



2024 FOOTBALL

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2024 Big South-OVC Football Association Standings

Team	Big South-OVC					Overall									
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	Neu	LIO	Streak
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.000	37	15	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	W1
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	W4
Gardner-Webb	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Lindenwood	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L4
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L3
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	W1
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Western Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L24

SLANT ROUTES

*** CHARLESTON SOUTHERN:** The Buccaneers are opening the season at home for the third-straight year, and are looking to start 1-0 for the second consecutive season ... CSU's Week 1 match-up vs. The Citadel has been dubbed the "Lowcountry Boil Bowl" as the crosstown rivalry continues.

*** EASTERN ILLINOIS:** The Panthers are looking to start 1-0 for the second consecutive season ... EIU carries a four-game win streak into Week 1's contest at Illinois.

*** GARDNER-WEBB:** The Runnin' Bulldogs are opening the season at home for the first time since 2022, which was also the last time GWU opened 1-0 ... Gardner-Webb is seeking its first victory over Wofford since 2014.

*** LINDENWOOD:** The Lions are playing their first-ever FBS opponent in Week 1 ... Kansas will mark the first of four first-time foes for Lindenwood this season.

*** SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:** The Redhawks are 1-0 for the first time since 2019 ... Southeast Missouri is opening the season with two games away from home.

*** TENNESSEE STATE:** The Tigers are looking to start 1-0 for the first time since 2019 -- which was also against Mississippi Valley State ... TSU is ranked No. 8 in the preseason HBCU Coaches poll, and received votes in the HBCU media poll.

*** TENNESSEE TECH:** The Golden Eagles are opening the season on the road for the fourth-straight year, and second time at an FBS opponent in three seasons ... TTU will face back-to-back FBS members in the first two weeks of the 2024 campaign.

*** UT MARTIN:** The Skyhawks are opening the season at a nationally-ranked FBS member for the second-straight year ... Kansas State will be UTM's lone first-time foe of 2024.

*** WESTERN ILLINOIS:** The Leathernecks are opening the campaign at an FBS foe for the second-straight year ... WIU will face consecutive FBS members in the first two weeks of the season, while playing its first three contests of 2024 on the road.

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 29	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
Wofford at GARDNER-WEBB	7:00pm ET	ESPN+	Wofford leads, 20-8
LINDENWOOD at Kansas (#22/24)	7:00pm CT	ESPN+	1st meeting
EASTERN ILLINOIS at Illinois	8:00pm CT	BTN	Illinois leads, 2-0
SATURDAY, AUG. 31	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Northern Illinois	2:30pm CT	ESPN+	Northern Illinois leads, 21-18-1
Mississippi Valley State at TENNESSEE STATE	5:00pm CT	ESPN+	Tennessee State leads, 5-3
The Citadel at CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	6:00pm ET	ESPN+	The Citadel leads, 7-3
UT MARTIN at Kansas State (#17/18)	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	1st meeting
TENNESSEE TECH at Middle Tennessee	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	Middle Tennessee leads, 35-32-7
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI at New Mexico State	7:00pm MT	ESPN+	1st meeting

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

2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: The second season of the Big South-OVC Football Association kicked off with the league's first Week 0 appearance this past Saturday, as Southeast Missouri downed former Big South football member North Alabama, 37-15, in the FCS Kickoff in Montgomery, Ala. Year 2 of the Association is comprised of nine members, with Western Illinois making its Association debut this season. The 2024 conference schedule features every team playing each other for an 8-game league slate.

1st DOWN: All nine Big South-OVC squads will play in Week 1. Three contests are Thursday night openers, while six of the nine total match-ups on the schedule are against FBS opponents. Week 2 features the first Association game of the season when SEMO hosts UT Martin.

2nd DOWN: The Big South-OVC 2024 Preseason Players of the Year are Eastern Illinois QB **PIERCE HOLLEY** (Offense) and Southeast Missouri LB **BRYCE NORMAN** (Defense). Holley is among the **WALTER PAYTON** Award Preseason Watch List candidates, while Norman is a pre-season All-American and **BUCK BUCHANAN** Award Pre-season Watch List member.

