to the 11th best passing offense in all of FCS with 275.7 yards through the air per game, the best in the United Athletic Conference.

Wideout Jaden Smith also posted the third most receiving yards in the UAC with 781 on the year. Smith also finished second in the conference in receiving yards per game with an average of 71.

In his third season at ECU, the Colonel wide receivers helped quarterback Parker McKinney set single-season records for passing yards, completions, and touchdowns. Three different wideouts caught at least 50 passes for at least 700 yards.

ECU's passing attack topped 300 yards in nine different games, combining for 881 yards in the final two games of the season. The Colonels ranked third nationally in passing offense (329.7 yards per game), eighth in completion percentage (68.6%), and 11th team passing efficiency (161.26).

During the 2021 season, five different Colonel wide receivers caught touchdown passes and hauled in 160 catches to help McKinney set the program single-season record with 229 completions.

Against top-ranked Sam Houston, ECU's passing game racked up 338 yards through the air, led by 103 receiving yards from Matt Wilcox, Jr. The Colonels closed the season with 299 yards passing in an Opportunity Bowl victory over Jacksonville State.

In his first season, Cox helped the offense conclude the fall third in the nation in passing offense (247.4 yards per game) and fourth in the country in total offense (376.4 yards per game). The Colonels ran up a season-high 590 yards of offense against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. The unit totaled 400 yards or more of offense in six of the final seven games of the season.

Wide receiver Keyion Dixon was chosen as the national player of the week during the 2020 season. Dixon was third in the country in receiving yards and fourth in receiving touchdowns. Receivers Jacquez Jones (4th) and Jackson Beerman (6th) also ranked among the national leaders in receiving yards.

Cox served as an offensive assistant at the University of Tennessee from 2016-19. In 2015, Cox was an offensive assistant at ECU. He worked as the wide receivers coach at Kentucky Christian University in 2013 and 2014.

Cox helped Tennessee reach the Music City Bowl in 2016 and the Tax Slayer Bowl in 2019. He has coached three players who were either drafted or received invitations to an NFL camp, including former Colonel offensive lineman Justin Adekoya.

Cox has extensive recruiting experience in Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina.

A 2013 graduate of Kentucky Christian, Cox earned a bachelor's of science degree in university studies and Biblical studies while playing wide receiver for the Knights. He earned a master's in Christian leadership from KCU in 2017 and a master's in agriculture leadership education communication at Tennessee in 2018.



Derek Day

Outside Linebackers Coach/Co-Special Teams Coordinator

5th Season | Butler, 2009

Derek Day was chosen as ECU's inside linebackers coach and co-special teams coordinator in January 2020. He had previously worked on the staffs at Butler, Tennessee, Iowa State and Western Kentucky.

2023 saw Day's outside linebackers help ECU record the most fumbles recovered in the UAC with 10 on the season and the most sacks with 2.18 per game.

On special teams, the Colonels posted the second best kickoff return average in the conference with 21.33 yards per return while kicker Patrick Nations lead the nation in field goals per game with 1.73.

In his third season at ECU, Day helped coach linebacker Matthew Jackson to an All-American season. Jackson ranked third in the ASUN in tackles and made 41 stops over the final three games of the season.

ECU's defense held No. 15 Southeast Missouri to 10 points in the second half of a comeback victory and limited Central Arkansas to its lowest point total against an FCS opponent of the season.

Before the 2021 season, Day switched from coaching inside linebackers to coaching outside linebackers. The Colonel defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense, allowing opponents to score just 10.1 points per game in the second half.

Linebackers Kyle Bailey and Matthew Jackson each recorded 102 tackles, with Jackson being tabbed as Phil Steele's ASUN Defensive Player of the Year. Fellow linebacker Eli Hairston finished third on the team in tackles.

In his first season, Day helped the defense stymie a pair of Southern Conference offenses helping ECU beat The Citadel, 37-14, on the road and Western Carolina, 49-17, in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. ECU also knocked off No. 11 Central Arkansas for the program's first win over a top-25 ranked team since 2013, and first victory over a non-conference ranked team since 2003. The Colonel defense held Troy to 10 second half points as Eastern nearly upset the FBS Trojans on the road.

In his first season as a starter, linebacker Matthew Jackson excelled. Jackson led the nation during the fall season with two fumbles recovered and ranked ninth in the country with 9.9 tackles per game. As a team, Eastern Kentucky was third in the country during the fall with 16 turnovers gained.

For three seasons (2017-19), Day served as the linebacker coach, co-special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Butler. He coached two all-conference linebackers and an all-league kicker.

As a defensive quality control assistant working with linebackers at Tennessee in 2015 and 2016, Day helped the Volunteers reach the 2015 Outback Bowl and the 2016 Music City Bowl. He coached All-Southeastern Conference linebacker Jalen Reeves-Maybin who was a fourth round NFL Draft pick, and all-freshman team linebacker Darrin Kirkland Jr.

In 2012 and 2013, Day was a defensive graduate assistant linebackers coach at Iowa State. He helped the Cyclones reach the 2012 Liberty Bowl. He worked with two All-Big 12 and fifth round NFL Draft picks - linebackers AJ Klein (2013) and Jeremiah George (2014).

At Western Kentucky, Day served as a defensive graduate assistant with the defensive line and linebackers.

Day earned a bachelor's of science degree in education at Butler in 2009. He was a four-year starter at defensive end with the Bulldogs. Day received a master's degree in education at Iowa State in 2014. He and his wife Lacey have two children - Landyn and Cameron.



Mike Dietzel

Assistant Head Coach / Nickels Coach

Fourth Season | Otterbein, 1983

Mike Dietzel, who has 30-plus years of coaching experience at the college and professional level, joined the Eastern Kentucky staff as safeties coach in March of 2021.

The 2023 season saw the emergence of safety Mike Smith Jr. under coach Dietzel as Smith tied for first in the conference with 13 passes defended consisting of 11 breakups and two interceptions.

Fellow safety Nic Cheeley recorded the second most total tackles on season for ECU with 80.

In 2022, three of ECU's safeties ranked in the top-11 on the team in tackling, led by Nic Cheeley's 57 stops. ECU held No. 15 Southeast Missouri to 10 points in the second half of a comeback victory and limited Central Arkansas to its lowest point total against an FCS opponent of the season.

Safety Joseph Sayles returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown against Austin Peay, while Mike Smith Jr. recorded his first career interception against North Alabama. The Colonels held five different opponents to less than 175 yards through the air.

In his first season in Richmond, ECU safeties recorded five of the Colonels' 13 interceptions on the season. Eastern Kentucky's defense ranked fourth nationally in defensive touchdowns and 15th in red-zone defense, allowing opponents to score just 10.1 points per game in the second half.

Sayles tallied three interceptions, broke up three passes, forced one fumble, and block the potential game-tying kick in ECU's victory at Central Arkansas.

Dietzel served as the defensive backs/safeties coach at Ball State during the 2019 and 2020 seasons. He helped the Cardinals to a 7-1 record in 2020, a victory over No. 23 Buffalo in the Mid-American Conference Championship game and a win over No. 19 San Jose State in the Offerpad Arizona Bowl.

Ball State ranked 15th nationally in turnovers gained (24) in 2019. In 2020, BSU was seventh in the nation in defensive touchdowns. The Cardinals led the MAC and were 29th in the country with 10 interceptions last season.

Dietzel spent seven seasons at Western Kentucky (2003-09), including three as defensive coordinator. As the linebackers/secondary coach/special teams coordinator, he helped Central Michigan to bowl appearances in three of his four seasons with the Chippewas (2015-18) before joining the Ball State staff. He mentored three-time All-MAC linebacker Malik Fountain and All-MAC safety Kavon Frazier, a 2016 draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys, at CMU.

Over nine seasons at Buffalo (2010-14) and CMU, Dietzel's teams ranked second in the MAC in total defense four times. While serving as the secondary/co-special teams coach and recruiting coordinator, he helped Buffalo to the 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. He helped WKU to two Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff appearances and then a 7-5 record in the first year of its transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level.

Dietzel helped the 2001 Kent State team to its first winning season in 14 years while serving as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

In 2001, Dietzel served as the secondary coach/defensive passing game coordinator for the New York/New Jersey Hitmen of the XFL. His Hitmen team led the XFL in pass defense.

As the running backs/wide receivers/tight ends coach at Army (1995-99) Dietzel mentored a running backs group that led the nation in rushing in 1996 and 1998. He coached in the 1989 Rose Bowl as a graduate assistant outside linebackers coach with Michigan, where he worked under the legendary Bo Schembechler and was on a staff that included Gary Moeller and Lloyd Carr.

As the inside linebackers coach at Pennsylvania (1998) he helped the team to a share of the 1988 Ivy League championship.

Dietzel also coached at Colorado (1985-86), Earlham (1987) and Johns Hopkins (1994).

