



2025 FOOTBALL

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2025 OVC-Big South Football Association Standings

Team	OVC-Big South					Overall									
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	Neu	LIO	Streak
Charleston Southern	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L10
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Gardner-Webb	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Lindenwood	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L2
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	L1
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	W5
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	W1

SLANT ROUTES

* **CHARLESTON SOUTHERN:** The Buccaneers are opening the season against an FBS opponent for the first time since 2018, which was also against an SEC foe (at Florida) ... CSU's lone meeting with Vanderbilt was in 2014, a 21-20 loss to the Commodores.

* **EASTERN ILLINOIS:** The Panthers are opening the season at home for the first time since the 2021 Spring season ... EIU is seeking its first 1-0 start since 2023.

* **GARDNER-WEBB:** The Runnin' Bulldogs are opening the season against a nationally-ranked FCS opponent for the first time since the 2021 Spring season (#24 Elon) ... GWU last opened 1-0 in 2022.

* **LINDENWOOD:** The Lions are opening the season on the road for the second consecutive year ... Lindenwood, seeking its first 1-0 start since 2023, defeated St. Thomas last year, 64-0.

* **SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:** The Redhawks are opening the season against an FBS foe for the second time in three years (2023 at Kansas State) ... SEMO last defeated Arkansas State in 1946.

* **TENNESSEE STATE:** The Tigers are looking to start 1-0 for the second consecutive year ... TSU won the last meeting with North Carolina A&T in 2010, a 37-7 neutral site victory in Indianapolis on Oct. 2.

* **TENNESSEE TECH:** The Golden Eagles are opening the season at home for the first time since the 2021 Spring season, which was also the last time TTU started 1-0.

* **UT MARTIN:** The Skyhawks are opening the season at an FBS member for the third consecutive year ... UTM is playing three FBS foes in 2025, and owns the Association's lone FBS victory (won at Kennesaw State in 2024).

* **WESTERN ILLINOIS:** The Leathernecks are opening the campaign at an FBS foe for the third-straight year ... WIU will face consecutive FBS members in the first two weeks of the season, both of which will be Friday night affairs at Big Ten programs (at Illinois and at Northwestern).

WEEK 1 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUG. 28	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
Dayton at EASTERN ILLINOIS	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	DAY leads, 1-0
LINDENWOOD at St. Thomas	6:00pm CT	MidcoSports Plus	LIN leads, 1-0
UT MARTIN at Oklahoma State	6:30pm CT	ESPN+	1st meeting
FRIDAY, AUG. 29	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
WESTERN ILLINOIS at Illinois (#12/12)	6:30pm CT	Peacock	ILL leads, 3-0
SATURDAY, AUG. 30	TIME	WATCH	SERIES
Cumberland at #21/22 TENNESSEE TECH	12:00pm CT	ESPN+	TTU leads, 7-6-1
North Carolina A&T at TENNESSEE STATE	3:30pm CT	ESPN+	TSU leads, 19-6-1
GARDNER-WEBB at #18/19 Western Carolina	6:00pm ET	ESPN+	WCU leads, 6-5
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI at Arkansas State	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	SEMO leads, 7-4-1
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN at Vanderbilt	6:00pm CT	ESPN+	VANDY leads, 1-0

All Times subject to change

2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: The third season of the OVC-Big South Football Association kicks off Thursday, Aug. 28 ... Year 3 of the Association is again comprised of nine members, and the 2025 conference schedule features every team playing each other for an 8-game league slate for the second-straight year ... The first OVC-Big South game is in Week 3 (Lindenwood at Charleston Southern).

1st DOWN: All nine OVC-Big South squads will play in Week 1. Three contests are Thursday night openers, followed by the first Friday season-opener in the Association's three years of existence. Four of the nine total match-ups on the schedule are against FBS opponents.

2nd DOWN: The Association welcomes one new head coach in 2025 -- **REGGIE BARLOW** of Tennessee State. Barlow was named to the post on March 23, and is 83-58 as a collegiate head coach following stops at Alabama State (2007-14) and Virginia State (2016-21).

3rd DOWN: The OVC-Big South 2025 Preseason Players of the Year are Lindenwood RB **STEVE HALL** and UT Martin DB **JaMICHAEL MCGOY JR.** Hall is among the **WALTER PAYTON** Award Preseason Watch List candidates, while McGoy is a preseason All-American and **BUCK BUCHANAN** Award Preseason Watch List member.

4th DOWN: Preseason OVC-Big South favorite Tennessee Tech enters the season nationally-ranked for the first time since the 2021 Spring season. The Golden Eagles are No. 21 in the Stats Perform poll, and tied for No. 22 in the AFCA Coaches Poll. SEMO, UT Martin and Tennessee State also received votes in the Stats Perform ranking. Those three programs along with Lindenwood received plaudits in the Coaches' preseason ratings.

OVERTIME: Eight of the nine Associations members will play 14 total games against FBS opponents this fall -- a league record. The previous high was 13 a season ago.