3rd DOWN: The Association welcomes three new head coaches in 2024 -- **CRIS REISERT** (Gardner-Webb), **BOBBY WILDER** (Tennessee Tech) and **JOE DAVIS** (Western Illinois). Davis was EIU's Offensive Coordinator in 2022-23.

4th DOWN: Eight of the nine Association members will play 13 total games against FBS opponents this fall, with five squads playing two -- EIU, GWU, TTU, UTM and WIU.

ABOUT THE BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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



2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 ASSOCIATION PRESEASON POLL

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

1.	UT Martin (5)	61
2.	Eastern Illinois (2)	53
3.	Southeast Missouri (2)	51
4.	Tennessee State	41
5.	Gardner-Webb	40
6.	Charleston Southern	27
7.	Tennessee Tech	24
8.	Lindenwood	18
9.	Western Illinois	9

2024 NATIONAL POLLS - PRESEASON

STATS PERFORM

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	South Dakota State (52)	0-0	1,396
2	North Dakota State (3)	0-0	1,327
3	Montana	0-0	1,285
4	Montana State	0-0	1,199
5	South Dakota	0-0	1,155
6	Villanova	0-0	1,151
7	Idaho	0-0	1,021
8	Sacramento State	0-0	874
9	Chattanooga	0-0	868
10	Southern Illinois	0-0	832
11	Central Arkansas	0-0	724
12	Furman	0-0	678
13	Richmond	0-0	625
14	UIW	0-0	605
15	William & Mary	0-0	546
16	UAlbany	0-0	527
17	Lafayette	0-0	359
18	UC Davis	0-0	351
19	Illinois State	0-0	350
20	Western Carolina	0-0	318
21	Tarleton State	0-0	302
22	Weber State	0-0	268
23	Nicholls	0-0	201
24	North Dakota	0-0	197
25	Youngstown State	0-0	177

Others (Big South-OVC Only): UT Martin (169), Eastern Illinois (139)

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	South Dakota State (25)	0-0	649
2	North Dakota State	0-0	614
3	Montana	0-0	576
4	Montana State	0-0	518
5	South Dakota	0-0	512
6	Villanova	0-0	502
7	Idaho	0-0	473
8	Chattanooga	0-0	403
9	Furman	0-0	392
10	Sacramento State	0-0	382
11	Southern Illinois	0-0	370
12	Richmond	0-0	353
13	Central Arkansas	0-0	339
14	UAlbany	0-0	275
15	UIW	0-0	259
16	William & Mary	0-0	196
17	UC Davis	0-0	164
18	Lafayette	0-0	157
19	Western Carolina	0-0	144
20	Illinois State	0-0	143
21	Tarleton State	0-0	137
22	North Dakota	0-0	131
23	Youngstown State	0-0	97
24	Nicholls	0-0	91
25	Florida A&M (1)	0-0	71

Others (Big South-OVC Only): Eastern Illinois (50), UT Martin (38), Gardner-Webb (4), SEMO (2)

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Week of	CSU	EIU	GWU	LIN	SEMO	TSU	TTU	UTM	WIU
Preseason	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / RV	-- / --	-- / --	RV / RV	-- / --
Sept. 2									
Sept. 9									
Sept. 16									
Sept. 23									
Sept. 30									
Oct. 7									
Oct. 14									
Oct. 21									
Oct. 28									
Nov. 4									
Nov. 11									
Nov. 18									
Nov. 25									
Final									

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

BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION VS. DIVISION I OPPONENTS

vs. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION (1-0, 1,000)

CAA Football	0-0
Richmond	
Mid-Eastern Athletic	0-0
Howard	
South Carolina State	
Missouri Valley Football	0-0
Illinois State	
Indiana State	
Missouri State	
North Dakota State	
Southern Illinois	
Pioneer	0-0
Presbyterian	
St. Thomas	
Southern	0-0
Furman	
Samford	
The Citadel	
Wofford	
Southland	0-0
Northwestern State	
Southwestern Athletic	0-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	
Mississippi Valley State	
United Athletic	1-0
North Alabama	1-0
Central Arkansas	

vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

American Athletic	0-0
Charlotte	
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Florida State	
Big Ten	0-0
Illinois	
Indiana	
Northwestern	
Big 12	0-0
Kansas	
Kansas State	
Conference USA	0-0
Kennesaw State	
Middle Tennessee	
New Mexico State	
Mid-American	0-0
Northern Illinois	
Southeastern	0-0
Georgia	
Sun Belt	0-0
James Madison	