Dietzel played football at Otterbein University, where he was an honorable mention all-conference defensive back in 1983. He earned his bachelor's degree in educational administration from Otterbein (1985) and his master's in educational administration from Colorado (1986). Dietzel started the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program at Earlham in 1987. He also coached track & field in his one year at Johns Hopkins.



Maxwell Smith

Quarterbacks Coach

Second Season | Kentucky, 2014

Maxwell Smith was hired as ECU's quarterbacks coach in February 2023.

In Smith's first season, quarterback Parker McKinney was named First Team All-UAC with 3,033 yards passing with 20 touchdowns adding to his all-time school records in both categories. McKinney finished his career with 12,751 yards passing with 94 touchdowns with a completion percentage of 63.

McKinney finished fourth in all of FCS football on the year in total offense averaging 296.2 yards per game and 25th in points responsible with 142.

McKinney threw for over 200 yards in all but two games on the year, with one of those coming against Cincinnati of the Big XII. McKinney also recorded at least one touchdown pass in every game in 2023.

Before arriving in Richmond, Smith served as the quarterbacks coach at Heidelberg University for two seasons. Under Smith's tutelage, Heidelberg quarterback Drew Sims ranked in the top-10 nationally in yards per completion in 2021 and 2022. Sims was also an All-OAC selection following the 2021 season.

Prior to joining the staff at Heidelberg, Smith coached for three seasons at Kentucky as a grad assistant.

As a player, Smith started 11 games at quarterback for Kentucky. In 2013, he led the Wildcats in passing, throwing for 1,276 yards and nine touchdowns against just one interception. Smith was a Freshman All-SEC performer in 2011, setting a UK school record for most passing yards by a true freshman with a 283-yard performance against Ole Miss.

Smith transferred to San Diego State in 2015 and won the starting job for the Aztecs. The Granada Hills, Calif., native threw for 1,529 yards and 13 touchdowns while setting an SDSU record by going 10 consecutive games without throwing an interception. As the starter, Smith guided the Aztecs to seven consecutive wins as SDSU captured the Mountain West Conference championship and won the Hawaii Bowl.



Rashad Watson

Defensive Secondary Coach

1st Season | Alabama A&M, 2001

Rashad Watson was named the defensive secondary coach in February of 2024.

Watson comes to Richmond after spending the last two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Tuskegee University in Alabama. While in charge of the Tiger defense, Watson helped lead Tuskegee to back-to-back winning seasons and a SIAC West Championship in 2023.

Watson's defense also led the SIAC in interceptions and produced seven defensive all-conference honorees.

Prior to Tuskegee, Watson served as the defensive coordinator at Miles College from 2019-2021.

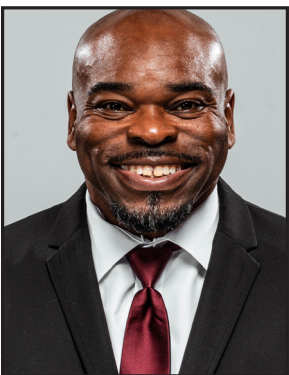
While at Miles, Watson oversaw the overhaul of a defense that went from last to first in the SIAC in rushing defense, interceptions, and sacks as Miles went on to claim a SIAC Championship in 2019.

The new Colonel coach also holds head coaching experience having spent two years as the head football coach at Franklin Pierce, where he led the program's transition into NCAA Division II membership. It was his first head coaching post, which was preceded by a five-year stint at Missouri Southern State.

In this time, he developed nine all-conference selections for the Lions.

Watson also holds professional experience serving as the NFL's Bill Walsh Diversity Fellowship Coach with the Pittsburgh Steelers in June of 2021 and with the Kansas City Chiefs in June of 2014. In these roles, he coached secondary during NFL Training Camp and assisted with special team units.

Watson played four years collegiately at Alabama A&M (1997-2001). Originally from Bessemer, Ala., Watson is a two-time graduate of Alabama A&M, with a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in business marketing.



Eric Mathies

Defensive Line / Run Game Coordinator

1st Season | Murray State, 1996

Eric Mathies was named the defensive line coach and run game coordinator in March of 2024.

Mathies came with a resume chock-full of experience, most recently at Long Island University where he spent the last two seasons as the assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator.

With the Sharks, he helped transform the program from a Division II program into a formidable FCS program in the Northeastern Conference.

In his first season at LIU, he coached and developed the NEC Freshman of the Year, Eric O'Niel, who was also named an FCS Freshman All-American and a Jerry Rice Award Finalist after recording 21 tackles for loss and 10 sacks.

In 2023, Mathies helped improve the Sharks' defense in all statistical categories while coaching O'Niel to becoming the NEC's Defensive Player of the Year and AP All-American with 23.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks.

Prior to LIU, Mathies spent one season as the defensive line coach at North Texas, helping the Mean Green reach the Myrtle Beach Bowl while developing First Team All-Conference USA nose guard Dion Novil.

Before his season in the "Lone Star State," Mathies had six years in Florida as the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at South Florida and then Florida Atlantic.

With the Owls through the 2017 and 2018 seasons, Mathies coached the FAU defensive front to cracking the top 10 nationally in sacks, a 57-spot improvement from the 2016 season.

The defensive prowess in 2017 helped FAU to an 11-3 record and its first-ever Conference USA championship.

In the two seasons in Boca Raton, Mathies also led recruiting efforts that resulted in the No. 1 recruiting class in the conference.

At USF, Mathies joined the Bulls in 2013 and guided the defensive line to a No. 12 rank in the FBS in tackles for loss per game while nearly tripling the forced turnovers from nine to 25 in his first season.

Mathies also helped guide USF's defensive end Eric Lee to Second Team All-American Athletic Conference honors in 2015, as Lee led the Bulls with 12.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks.

USF ranked No. 13 nationally in tackles for loss (7.5 per game), led the AAC while ranking No. 26 nationally in sacks (2.62 per game), and was third in the conference and No. 31 nationally against the run (141.4 per game).

His efforts continued in 2016, producing All-conference defensive linemen Deadrin Senet and Bruce Hector.

Mathies' last coaching position in Kentucky came at Western Kentucky, beginning in 2005 through 2012, as the defensive line coach and later recruiting coordinator.

As recruiting coordinator, Mathies helped produce the top recruiting class in the Sun Belt Conference in both 2010 and 2011, and the league's second-ranked class in 2012, according to Rivals.com. Rivals and Scout.com also recognized Mathies as the Sun Belt Conference Recruiter of the Year, while Rivals.com named him one of the top recruiters in the nation following the 2010 season.

While coaching the defensive line, Mathies mentored Quanterus Smith, who earned All-America honors from both SI.com and Phil Steele after the 2012 season.

Smith was named Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year after totaling 12.5 sacks, which ranked third nationally.

As a whole, the WKU defense led the conference in sacks, TFL, total defense, rushing defense, and pass efficiency defense in 2012.

Mathies got his start in college football in Kentucky as a four-year letter winner in football at Murray State, helping the Racers to a pair of Ohio Valley Conference championships as MSU qualified for the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in both 1995 and '96.



Brady Keeran

Tight Ends Coach

1st Season | Kentucky 2020

Brady Keeran joined ECU as a senior analyst in June of 2023 and was promoted to the role of tight ends coach in May of 2024.

In 2023, Keeran played a pivotal role in the Colonels' success, contributing to a United Athletic Conference-best 4,811 yards of total offense, averaging 437.4 yards per game, a mark that ranked eighth best in all of FCS.

ECU also boasted the best red zone offense in the UAC, scoring points on 92% of trips inside the 25-yard line.

Originally from Ashland, Ky., Keeran brings a wealth of experience, having worked with four different programs before joining ECU, most recently serving as a special teams quality control coach at Memphis.

Before his tenure at Memphis, Keeran spent a season as an offensive graduate assistant at Buffalo, focusing on wide receivers. Prior to that, he served as a special teams and offensive graduate assistant for two years at Murray State, working with tight ends and running backs.

Keeran's coaching journey began at Kentucky, where he spent three seasons as a special teams and defensive assistant with a focus on defensive backs. A 2020 graduate of UK, he contributed to the Wildcats' success, aiding in two bowl victories in 2018 and 2019, as well as supporting the team's recruiting efforts.



Eric Ravellette

Offensive Line Coach

1st Season | Western Kentucky, 2003

Eric Ravellette was named the offensive line coach for ECU football on June 7, 2024.

Ravellette comes to Richmond from Trine University, where he served as offensive line coach, run game coordinator, co-offensive coordinator, and assistant head coach over the last 12 seasons.

During his tenure with the Thunder, he helped lead the team to back-to-back MIAA Conference titles in the 2017 and 2018 seasons. Under his guidance, the offense posted numbers in the top ten nationally in Division III for rushing offense, scoring offense, and yards per rush.

Ravellette developed two All-Americans, eight All-Region, and 31 All-Conference student-athletes as a coach with the Thunder.

Prior to his time at Trine, Ravellette spent four seasons at Ferris State University, overseeing the Bulldogs' offensive line and strength and conditioning. Before Ferris, he spent two seasons as the tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Division I Southeast Missouri State University.