ABOUT THE OVC-Big South Football Association

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



2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2025 ASSOCIATION PRESEASON POLL

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

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

2025 NATIONAL POLLS - PRESEASON

STATS PERFORM

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	North Dakota State (54)	0-0	1,398
2	Montana State (1)	0-0	1,335
3	South Dakota State	0-0	1,266
4	South Dakota (1)	0-0	1,227
5	UIW	0-0	1,138
6	Illinois State	0-0	1,015
7	Montana	0-0	1,004
8	UC Davis	0-0	938
9	Rhode Island	0-0	928
10	Tarleton State	0-0	912
11	Mercer	0-0	824
12	Idaho	0-0	747
13	Villanova	0-0	737
14	Lehigh	0-0	493
15	Sacramento State	0-0	492
16	Abilene Christian	0-0	436
17	Jackson State	0-0	336
18	Western Carolina	0-0	335
19	Northern Arizona	0-0	312
20	Southern Illinois	0-0	310
21	TENNESSEE TECH	0-0	284
22	Monmouth	0-0	274
23	Stephen F. Austin	0-0	183
24	Stony Brook	0-0	181
25	Richmond	0-0	154

Others (OVC-Big South Only): Southeast Missouri (127), UT Martin (92), Tennessee State (21)

AFCA FCS COACHES POLL

RK	TEAM	RECORD	PTS
1	North Dakota State (26)	0-0	650
2	Montana State	0-0	612
3	South Dakota State	0-0	581
4	UIW	0-0	541
5	South Dakota	0-0	521
6	Illinois State	0-0	466
7	UC Davis	0-0	456
8	Tarleton State	0-0	454
9	Montana	0-0	447
10	Rhode Island	0-0	416
11	Mercer	0-0	396
12	Idaho	0-0	371
13	Villanova	0-0	338
14	Sacramento State	0-0	265
15	Lehigh	0-0	207
16	Abilene Christian	0-0	203
17	Jackson State	0-0	200
18	Northern Arizona	0-0	168
19	Western Carolina	0-0	147
20	Southern Illinois	0-0	132
21	Monmouth	0-0	116
T-22	Richmond	0-0	111
T-22	TENNESSEE TECH	0-0	111
24	Stephen F. Austin	0-0	82
25	Stony Brook	0-0	69

Others (OVC-Big South Only): UTM (50), SEMO (25), Tennessee State (14), Lindenwood (4)

OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

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

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

OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION vs. DIVISION I OPPONENTS

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

Big Sky 0-0
Eastern Washington

CAA Football 0-0
North Carolina A&T
Stony Brook
William & Mary

Mid-Eastern Athletic 0-0
Howard
South Carolina State

Missouri Valley Football 0-0
Illinois State
Indiana State
North Dakota State
Southern Illinois

Pioneer 0-0
Davidson
Dayton
St. Thomas-Minn.
Valparaiso

Southern 0-0
Chattanooga
The Citadel
Western Carolina

Southwestern Athletic 0-0
Alabama A&M

United Athletic 0-0
North Alabama

vs. FOOTBALL BOWL SUBDIVISION

Atlantic Coast 0-0
Georgia Tech

Big Ten 0-0
Illinois
Northwestern

Big 12 0-0
Oklahoma State

Conference USA 0-0
Missouri State
UTEP

Mid-American 0-0
Miami (Ohio)
Ohio

Southeastern 0-0
Alabama
Kentucky
Vanderbilt

Sun Belt 0-0
Appalachian State
Arkansas State
Coastal Carolina

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COACHES WEEKLY ZOOM

OVC-Big South Football Association head coaches conduct a weekly video conference via Zoom during the regular-season, and will extend into the postseason with the league's playoff coaches. The sessions are on Tuesdays (beginning Aug. 26) between 9:50am CT / 10:50am ET to 1:40pm CT / 2:40pm 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
 10:00 CT / 11:00 ET – Cris Reisert, GWU
 10:10 CT / 11:10 ET – Reggie Barlow, TSU
 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
 1:30 CT / 2:30 ET – Bobby Wilder, TTU



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



2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

2025 PRESEASON WATCH LIST

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

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

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

RUNNING BACK

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

WIDE RECEIVER

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

TIGHT END

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

OFFENSIVE LINE

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

Anthony Smith, Gr., TSU
Drew Wilder, Sr., TTU
Josiah Tingley, Gr., UTM
Dagen Miller, Sr., WIU

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

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

LINEBACKER

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

DEFENSIVE BACK

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

Camani Cobbs, R-So., TSU
Tim Coutras, Gr., TTU
JaMichael McGoy Jr., R-Sr., UTM
Willie Jones, Sr., WIU

SPECIALISTS

ALL PURPOSE

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

PLACEKICKER

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

PUNTER

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

LONG SNAPPER

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

KICKOFF RETURN SPECIALIST

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

PUNT RETURN SPECIALIST

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

2025 NATIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

WALTER PAYTON AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Steve Hall, Lindenwood