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COACHES WEEKLY ZOOM

Big South-OVC Football Association head coaches conduct a weekly video conference via Zoom during the regular-season, and extends into the postseason with the league's playoff coaches. The sessions are on Tuesdays (beginning Aug. 27) between 9:50am CT / 10:50am ET to 12:40pm CT / 1:40pm ET, with each head coach appearing for a maximum of 10 minutes. For information on how to access the Zoom, please contact **KYLE SCHWARTZ** (615-690-6685 or kschwartz@ovc.org). The schedule of coach appearances is below.

9:50 CT / 10:50 ET – Chris Wilkerson, EIU
 10:40 CT / 11:40 ET – Jason Simpson, UTM
 11:00 CT / 12:00 ET – Gabe Giardina, CSU
 11:20 CT / 12:20 ET – Tom Matukewicz, SEMO
 11:30 CT / 12:30 ET – Jed Stugart, LIN

11:40 CT / 12:40 ET – Joe Davis, WIU
 11:50 CT / 12:50 ET – Eddie George, TSU
 12:20 CT / 1:20 ET – Cris Reisert, GWU
 12:30 CT / 1:30 ET – Bobby Wilder, TTU



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



2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2024 PRESEASON WATCH LIST

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

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

WIDE RECEIVER

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

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

RUNNING BACK

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

TIGHT END

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

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

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

LINEBACKER

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

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

SPECIALISTS

ALL PURPOSE

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

PUNTER

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

KICKOFF RETURN SPECIALIST

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

PLACEKICKER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

PUNT RETURN SPECIALIST

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

2024 NATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

WALTER PAYTON AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

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

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

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

HBCU FCS NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Jordan Gant, TSU

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Jordan Gant, TSU
James Lowery, TSU

FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Logan Leftrick, SEMO

STATS PERFORM

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

FCS FOOTBALL CENTRAL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

Oshae Baker, UTM (2nd Team)

PHIL STEELE

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

SHRINE BOWL

WATCH LIST

Oshae Baker, UTM

SENIOR BOWL

WATCH LIST

Gareth Warren, LIN

2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



CHARLESTON SOUTHERN BUCCANEERS (0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Gabe Giardina (2nd year)
CSU Record: 4-7; Overall Record: 41-24

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 31	THE CITADEL	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 7	at Furman	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 14	at Richmond	2:00pm ET	FloFootball
Sept. 28	at Tennessee State *	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 5	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	4:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 12	at Lindenwood *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 19	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	4:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 26	at Tennessee Tech *	2:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 2	GARDNER-WEBB *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 9	UT MARTIN *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 16	at Eastern Illinois *	1:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 23	at Florida State	TBA	

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (3rd year)
EIU Record: 10-12; Overall Record: 61-39

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 29	at Illinois	8:00pm CT	BTN
Sept. 7	INDIANA STATE	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 14	at Northwestern	6:30pm CT	BTN
Sept. 21	at Illinois State	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	LINDENWOOD *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	at Tennessee State *	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 26	at UT Martin *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 2	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 16	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 23	at Tennessee Tech *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



GARDNER-WEBB RUNNIN' BULLDOGS (0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Cris Reiser (1st year)
GWU Record: 0-0; Overall Record: 40-11

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 29	WOFFORD	7:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 7	at James Madison	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 14	at Charlotte	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 21	at Presbyterian	7:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 28	TENNESSEE TECH *	4:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 5	at UT Martin *	3:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 19	LINDENWOOD *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 26	at Southeast Missouri *	3:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 2	at Charleston Southern *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 9	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 16	TENNESSEE STATE *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 23	at Western Illinois *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



LINDENWOOD LIONS (0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Jed Stugart (8th year)
LIN Record: 36-31; Overall Record: 127-55

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 29	at Kansas (#22/24) ^	7:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 7	CENTRAL ARKANSAS	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 14	at Missouri State	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 21	ST. THOMAS	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	at Eastern Illinois *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	TENNESSEE STATE *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 19	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 26	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 2	at Tennessee Tech *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 23	at UT Martin *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+