A native of Vincennes, Ind., Ravellette graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2003, where he was a starter for the 2002 team that won the Division I-AA (now FCS) National Championship. He also spent two seasons at WKU, coaching the tight ends in 2003 and 2005. Between those stints, Ravellette served as a graduate assistant at New Mexico State.

His family includes his wife Jeannine and daughters Leah and Brynn.



KJ Dillon

Assistant Defensive Backs Coach

1st Season | West Virginia, 2016

Dillon was named to the ECU coaching staff in 2024 as the assistant defensive backs coach.

He is a three-year veteran of the NFL with the Houston Texans and Arizona Cardinals after a standout career at West Virginia where he recorded 113 tackles, five interceptions, 20 passes defended, and one forced fumble in his final two seasons with the Mountaineers.

As a coach, Dillon began his career in 2019 as the defensive backs coach at Ryle High School, his last stop before joining the Colonels was from 2022-2023 as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Oak Ridge High School in Florida.



Isaac McClain

Assistant Offensive Line Coach

1st Season | New Mexico State, 2019

Isaac McClain was named to the ECU coaching staff ahead of the 2024 season as the assistant offensive line coach.

Prior to Richmond, McClain spent three seasons as the offensive line coach at Santa Barbara City College in California.

The highlight of those three seasons coming in 2022 as the Vaqueros went 10-1 on the year including a 2022 SBCC Beach Bowl win over Desert CC.

Before getting into coaching, McClain played college football first at SBCC from 2015-16 before transferring to New Mexico State where he was a lineman on the 2017 Arizona Bowl winning team for the Aggies.

He is originally from Manteca, California.



Macho Arza

Assistant Running Backs Coach

1st Season | Florida International, 2023

Edward "Macho" Arza was added to the ECU coaching staff in the Spring of 2024.

Arza's last stop before Richmond was at Booker T. Washington High School in Miami, Florida serving as the quarterbacks coach and signal caller for the 2023 season.

In his lone season with the Tornadoes, the team went 9-3, throwing for 1,560 yards and 17 touchdowns on the season on 187 attempts.

In 2022, Arza began his coaching career with Florida International as a student assistant coach working with the defensive backs and scout team.

He holds a bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State in Sport and Fitness Administration where he also spent two seasons as a member of the Buccaneer football team.



Josh McClurg

Assistant Inside Linebackers Coach

1st Season | Morehead State, 2023

McClurg joined the ECU coaching staff in the Spring of 2024 as an assistant inside linebackers coach.

In 2023, McClurg served as the tight ends coach at UVA Wise.

McClurg comes to Richmond as a Lexington native with three years of collegiate playing experience from Morehead State.

In three seasons, McClurg appeared in 13 games as a member of the Eagles defense with 8 tackles his final season before having to medically retire due to injury.



Matthew Amburgey

Assistant Specialist Coach

1st Season | Kentucky State, 2015

Matthew Amburgey was added to the ECU coaching staff ahead of Spring practice in 2024 as a specialists assistant.

Amburgey came to Richmond from Carroll University in Wisconsin where he served as the running backs coach in 2023.

In his one season with the Pioneers, the team rushed for 1,518 yards on 326 attempts for an average of four yards per attempt and 131.3 yards per game on the ground. As a unit, Carroll rushed for 17 total touchdowns as well.

Prior to his time in Wisconsin, Amburgey served as the running backs coach and special teams coordinator at Kentucky Wesleyan across four seasons.

Before that he served in a similar role for two years at his alma mater Kentucky State where he had previously been a running backs coach from 2013-16.

A native of Frankfort, Ky., Amburgey earned his bachelor's degree from Kentucky State in 2015, before earning his Master's at Western Kentucky one year later.



Jalen Burbage

Assistant Wide Receivers Coach

1st Season | Eastern Kentucky, 2024

Jalen Burbage was named the assistant wide receivers coach in the Summer of 2024.

Burbage joined the staff after finishing his playing career in 2023 as a Colonel. That season he played in all 11 games with six total starts recording 403 yards and four touchdowns while earning a place on the UAC All-Academic Team.

Before coming to Richmond, Burbage spent four seasons playing at Leigh University appearing in 30 games with 81 receptions, 918 yards, and four touchdowns.

He also served as a primary returnman on special teams in 2022 with 32 kick returns totaling 697 yards and an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.



Jeff Griffith

Chief of Staff

Jeff Griffith joined ECU as a senior analyst in June of 2023 before being named Chief of Staff in 2024.

In 2023, ECU went 5-6 overall with the average point differential against FCS opponents being 4.8 points per game. ECU went 5-4 against FCS opponents and 4-2 in the inaugural season of the United Athletic Conference.

Prior to coming to ECU, Griffith spent 33 years coaching throughout the Commonwealth, most recently guiding Warren East H.S. to an undefeated regular season in 2022.

In six seasons at Warren East, Griffith led the Raiders to six appearances in the 4A state playoffs. Griffith's career also includes head coaching stops at Barren County H.S., Boone County H.S., and Wayne County H.S. Griffith served as a defensive coordinator at Bowling Green H.S. from 2002-12 and helped guide the Purples to back-to-back 5A state championships in 2011 and 2012.

Griffith, a graduate of Madison Central H.S., played outside linebacker at Western Kentucky from 1986-89. He began his coaching career as an assistant at Bowling Green H.S. from 1990-94 before spending three seasons as an assistant at Greenwood H.S.



Billy Brown

Director of Football Sports Performance

Billy Brown was chosen as ECU's director of football sports performance in February 2020.

In 2023, ECU went 5-6 overall with the average point differential against FCS opponents being 4.8 points per game. ECU went 5-4 against FCS opponents and 4-2 in the inaugural season of the United Athletic Conference.

In his third season at ECU, the Colonels earned their first NCAA FCS Playoff berth since 2014 and a share of the ASUN regular-season championship. ECU went 6-2 against FCS opponents and beat an FBS team for the first time in eight seasons. The Colonels rose to No. 16 in the national polls and posted a 5-2 mark at Roy Kidd Stadium.

In 2021, ECU completed the biggest single-season turnaround in program history as the Colonels went 7-4 after a 3-6 campaign in 2020. Eastern Kentucky defeated three teams that were ranked in the preseason top-25 and went 5-1 at Roy Kidd Stadium. ECU climbed as high as No. 19 in the national rankings and won five consecutive games for the first time since 2014.

In his first season, he helped the Colonels to a road win at The Citadel, a near upset of FBS Troy, a victory over No. 11 Central Arkansas and a 49-17 win against Western Carolina in the 2020 Opportunity Bowl. The win over the 11th ranked Bears was the program's first victory over a ranked team since 2013 and the first win over a non-conference ranked team since 2003 when Eastern Kentucky beat No. 11 Appalachian State. ECU was recognized as the national team of the week three times during the 2020 season.

Before coming to Eastern Kentucky, Brown was the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Marshall from February of 2013 to 2020. While with the Thundering Herd, he collaborated on the design and execution of all aspects of the football strength and conditioning program, and implemented unique strength and conditioning programs for softball and baseball. He also created and directed all elements of the nutrition program at Marshall.

From January 2012 to February 2013, Brown served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at The Citadel. He oversaw the strength and conditioning programs for baseball and cross country while providing year-round assistance with the football and wrestling teams. While serving as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Central Florida from May 2010 to December 2011, Brown worked directly with the football, baseball, tennis, soccer, track and men's golf programs.

Brown earned a bachelor's of science degree in exercise physiology from Central Florida in May 2011. He also is certified by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association.



Demontae Haigler

Assistant Director of Football Sports Performance

DeMontae Haigler arrived in Richmond, KY Mar. of 2024, joining the Colonels as an Assistant Director of Sports Performance with football after serving as an administrative strength & conditioning coach at Arkansas.

Prior to Arkansas, Haigler spent the 2023 season with Texas A&M football team also serving as an administrative strength & conditioning coach. Before his stint with the Aggies, Haigler began his career at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, where he served as a Graduate Assistant.

At ULM, Haigler served as the Head strength & conditioning coach for Men's & Women's basketball as well as Women's Tennis. He also assisted with football.

A former student-athlete, Haigler played football at Bowling Green State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. Shortly after, he earned his master's degree in Exercise Science from the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

The Montgomery, Alabama native is a certified strength & conditioning specialist with the National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA). He also holds a certification as a United States Weightlifting Association Level 1 Weightlifting Coach (USAW).



Daniel Berezowitz

Director of Football Operations

Daniel Berezowitz joined the ECU football staff in the Spring of 2024 as the Director of Football Operations.

A veteran of college football, Berezowitz joined the Colonels with over 20 years of working experience in the industry.

Before coming to Richmond he spent nine years in Lexington at the University of Kentucky as the Wildcats director of recruiting and chief of staff under head coach Mark Stoops.

In his time at UK, the Wildcats went 59-53 winning four bowl games out of six total appearances, as he served as the programs liaison to all other internal departments and managing roster numbers annually for signing and scholarship limits.

From 2007 through 2010, he served as a recruiting coordinator at the University of Minnesota organizing a top-20 recruiting class for the Golden Gophers, managing all aspects of the day-to-day recruiting operations and budget.

Prior to Minnesota, he spent six years at the University of Arizona starting out as the director of football and recruiting operations before transitioning to the director of personnel and research helping the Wildcats bring in multiple top-25 recruiting classes.

He began his career in college football in 1996 at the University of North Carolina as the director of video operations and Keenan Football Center before joining the University of Texas as a special assistant to head coach Mack Brown from 1998-2000.

Berezowitz graduated from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater in 1994 with a bachelor's of arts degree in athletic administration and minor in coaching.



Pierce Hamilton

Director of Football Equipment

Pierce Hamilton joined the ECU football staff in the Summer of 2022 as the assistant director of football equipment before transitioning to the head of football equipment in July of 2024.

Before ECU he served as the head equipment intern at Ohio beginning of the Spring of 2019.

He graduated college in 2020 with a bachelor's degree from Ohio University.



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UNITED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

The Future of College Football

The United Athletic Conference is a single-sport (Football) NCAA conference with 9 participating institutions: Abilene Christian University, Austin Peay State University, University of Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky University, University of North Alabama, Southern Utah University, Tarleton State University, Utah Tech University and University of West Georgia, who joins the league for the 2024 campaign. This formal partnership between football playing members of the Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN) and the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), enters its fourth season of competition overall and its second as a single entity with the 2024 UAC season featuring an eight-game conference schedule and the conference champion earning an automatic qualifier spot into the FCS playoff field.

STRONG HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

UAC Football members own an impressively strong history of success in college football having created a resume that includes 37 FCS Playoff Appearances, two (2) FCS National Championships and two (2) National Runner-up Finishes. In addition, the group produced a stretch of three (3) consecutive DII National Championships along with a DIII National Championship on the gridiron.

DEVELOPMENTAL TIMELINE

2023
 Operating for the first season as a single-sport conference with an independent budget, policies and governing documents, the UAC participating membership of nine teams played a six-game league slate and recognized a debut season champion. The regular season champion, decided by conference-only winning percentage, earned the league's AQ for the NCAA FCS Playoffs. In addition, the UAC selected its inaugural postseason award winners and all-conference honorees.

Conference Champion: Austin Peay (6-0 vs UAC)

FCS Playoff Participant: Austin Peay

Participating Membership (9): Abilene Christian, Austin Peay, Central Arkansas, EKU, North Alabama, Southern Utah, Stephen F. Austin, Tarleton State, Utah Tech

2022

Continuing their partnership to provide an AQ to the NCAA FCS Playoffs, the ASUN Conference and Western Athletic Conference did not play a league schedule but utilized the ASUN-WAC Power Ranking system to choose a representative postseason participant. The power ranking was a metric created and calculated specifically for the group by nationally-recognized bracketologist Warren Nolan which utilized a measure similar to the NCAA RPI (NCAA Championship selection/seeding rating). The ASUN and WAC both

played conference schedules and named their own regular season champions (by their own formulas) to be considered for the AQ selection comparison.

FCS Playoff Participant: EKU Participating Membership (12)

ASUN - Austin Peay, Central Arkansas, EKU, Jacksonville State*, Kennesaw State, North Alabama

WAC - Abilene Christian, Southern Utah, Sam Houston*, Stephen F. Austin, Tarleton State, Utah Tech

* = Ineligible for AQ consideration due to FBS transition

2021

Officially titled the WAC-ASUN Challenge, the Western Athletic Conference and ASUN Conference agreed on a football scheduling alliance that allowed for their seven eligible institutions to compete for an automatic qualification (AQ) into the NCAA FCS Playoffs. The group, termed the AQ7, played a single round-robin schedule with each institution having three home and three road contests and the team owning the highest winning percentage among AQ7 games earning the AQ bid for the playoffs. In addition, a trophy was presented to the conference with the higher winning percentage against the other (ASUN was winner).

Champion: Sam Houston (6-0 vs AQ7)

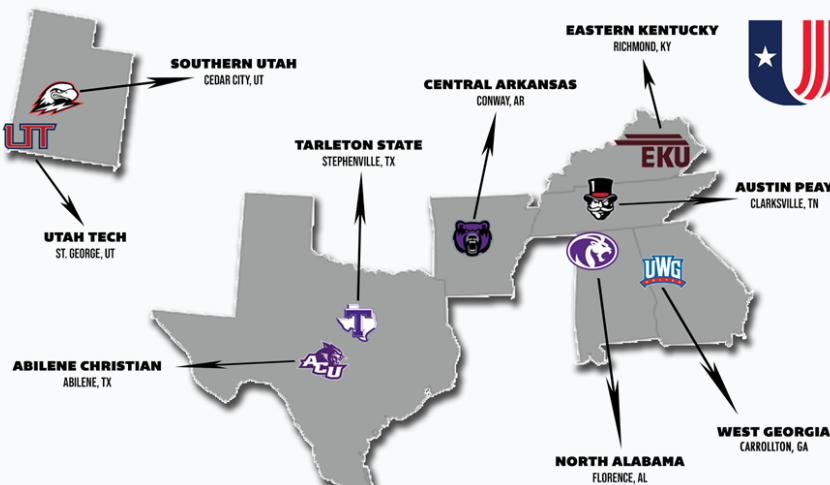
FCS Playoff Participants: Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin (at-large)

Participating Membership (9)

ASUN - Central Arkansas, EKU, Jacksonville State

WAC - Abilene Christian, Lamar, Sam Houston, Stephen F. Austin, Tarleton State*, Utah Tech (Formerly Dixie State)*

* = Participated in joint schedule but were ineligible for AQ consideration as transitioning DI program



2024 SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 24

McNeese State @ Tarleton StateTSU, 26-23
 North Alabama @ Southeast Missouri.....SEMO, 37-15

Saturday, August 31

Austin Peay @ LouisvilleUL, 62-0
 ECU @ Mississippi StateMSU, 56-7
 Samford @ West GeorgiaWGU, 38-29
 North Alabama @ MemphisUM, 40-0
 Central Arkansas @ Arkansas StateASU, 34-31
 Tarleton State @ BaylorBU, 45-3
 Abilene Christian @ Texas TechTTU, 52-51(OT)
 Southern Utah @ UtahUT, 49-0
 Montana State @ Utah TechMSU, 31-7

Saturday, Sept. 7

Southern Utah @ UTEPSU, 27-24
 Utah Tech @ UNLVUNLV, 72-14
 Illinois State @ North AlabamaISU, 24-17
 Central Arkansas @ LindenwoodUCA, 34-13
 Southern Illinois @ Austin PeaySIU, 31-17
 Tarleton State @ Houston ChristianTSU, 35-18
 ECU @ Western KentuckyWKU, 31-0
 West Georgia @ Abilene Christian*ACU, 38-24

Saturday, Sept. 14

Abilene Christian @ Northern ColoradoACU, 24-22
 West Georgia @ ECU*EQU, 26-7
 Austin Peay @ Central Arkansas*UCA, 45-17
 North Alabama @ UT MartinUTM, 43-28
 UC Davis @ Southern UtahUCD, 24-21
 Northern Arizona @ Utah TechN. AZ, 45-17

Saturday, Sept. 21

Central Arkansas @ Arkansas-Pine BluffUCA, 56-17
 Idaho @ Abilene ChristianUI, 27-24
 Tarleton State @ North Alabama*TSU, 28-14
 Southern Utah @ Idaho StateISU, 38-28
 Morehead State @ ECUEQU, 42-13
 Alabama A&M @ Austin PeayAPSU, 59-16
 Utah Tech @ UC DavisUCD, 32-14

Saturday, Sept. 28

Southern Utah @ Austin Peay*SUU, 28-17
 North Alabama @ West Georgia*UNA, 25-16
 Robert Morris @ ECUEQU, 31-7
 Lamar @ Central ArkansasUCA, 34-14
 Southeastern Louisiana @ Tarleton StateTSU, 36-33
 Abilene Christian @ Utah Tech*ACU, 55-30

Saturday, Oct. 5

Austin Peay @ West Georgia*APSU, 20-16
 Central Arkansas @ Abilene Christian*ACU, 41-34
 Utah Tech @ North Alabama*UNA, 60-14
 Tarleton State @ Southern Utah*TSU, 38-37 (OT)

Saturday, Oct. 12

ECU @ Southern Utah*SUU, 42-21
 West Georgia @ Central Arkansas*UCA, 34-33
 Utah Tech @ Tarleton State*TSU, 42-0
 Abilene Christian @ North Alabama*UNA, 47-34

Saturday, Oct. 19

Shorler @ West GeorgiaUWG, 41-13
 Austin Peay @ Utah Tech*APSU, 13-7
 ECU @ Abilene Christian*ACU, 34-20