* - Big South-OVC game ^ - at Kansas City, Kan.
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS All times CT and subject to change



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REDHAWKS (1-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Tom Matukewicz (11th year)
SEMO Record: 55-59; Overall Record: 56-59

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 24	vs. North Alabama ^	W, 37-15	ESPN
Aug. 31	at New Mexico State	8:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 7	UT MARTIN *	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 21	at Southern Illinois	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	NORTHWESTERN STATE	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	at Eastern Illinois *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	TENNESSEE TECH *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 19	at Charleston Southern *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 26	GARDNER-WEBB *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	at Lindenwood *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 16	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 23	at Tennessee State *	3:30pm CT	ESPN+

* - Big South-OVC game ^ - FCS Kickoff (Montgomery, Ala.)
HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS All times CT and subject to change



TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS (0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Eddie George (4th year)
TSU Record: 15-18; Overall Record: 15-18

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 31	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 7	at North Dakota State	2:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 14	vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff ^	6:00pm CT	
Sept. 21	at Tennessee Tech *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	at Lindenwood *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 19	at Howard	2:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 2	UT MARTIN *	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	at Western Illinois *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 16	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 23	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	3:30pm CT	ESPN+

* - Big South-OVC game ^ - at Memphis, Tenn.
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2024 BIG SOUTH-OVC FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES

(0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Bobby Wilder (1st year)

TTU Record: 0-0; Overall Record: 77-56

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 31	at Middle Tennessee	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 7	at Georgia	1:00pm CT	SECN+
Sept. 21	TENNESSEE STATE *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	at Gardner-Webb *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	at Southeast Missouri *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 19	at Western Illinois *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 26	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 2	LINDENWOOD *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	at Samford	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 16	at UT Martin *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 23	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+

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TIEBREAKER PROCEDURE

1. TRANSITIONING SCHOOLS

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

2. TWO-WAY TIE

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

3. MULTIPLE TIES

- If at any point, a tie is broken using the multiple-tie tiebreaker procedures and only two teams remain, the remaining teams will revert to the two-way tiebreaker (head-to-head).
- If the tied teams all played each other during the conference season, the team with the best cumulative record involving games with the tied teams shall be declared champion. For example, if a team is 2-0 against two other tied teams, that team will be declared champion.
- If the tied teams all played one another and have identical records against the other tied teams, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league will be used to determine the automatic bid. If teams are still tied, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings will be used to determine the automatic bid.
- If the tied teams did not play each other, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league will be used to determine the automatic bid. If the teams are still tied, and they did not play each other, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings will be used to determine the automatic bid.
- If the teams are still tied, a point system will be utilized based on a complete schedule and wins using Massey rankings entering the final day of the regular season, as indicated below.
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Ranking	Schedule		Outcome	
	Massey	FCS Oppt.	Win	Loss
1-50	5	0	10	0
51-100	4	0	8	0
101+	3	0	6	0
151-200	2	0	4	0
201+	1	0	2	0

Note: Points will be determined based on the Massey rating on the final day of the regular season (i.e., Saturday morning).



UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

(0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Jason Simpson (19th year)

UTM Record: 115-87; Overall Record: 115-87

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 31	at Kansas State (#17/18)	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 7	at Southeast Missouri *	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 14	NORTH ALABAMA	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 21	MISSOURI STATE	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	at Kennesaw State	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	GARDNER-WEBB *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	at Western Illinois *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 26	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 2	at Tennessee State *	5:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	at Charleston Southern *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 16	TENNESSEE TECH *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 23	LINDENWOOD *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+

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WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS

(0-0, 0-0 Big South-OVC)

Head Coach: Joe Davis (1st year)

WIU Record: 0-0; Overall Record: 0-0

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 31	at Northern Illinois	2:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 7	at Indiana	6:00pm CT	BTN
Sept. 14	at Illinois State	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 28	McKENDREE	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 5	at Charleston Southern *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 12	UT MARTIN *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 19	TENNESSEE TECH *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 26	at Lindenwood *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 2	at Eastern Illinois *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 9	TENNESSEE STATE *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 16	at Southeast Missouri *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
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