Saturday, Oct. 26

Southern Utah @ West Georgia*SUU, 28-17
 Utah Tech @ ECU*EQU, 28-17
 Tarleton State @ Austin Peay*TSU, 27-17
 North Alabama @ Central Arkansas*UCA, 24-19

Saturday, Nov. 2

Lincoln (CA) @ West GeorgiaUWG, 88-12
 Central Arkansas @ Utah Tech*UTT, 34-21
 Southern Utah @ Abilene Christian*ACU, 28-25
 Austin Peay @ North Alabama*APSU, 31-17
 ECU @ Tarleton State*EQU, 17-13

Saturday, Nov. 9

Central Arkansas @ ECU*EQU, 31-24
 Tarleton State @ West Georgia*TSU, 38-21
 North Alabama @ Southern Utah*SUU, 38-26
 Abilene Christian @ Austin Peay*ACU, 35-34

Saturday, Nov. 16

ECU @ Austin Peay*EQU, 30-27 OT
 West Georgia @ Utah Tech*UWG, 34-31
 Southern Utah @ Central Arkansas*SUU, 38-31
 Abilene Christian @ Tarleton State*ACU, 35-31

Saturday, Nov. 23

North Alabama @ ECU*2 p.m.
 Abilene Christian @ Stephen F. AustinTBA
 Central Arkansas @ Tarleton StateTBA
 Chattanooga @ Austin Peay2 p.m.
 Utah Tech @ Southern Utah3 p.m.

Honors & Awards

2023 All-Conference

Parker McKinney (QB)*First Team
 Hunter Brown (TE)*First Team
 Payton Collins (OL)First Team
 Josiah Ezirim (OL)First Team
 Logan Blake (LB)First Team

* - Denotes unanimous selection

2023 All-Americans

Josiah Ezirim (OL) .AP, PS, STATS, SI, AFCA
 Logan Blake (LB)STATS, SI
 Braedon Sloan (RB)SI

2024 Preseason All-Americans

Payton Collins (OL)STATS, SI
 Patrick Nations (K)STATS

UAC Offensive Player of the Week

Aug. 26 - Kayvon Britten (TSU)

Sept. 2 - Maverick McIvor (ACU)

Sept. 9 - Targhee Lambson (SUU)

Sept. 16 - Shunderick Powell (UCA)

Sept. 23 - Kayvon Britten (TSU)

Sept. 30 - Sam Hicks (ACU)

Oct. 7 - Nehemiah Martinez (ACU)

Oct. 14 - TJ Smith (UNA)

Oct. 21 - Blayne Taylor (ACU)

Oct. 28 - Joshua Carter (EQU)

Nov. 4 - Jaden Barnes (APSU), Reggie Graff (UTT)

Nov. 11 - Maverick McIvor (ACU)

Nov. 18 - Sam Hicks (ACU)

UAC Defensive Player of the Week

Aug. 26 - Kasyus Kurns (TSU),

Gregory Reddick (UNA)

Sept. 2 - David Walker (UCA),

Micah Thurman (WGU)

Sept. 9 - Jaden Lyles (APSU)

Sept. 16 - Kagen Roach (ACU)

Sept. 23 - TaMuarion Wilson (UCA)

Sept. 30 - Ty Rawls (TSU)

Oct. 7 - George Ramirez (SUU)

Oct. 14 - Dillon Williams (UCA), Gregory Reddick (UNA)

Oct. 21 - Izaiah Kelly (ACU)

Oct. 28 - David Walker (UCA)

Nov. 4 - Maddox Marcellus (EQU)

Nov. 11 - Kameron Rocha (SUU)

Nov. 18 - Will Shaffer (ACU)

UAC Special Teams Player of the Week

Aug. 26 - Adrian Guzman (TSU)

Sept. 2 - Andy Day (UTT)

Sept. 9 - Danny King (SUU)

Sept. 16 - Ritse Vaes (ACU)

Sept. 23 - Romon Copeland Jr. (APSU)

Sept. 30 - Scott Payne (UNA)

Oct. 7 - Dominik Stadlman (APSU)

Oct. 14 - Patrick Nations (EQU)

Oct. 21 - Carson Smith (APSU)

Oct. 28 - Justin Luke (UNA)

Nov. 4 - Illy Uvaydov (UTT)

Nov. 11 - Reilly Mason (UWG)

Nov. 18 - Jayden Rogers (SUU)

UAC Freshman of the Week

Aug. 26 - Jalen Fletcher (UNA)

Sept. 2 - Fred Vili (UNA)

Sept. 9 - Josh Anglin (UNA)

Sept. 16 - Josh Anglin (UNA)

Sept. 23 - Corey Richardson (APSU)

Sept. 30 - Jayden Robertson (SUU)

Oct. 7 - Jalen Fletcher (UNA)

Oct. 14 - Jalen Fletcher (UNA)

Oct. 21 - Marcus Calwise Jr. (EQU)

Oct. 28 - Malachi Henry (UCA)

Nov. 4 - Quincy Lejay (UTT)

Nov. 11 - Josh Anglin (UNA)

Nov. 18 - Marcus Calwise Jr. (EQU), Caleb Koger (UCA)



2024 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE

Offensive Player of the Year: *Kayvon Britten

(Tarleton State)

Defensive Player of the Year: Edwin White
(North Alabama)

Offensive All-Conference Team

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Hometown
QB	*Will McElvain	UCA	Sr.	Des Moines, Iowa
RB	*ShunDerrick Powell	UCA	Sr.	Hoxie, Ark.
RB	*Kayvon Britten	TSU	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
WR	*Takairee Kenebrew	UNA	R-Sr.	Childersburg, Ala.
WR	*Darius Cooper	TSU	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
TE	Hunter Brown	ECU	R-Sr.	Wellsboro, Pa.
OL	Alan Hatten	ACU	Sr.	Great Meadows, N.J.
OL	Chandler Kirtan	APSU	R-Jr.	Atlantic Beach, Fla.
OL	Will Diggins	UCA	Jr.	Bryant, Ark.
OL	Payton Collins	EQU	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio
C	Tuli Teuhema	TSU	Sr.	Arlington, Texas

Defensive All-Conference Team

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Hometown
DL	Hosea Knifeley Jr.	APSU	Gr.	Bowling Green, Ky.
DL	*David Walker	UCA	Sr.	Stuttgart, Ark.
DL	Rylen Sua-Filo	SUU	Jr.	Oren, Utah
DL	Brandon Tolvert	TSU	Jr.	Columbus, Ga.
LB	Cirby Coheley	ACU	Sr.	Iowa Park, Texas
LB	Darius Moore	ACU	Sr.	El Reno, Okla.
LB	Demetrias Charles	UCA	Sr.	Texarkana, Texas
LB	Kohner Cullimore	SUU	Jr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
DB	Elijah Moffett	ACU	Sr.	Selma, Texas
DB	TaMuarion Wilson	UCA	Sr.	Bryant, Ark.
DB	Mike Smith Jr.	EQU	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
DB	Edwin White Schultz	UNA	R-Jr.	Mobile, Ala.

Specialist All-Conference Team

Pos.	Name	School	Class	Hometown
K	Patrick Nations	ECU	R-Sr.	Tammassee, S.C.
P	Grant Nickel	ACU	Jr.	Spring, Texas
RS*	Deangelo Rosemond	TSU	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas
LS	Ryan Keen	UTU	R-So.	Corona, Calif.

* - Denotes unanimous selection

NOTE - Ties in voting resulted in 12-member Defensive Team

PRESEASON COACHES POLL

School (1st Place Votes)	2023 Record (UAC)	Points
1. Central Arkansas (5)	7-4 (4-2)	77
2. Tarleton State (3)	8-3 (4-2)	74
3. Southern Utah	6-5 (4-2)	54
4. ECU	5-6 (4-2)	53
5. Austin Peay	9-3 (6-0)	46
6. Abilene Christian	5-6 (3-3)	43
7. North Alabama	3-8 (1-5)	26
8. Utah Tech	2-9 (1-5)	19
9. West Georgia	6-4 (n/a)	13

STATS.com Top 25

Nov. 24, 2024 (Week 13)

	Team	Record	Points	Prev
1	Montana St. (51)	12-0	1395	2
2	South Dakota St. (1)	10-2	1281	3
3	North Dakota St. (2)	10-2	1281	1
4	South Dakota (2)	9-2	1275	4
5	UC Davis	10-2	1167	5
6	Incarnate Word	10-2	1084	6
7	Idaho	9-3	1054	7
8	Mercer	10-2	1020	8
9	Richmond	10-2	955	10
10	Rhode Island	10-2	843	13
11	Illinois St.	9-3	771	14
12	Villanova	9-3	746	15
13	Montana	8-4	739	9
14	Tarleton St.	9-3	684	16
15	Abilene Christian	8-4	613	11
16	SE Missouri St.	9-3	508	12
17	Northern Arizona	8-4	389	21
18	Jackson St.	10-2	384	20
19	New Hampshire	8-4	320	24
20	South Carolina St.	9-2	302	23
21	Tennessee St.	9-3	296	NR
22	Eastern Kentucky	8-4	284	25
23	UT Martin	8-4	282	22
24	Stony Brook	8-4	94	18
25	Harvard	8-2	87	17

Dropped Out: Duquesne (19)

Receiving votes: North Carolina Central 78; Southern Utah 59; Southeastern Louisiana 33; Lehigh 31; Duquesne 27; Western Carolina 25; Chattanooga 20; Drake 20; Tennessee Tech 13; Central Connecticut State 6; Dartmouth 4x

AFCA FCS Coaches' Top 25

Nov. 24, 2024 (Week 13)

	Team	Record	Points	Prev
1	Montana St. (23)	12-0	622	2
2	South Dakota St. (2)	10-2	593	3
3	South Dakota	9-2	571	4
4	North Dakota St.	10-2	554	1
5	UC Davis	10-2	522	5
6	Incarnate Word	10-2	495	6
7	Richmond	10-2	453	7
8	Idaho	9-3	443	8
9	Mercer	10-2	427	9
10	Illinois St.	9-3	392	13
11	Villanova	9-3	360	14
12	Rhode Island	10-2	351	15
13	Montana	8-4	304	10
14	Tarleton St.	9-3	290	16
15	Jackson St.	10-2	266	17
16	SE Missouri St.	9-3	236	11
17	Abilene Christian	8-4	220	12
18	South Carolina St.	9-2	194	T-21
19	Tennessee St.	9-3	150	25
20	UT Martin	8-4	128	24
21	Missouri St.	8-4	124	18
22	Northern Arizona	8-4	100	NR
23	NC Central	8-3	54	NR
24	New Hampshire	8-4	47	NR
25	Duquesne	8-3	46	19

Dropped Out: Stony Brook (20), Harvard (21t), Butler (23)

Receiving votes: Stony Brook, 44; **Eastern Kentucky, 32**; Drake, 29; Lehigh, 19; Dartmouth, 16; Harvard, 16; Central Connecticut St., 12; Chattanooga, 6; Butler, 4; Southeastern Louisiana, 4; Columbia, 2.

UAC Standings

Final Standings

	Team	Record	Conf.
1	No. 15 Abilene Christian*	8-4	7-1
2	No. 14 Tarleton State	9-3	6-2
3	No. 22 Eastern Kentucky	8-4	6-2
4	Southern Utah	7-5	6-2
5	Central Arkansas	6-6	3-5
6	Austin Peay	4-8	3-5
7	North Alabama	3-9	3-5
8	West Georgia	4-7	1-7
9	Utah Tech	1-11	1-7

* - Clinched Championship & AQ

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	08/31/2024	at Mississippi St.	L	7-56	48724
	09/07/2024	at Western Ky.	L	0-31	16712
*	09/14/2024	West Ga.	W	26-7	6387
	09/21/2024	Morehead St.	W	42-13	7087
	09/28/2024	Robert Morris	W	31-7	2868
*	10/12/2024	at Southern Utah	L	21-42	5134
*	10/19/2024	at Abilene Christian	L	20-34	10411
*	10/26/2024	Utah Tech	W	28-17	7491
*	11/02/2024	at Tarleton St.	W	17-13	15281
*	11/09/2024	Central Ark.	W	31-24	7902
*	11/16/2024	at Austin Peay	Wot1	30-27	6117
*	11/23/2024	North Ala.	W	21-15	4226

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Joshua Carter	12	225	1156	50	1106	4.9	13	28	92.2
Brayden Latham	12	131	654	26	628	4.8	3	42	52.3
Matt Morrissey	12	86	421	158	263	3.1	3	46	21.9
Cameron Hergott	12	20	135	10	125	6.3	1	22	10.4
Telly McCallister	11	9	76	0	76	8.4	1	25	6.9
Jalen Montgomery	12	9	40	0	40	4.4	0	8	3.3
Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-0.7
Team	12	6	0	19	-19	-3.2	0	0	-1.6
Total	12	487	2482	271	2211	4.5	21	46	184.3
Opponents	12	386	1992	207	1785	4.6	14	41	148.8

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Matt Morrissey	12	125.1	178-299-8	59.5	2013	13	75	167.8
Cameron Hergott	12	50.1	3-8-0	37.5	12	0	8	1.0
Total	12	123.1	181-307-8	59.0	2025	13	75	168.8
Opponents	12	129.1	234-408-10	57.4	2935	20	65	244.6

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	40	507	12.7	4	67	42.3
Dequan Stanley	10	27	372	13.8	5	75	37.2
Ron Vann Jr.	12	21	220	10.5	1	20	18.3
Joshua Carter	12	20	181	9.1	0	30	15.1
Jakob Dixon	7	14	133	9.5	1	18	19.0
Jaycob Horn	12	12	97	8.1	0	15	8.1
Hunter Brown	8	10	106	10.6	0	25	13.3
Brayden Latham	12	10	66	6.6	0	22	5.5
Bryant Johnson	10	9	116	12.9	1	24	11.6
Jayden West	12	8	78	9.8	0	18	6.5
Caeleb Schlachter	12	6	61	10.2	1	19	5.1
Jalen Montgomery	12	3	81	27.0	0	46	6.8
Jackson House	12	1	7	7.0	0	7	0.6
Total	12	181	2025	11.2	13	75	168.8
Opponents	12	234	2935	12.5	20	65	244.6

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	8-4	6-0	2-4	0-0
CONFERENCE	6-2	4-0	2-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-2	2-0	0-2	0-0

Team Statistics

	EKU	OPP
First Downs	237	255
Rushing	113	91
Passing	104	137
Penalty	20	27
Rushing Yardage	2211	1785
Rushing attempts	487	386
Average per rush	4.5	4.6
Average per game	184.3	148.8
TDs Rushing	21	14
Passing Yardage	2025	2935
Comp-Att-Int	181-307-8	234-408-10
Average per pass	6.6	7.2
Average per catch	11.2	12.5
Average per game	168.8	244.6
TDs Passing	13	20
Total offense	4236	4720
Average per play	5.3	5.9
Average per game	353.0	393.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	29-628	14-269
Punt returns: #-Yards	11-157	16-172
Int returns: #-Yards	10-127	8-106
Fumbles-Lost	11-6	17-6
Penalties-Yards	74-711	83-729
Punts-Avg	57-43.2	53-41.8
Time of possession / game	31:46	28:11
3rd-down conversion	75/164	63/155
4rd-down conversion	7/16	13/22
PAT-attempts	(32-33) 97%	(35-35) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(1-1) 100%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Mike Smith Jr.	4	25	6.3	0	20
Maddox Marcellus	2	40	20.0	0	29
Darrian Baker	1	2	2.0	0	2
Vito Tisdale	1	23	23.0	0	23
Jaheim Ward	1	0	0.0	0	0
D.J. Galva	1	37	37.0	0	37
Total	10	127	12.7	0	37
Opponents	8	106	13.3	1	51

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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Patrick Nations	8-11	72.7	0-1	2-3	4-5	2-2	0-0	47	0
Opponents	11-16	68.8	0-0	6-7	4-5	1-4	0-0	42	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	
Joshua Carter	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Patrick Nations	-	8-11	32-33	-	-	-	-	56
Dequan Stanley	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Marcus Calwise Jr.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Matt Morrissey	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Brayden Latham	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Caeleb Schlachter	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Bryant Johnson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ron Vann Jr.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Telly McCallister	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cameron Hergott	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	6
Maddox Marcellus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jakob Dixon	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jeremiah Bailey	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Total	36	8-11	32-33	0	1	1	0	274
Opponents	36	11-16	35-35	1	0	0	0	286

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Eastern Ky.	38	85	68	77	6	274
Opponents	61	100	60	62	3	286

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jacob Baker	56	2462	44.0	65	6	17	22	16	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	57	2462	43.2	65	6	17	22	16	1
Opponents	53	2217	41.8	65	5	14	17	9	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jalen Montgomery	11	157	14.3	0	54
Total	11	157	14.3	0	54
Opponents	16	172	10.8	1	32

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jalen Montgomery	19	453	23.8	0	54
Brayden Latham	6	91	15.2	0	25
Braxton Baptiste	1	0	0.0	0	0
Caeleb Schlachter	1	73	73.0	1	73
Blake Howard	1	3	3.0	0	3
Marcus Calwise Jr.	1	8	8.0	0	8
Total	29	628	21.7	1	73
Opponents	14	269	19.2	0	30

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Joshua Carter	12	1106	181	0	0	0	1287	107.3
Brayden Latham	12	628	66	0	91	0	785	65.4
Jalen Montgomery	12	40	81	157	453	0	731	60.9
Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	-8	507	0	8	0	507	42.3
Dequan Stanley	10	0	372	0	0	0	372	37.2
Matt Morrissey	12	263	0	0	0	0	263	21.9
Ron Vann Jr.	12	0	220	0	0	0	220	18.3
Caeleb Schlachter	12	0	61	0	73	0	134	11.2
Jakob Dixon	7	0	133	0	0	0	133	19.0
Cameron Hergott	12	125	0	0	0	0	125	10.4
Bryant Johnson	10	0	116	0	0	0	116	11.6
Hunter Brown	8	0	106	0	0	0	106	13.3
Jaycob Horn	12	0	97	0	0	0	97	8.1
Jayden West	12	0	78	0	0	0	78	6.5
Telly McCallister	11	76	0	0	0	0	76	6.9
Maddox Marcellus	11	0	0	0	0	40	40	3.6
D.J. Galva	11	0	0	0	0	37	37	3.4
Mike Smith Jr.	12	0	0	0	0	25	25	2.1
Vito Tisdale	12	0	0	0	0	23	23	1.9
Jackson House	12	0	7	0	0	0	7	0.6
Blake Howard	10	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.3
Darrian Baker	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
Total	12	2211	2025	157	628	127	5148	429.0
Opponents	12	1785	2935	172	269	106	5267	438.9

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Matt Morrissey	12	385	263	2013	2276	189.7
Joshua Carter	12	225	1106	0	1106	92.2
Brayden Latham	12	131	628	0	628	52.3
Cameron Hergott	12	28	125	12	137	11.4
Telly McCallister	11	9	76	0	76	6.9
Jalen Montgomery	12	9	40	0	40	3.3
Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	1	-8	0	-8	-0.7
Total	12	794	2211	2025	4236	353.0
Opponents	12	794	1785	2935	4720	393.3

Team Defense

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
11	Maddox Marcellus	11	40	47	87	6-19	.	2-40	3	2	1-23	.	.	.
39	Braden Sullivan	12	43	41	84	2.5-2	.	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
9	Jaheim Ward	11	38	26	64	5-11	.	1-0	7	1	1-0	2	.	.
2	Mike Smith Jr.	12	40	22	62	.	.	4-25	5	.	.	1	.	.
1	Cameron Junior	12	26	18	44	2-3	.	.	3	2	.	.	.	.
13	Jordon Thomas	12	28	14	42	1-3	.	.	13	.	1-0	.	.	.
3	Darrian Baker	12	18	18	36	7.5-23	2-15	1-2	2	6	.	1	.	.
47	Jacquez McGowan	12	18	18	36	1-1	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
4	Jeremiah Bailey	12	14	20	34	2-7	0.5-4	.	1	3	.	.	.	.
6	Vito Tisdale	12	22	11	33	.	.	1-23	8	1	.	.	.	.
7	Gabe Stephens	12	17	15	32	6.5-36	4.5-30	.	1	2	.	3	.	.
97	Ryan Jackson	12	16	15	31	3.5-31	1-27	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
5	Kyle Kelly	3	4	22	26	0.5-0	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	Frank Lee	9	8	10	18	2-3	.	.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.
24	Sam Robertson	3	7	10	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Kaden Smith	12	7	7	14	1.5-6	1-3	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
93	Brad Gurley	11	8	5	13	2-13	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Gabe Fletcher	12	7	4	11	5-25	3-20	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
0	Marvion Field	11	6	4	10	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Tre' Goodin	12	6	2	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Moses Sarweh	4	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	D.J. Galva	11	4	3	7	.	.	1-37	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Kevin Ford	10	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Jeff Kinley	12	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Brady Hensley	12	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Bryce Tapp	4	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Patrick Nations	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Ron Vann Jr.	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Telly McCallister	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Jalen Montgomery	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jaylen Houston	12	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Jackson House	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	Jonathan Duff	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Dequan Stanley	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Matt Morrissey	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Jordan Marshall	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Cornelius Evans	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Caeleb Schlachter	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Brody Wells	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Blake Howard	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Zach Russell	11	.	1	1	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Liam Coppinger	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Garnell Wilds	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	12	402	356	758	50-190	14-113	10-127	51	28	6-23	9	0	0
	Opponents	12	439	402	841	68-244	19-131	8-106	42	36	6--5	6	2	0

Team Statistics

	EKU	OPP
Scoring	274	286
Points per game	22.8	23.8
Points Off Turnovers	47	48
First Downs	237	255
Rushing	113	91
Passing	104	137
Penalty	20	27
Rushing Yardage	2211	1785
Yards gained rushing	2482	1992
Yards lost rushing	271	207
Rushing attempts	487	386
Average per rush	4.5	4.6
Average per game	184.3	148.8
TDs Rushing	21	14
Passing Yardage	2025	2935
Comp-Att-Int	181-307-8	234-408-10
Average per pass	6.6	7.2
Average per catch	11.2	12.5
Average per game	168.8	244.6
TDs Passing	13	20
Total offense	4236	4720
Total plays	794	794
Average per play	5.3	5.9
Average per game	353.0	393.3
Kick returns: #-Yards	29-628	14-269
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Int returns: #-Yards	10-127	8-106
Kick return average	21.7	19.2
Punt return average	14.3	10.8
Int return average	12.7	13.3
Fumbles-Lost	11-6	17-6
Penalties-Yards	74-711	83-729
Average per game	59.3	60.8
Punts-Yards	57-2462	53-2217
Average per punt	43.2	41.8
Net punt average	38.4	37.0
Kickoffs-Yards	54-3462	57-3327
Average per kick	64.1	58.4
Net kick average	40.6	36.7
Time of possession / game	31:46	28:11
3rd-down conversion	75/164	63/155
3rd-down pct	46%	41%
4rd-down conversion	7/16	13/22

	EKU	OPP
4rd-down pct	44%	59%
Sacks by-Yards	14-113	19-131
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	36	36
Field goals - attempts	8-11	11-16
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(32-40) 80%	(36-45) 80%
Red-zone touchdowns	(26-40) 65%	(26-45) 58%
PAT-attempts	(32-33) 97%	(35-35) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-2) 50%	(1-1) 100%
Attendance	35961	102379
Games / Avg per game	6/5994	6/17063
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
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Opponents	61	100	60	62	3	286

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
11	Maddox Marcellus	11	40	47	87	6-19	.		2-40	3	2	1-23	.	.	.
39	Braden Sullivan	12	43	41	84	2.5-2	.		.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
9	Jaheim Ward	11	38	26	64	5-11	.		1-0	7	1	1-0	2	.	.
2	Mike Smith Jr.	12	40	22	62	.	.		4-25	5	.	.	1	.	.
1	Cameron Junior	12	26	18	44	2-3	.		.	3	2	.	.	.	.
13	Jordon Thomas	12	28	14	42	1-3	.		.	13	.	1-0	.	.	.
3	Darrian Baker	12	18	18	36	7.5-23	2-15		1-2	2	6	.	1	.	.
47	Jacquez McGowan	12	18	18	36	1-1	.		.	1	1	.	1	.	.
4	Jeremiah Bailey	12	14	20	34	2-7	0.5-4		.	1	3	.	.	.	.
6	Vito Tisdale	12	22	11	33	.	.		1-23	8	1	.	.	.	.
7	Gabe Stephens	12	17	15	32	6.5-36	4.5-30		.	1	2	.	3	.	.
97	Ryan Jackson	12	16	15	31	3.5-31	1-27		.	2	3	.	.	.	.
5	Kyle Kelly	3	4	22	26	0.5-0	.		.	1	.	.	.	.	.
22	Frank Lee	9	8	10	18	2-3	.		.	1	3	1-0	.	.	.
24	Sam Robertson	3	7	10	17	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Kaden Smith	12	7	7	14	1.5-6	1-3		.	.	1	.	.	.	.
93	Brad Gurley	11	8	5	13	2-13	1-10		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Gabe Fletcher	12	7	4	11	5-25	3-20		.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
0	Marvion Field	11	6	4	10	1-4	1-4		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Tre' Goodin	12	6	2	8	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Moses Sarweh	4	4	4	8	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	D.J. Galva	11	4	3	7	.	.		1-37	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Kevin Ford	10	3	2	5	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Jeff Kinley	12	3	2	5	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Brady Hensley	12	2	2	4	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Bryce Tapp	4	.	3	3	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	Marcus Calwise Jr.	12	1	1	2	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Jackson House	12	1	1	2	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jaylen Houston	12	1	1	2	0.5-0	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Jalen Montgomery	12	.	2	2	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Telly McCallister	11	2	.	2	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Ron Vann Jr.	12	2	.	2	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	Patrick Nations	12	1	1	2	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Cornelius Evans	6	1	.	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50	Liam Coppinger	9	.	1	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Zach Russell	11	.	1	1	0.5-3	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Blake Howard	10	1	.	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Brody Wells	10	.	1	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89	Caeleb Schlachter	12	1	.	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Jordan Marshall	1	.	1	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	Matt Morrissey	12	1	.	1	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
19	Dequan Stanley	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69	Jonathan Duff	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Garnell Wilds	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	12	402	356	758	50-190	14-113	10-127	51	28	6-23	9	0	0
	Opponents	12	439	402	841	68-244	19-131	8-106	42	36	6--5	6	2	0

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	08/31/2024	at Mississippi St.	L	7-56	0-1	0-0	3:16	48724
	09/07/2024	at Western Ky.	L	0-31	0-2	0-0	3:19	16712
*	09/14/2024	West Ga.	W	26-7	1-2	1-0	3:24	6387
	09/21/2024	Morehead St.	W	42-13	2-2	1-0	4:19	7087
	09/28/2024	Robert Morris	W	31-7	3-2	1-0	3:29	2868
*	10/12/2024	at Southern Utah	L	21-42	3-3	1-1	4:05	5134
*	10/19/2024	at Abilene Christian	L	20-34	3-4	1-2	3:13	10411
*	10/26/2024	Utah Tech	W	28-17	4-4	2-2	3:11	7491
*	11/02/2024	at Tarleton St.	W	17-13	5-4	3-2	3:33	15281
*	11/09/2024	Central Ark.	W	31-24	6-4	4-2	3:36	7902
*	11/16/2024	at Austin Peay	Wot1	30-27	7-4	5-2	3:46	6117
*	11/23/2024	North Ala.	W	21-15	8-4	6-2	3:17	4226

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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/31/2024	at Mississippi St.	38	126	0	16	22	169	1	21	22-38-1	169	1	21	3	38	0	20	0	0	0	0	295
09/07/2024	at Western Ky.	40	190	0	42	11	76	0	15	11-20-0	76	0	15	2	21	0	17	0	0	0	0	266
09/14/2024	West Ga.	37	88	1	10	17	277	2	46	17-30-0	277	2	46	2	68	0	42	1	22	0	22	365
09/21/2024	Morehead St.	43	301	4	25	13	162	2	27	13-19-0	162	2	27	4	118	0	54	2	13	0	13	463
09/28/2024	Robert Morris	44	242	2	27	18	271	2	57	18-34-0	271	2	57	1	22	0	22	2	22	0	23	513
10/12/2024	at Southern Utah	22	69	1	20	24	207	1	22	24-36-1	207	1	22	2	54	0	46	1	12	0	12	276
10/19/2024	at Abilene Christian	29	92	1	27	20	265	2	75	20-33-3	265	2	75	4	66	0	20	0	0	0	0	357
10/26/2024	Utah Tech	55	287	3	23	10	75	0	15	10-18-0	75	0	15	1	25	0	25	2	0	0	4	362
11/02/2024	at Tarleton St.	50	243	2	28	6	31	0	11	6-11-1	31	0	11	1	24	0	24	0	0	0	0	274
11/09/2024	Central Ark.	39	160	2	39	10	108	1	35	10-20-0	108	1	35	3	86	1	73	1	54	0	54	268
11/16/2024	at Austin Peay	49	172	3	23	21	230	1	20	21-33-1	230	1	20	5	91	0	28	2	34	0	27	402
11/23/2024	North Ala.	41	241	2	46	9	154	1	67	9-15-1	154	1	67	1	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	395
Eastern Ky.		487	2211	21	46	181	2025	13	75	181-307-8	2025	13	75	29	628	1	73	11	157	0	54	4236
Opponents		386	1785	14	41	234	2935	20	65	234-408-10	2935	20	65	14	269	0	30	16	172	1	32	4720

Eastern Ky. Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
12	4.5	11.2	123.1	21.7	14.3	429.0	353.0

Date	Opponent	Tackles			Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/31/2024	at Mississippi St.	23	44	67	3.0-14	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/07/2024	at Western Ky.	36	24	60	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
09/14/2024	West Ga.	22	50	72	3.0-7	0	0-0	0-0	1	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	26
09/21/2024	Morehead St.	31	26	57	5.0-24	2	1-0	2-28	6	1	0	6-6	0	0	0	21	42
09/28/2024	Robert Morris	32	20	52	2.0-7	0	0-0	1-2	2	9	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	31
10/12/2024	at Southern Utah	36	46	82	3.0-13	0	0-0	0-0	1	4	0	1-1	0	1	0	0	21
10/19/2024	at Abilene Christian	37	36	73	4.0-8	0	0-0	1-0	5	3	0	2-3	0	0	0	13	20
10/26/2024	Utah Tech	40	14	54	5.0-21	1	1-23	0-0	5	7	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
11/02/2024	at Tarleton St.	32	40	72	4.0-15	0	0-0	3-86	1	6	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	17
11/09/2024	Central Ark.	40	24	64	8.0-23	1	1-0	1-0	2	4	0	4-4	0	0	0	3	31
11/16/2024	at Austin Peay	33	16	49	6.0-20	1	0-0	0-0	0	6	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	30
11/23/2024	North Ala.	40	16	56	6.0-37	0	0-0	2-11	3	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	21
Eastern Ky.		402	356	758	50.0-190	14-113	9	6-23	10-127	28	51	0	32-33	0	1	0	47
Opponents		439	402	841	68.0-244	19-131	6	6--5	8-106	36	42	2	35-35	1	0	0	48

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/31/2024	at Mississippi St.	8	304	38.0	52	1	0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	130	65.0	2	0
09/07/2024	at Western Ky.	7	327	46.7	65	0	2	3	3	2	0-1	0	0	1	65	65.0	1	0
09/14/2024	West Ga.	5	196	39.2	43	0	1	1	0	3	2-2	47	0	6	390	65.0	5	0
09/21/2024	Morehead St.	2	89	44.5	49	0	1	1	0	1	0-1	0	0	7	463	66.1	6	0
09/28/2024	Robert Morris	5	210	42.0	58	0	0	1	1	1	1-1	23	0	5	325	65.0	4	0
10/12/2024	at Southern Utah	2	101	50.5	51	0	0	0	2	2	2-3	47	0	5	325	65.0	5	0
10/19/2024	at Abilene Christian	4	151	37.8	43	0	0	2	0	1	0-0	0	0	4	260	65.0	3	0
10/26/2024	Utah Tech	6	255	42.5	55	0	1	1	2	2	0-0	0	0	5	320	64.0	4	0
11/02/2024	at Tarleton St.	4	179	44.8	60	0	0	2	1	2	1-1	34	0	4	251	62.8	3	0
11/09/2024	Central Ark.	5	246	49.2	56	0	0	2	3	2	1-1	21	0	6	388	64.7	3	0
11/16/2024	at Austin Peay	5	222	44.4	50	0	0	2	1	2	1-1	36	0	5	202	58.4	2	0

Eastern Ky. - Game Lows

RUSHES	22	at Southern Utah (10/12/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	69	at Southern Utah (10/12/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.4	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
TD RUSHES	0	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	11	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	6	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
YARDS PASSING	31	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	2.8	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
TD PASSES	0	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
	0	Utah Tech (10/26/2024)
	0	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	56	North Ala. (11/23/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	266	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.9	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)
POINTS	0	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
SACKS BY	0	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
	0	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
	0	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	13	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
PENALTIES	1	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	15	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Austin Peay (11/16/2024)
	0	Utah Tech (10/26/2024)
	0	at Southern Utah (10/12/2024)
	0	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
	0	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)
PUNTS	2	at Southern Utah (10/12/2024)
	2	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
PUNTING AVG	37.8	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
LONG PUNT	43	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
	43	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
	1	Robert Morris (09/28/2024)
	1	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
	1	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	North Ala. (11/23/2024)
	0	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
	0	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
	0	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
	0	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)

Eastern Ky. - Game Highs

RUSHES	55	Utah Tech (10/26/2024)
YARDS RUSHING	301	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
YARDS PER RUSH	7.0	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
TD RUSHES	4	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
PASS ATTEMPTS	38	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)
PASS COMPLETIONS	24	at Southern Utah (10/12/2024)
YARDS PASSING	277	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
YARDS PER PASS	10.3	North Ala. (11/23/2024)
TD PASSES	2	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
	2	Robert Morris (09/28/2024)
	2	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
	2	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
TOTAL PLAYS	82	at Austin Peay (11/16/2024)
TOTAL OFFENSE	513	Robert Morris (09/28/2024)
YARDS PER PLAY	7.5	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
POINTS	42	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
SACKS BY	2	North Ala. (11/23/2024)
	2	at Tarleton St. (11/02/2024)
	2	Utah Tech (10/26/2024)
	2	Robert Morris (09/28/2024)
	2	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
FIRST DOWNS	27	at Austin Peay (11/16/2024)
	27	Morehead St. (09/21/2024)
PENALTIES	10	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
PENALTY YARDS	102	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
TURNOVERS	3	at Austin Peay (11/16/2024)
	3	at Abilene Christian (10/19/2024)
PUNTS	8	at Mississippi St. (08/31/2024)
PUNTING AVG	50.5	at Southern Utah (10/12/2024)
LONG PUNT	65	at Western Ky. (09/07/2024)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Austin Peay (11/16/2024)
	3	West Ga. (09/14/2024)
LONG PUNT RETURN	54	Central Ark. (11/09/2024)