BUCK BUCHANAN AWARD

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Tim Coutras, TTU
JaMichael McGoy Jr., UTM

BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Delanie "Juice" Majors, TSU
Sammy Taylor, TSU

FCS PUNTER OF THE YEAR

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Gilbert Brown, CSU

FRED MITCHELL OUTSTANDING KICKER

PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Antonio Chadha, WIU

STATS PERFORM

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

FCS FOOTBALL CENTRAL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

BOXTOROW HBCU PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

PHIL STEELE FCS PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

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

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

Head Coach: Gabe Giardina (3rd year)
CSU Record: 5-18; Overall Record: 42-35

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	at Vanderbilt	7:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Coastal Carolina	7:30pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 13	LINDENWOOD *	4:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at William & Mary	4:00pm ET	FloFootball
Sept. 27	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Gardner-Webb *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 11	TENNESSEE TECH *	4:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Western Illinois *	4:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 25	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Southeast Missouri *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at UT Martin *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 22	TENNESSEE STATE *	2:00pm ET	ESPN+

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HOME GAME IN BOLD CAPS



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

Head Coach: Chris Wilkerson (4th year)
EIU Record: 13-21; Overall Record: 64-48

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 28	DAYTON	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Indiana State	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 13	ILLINOIS STATE	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at Western Illinois *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 4	TENNESSEE STATE *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 11	GARDNER-WEBB *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Southeast Missouri *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at Charleston Southern *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 1	UT MARTIN *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 8	TENNESSEE TECH *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Lindenwood *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Alabama	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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

Head Coach: Cris Reisert (2nd year)
GWU Record: 4-8; Overall Record: 44-19

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	at #18/19 Western Carolina	6:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at Georgia Tech	3:30pm ET	ACCNX
Sept. 13	THE CITADEL	7:00pm ET	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at Ohio	3:30pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 4	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at Eastern Illinois *	3:00pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 18	UT MARTIN *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at Lindenwood *	3:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Tennessee Tech *	1:00pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 8	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Tennessee State *	2:30pm ET	ESPN+
Nov. 22	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	1:30pm ET	ESPN+

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

Head Coach: Jed Stugart (9th year)
LIN Record: 41-38; Overall Record: 132-62

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 28	at St. Thomas	6:00pm CT	MidcoSports
Sept. 6	at Appalachian State	2:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 13	at Charleston Southern *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 20	STONY BROOK	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at Miami (Ohio)	2:30pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 4	UT MARTIN *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 18	TENNESSEE TECH *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 25	GARDNER-WEBB *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Tennessee State *	3:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Western Illinois *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Southeast Missouri *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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

Head Coach: Tom Matukewicz (12th year)
SEMO Record: 63-63; Overall Record: 64-63

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	at Arkansas State	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 6	NORTH ALABAMA	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 13	at North Dakota State	2:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 20	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at UT Martin *	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 11	TENNESSEE STATE *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 18	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 25	at Tennessee Tech *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 1	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Western Illinois *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	LINDENWOOD *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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

Head Coach: Reggie Barlow (1st year)
TSU Record: 0-0; Overall Record: 83-58

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	3:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 6	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 13	ALABAMA A&M	3:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 27	TENNESSEE TECH *	3:30pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Eastern Illinois *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at Southeast Missouri *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 18	HOWARD	4:30pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 25	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 1	LINDENWOOD *	3:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at UT Martin *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	GARDNER-WEBB *	1:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Charleston Southern *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+

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2025 OVC-BIG SOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION



#21/22 TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES

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

Head Coach: Bobby Wilder (2nd year)

TTU Record: 7-5; Overall Record: 84-61

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 30	CUMBERLAND	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 6	CHATTANOOGA	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 13	DAVIDSON	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 27	at Tennessee State *	3:30pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 4	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at Charleston Southern *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Lindenwood *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 25	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 1	GARDNER-WEBB *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 8	at Eastern Illinois *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	at Kentucky	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	UT MARTIN *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+

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UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

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

Head Coach: Jason Simpson (20th year)

UTM Record: 124-92; Overall Record: 124-92

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 28	at Oklahoma State	6:30pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 6	at UTEP	8:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 13	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at Missouri State	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 27	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI *	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Lindenwood *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 11	WESTERN ILLINOIS *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 18	at Gardner-Webb *	12:30pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 1	at Eastern Illinois *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 8	TENNESSEE STATE *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 15	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN *	1:00pm CT	ESPN+
Nov. 22	at Tennessee Tech *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+

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WESTERN ILLINOIS LEATHERNECKS

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

Head Coach: Joe Davis (2nd year)

WIU Record: 4-8; Overall Record: 4-8

2025 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Aug. 29	at Illinois (#12/12)	6:30pm CT	Peacock
Sept. 5	at Northwestern	6:30pm CT	BTN
Sept. 13	VALPARAISO	6:00pm CT	ESPN+
Sept. 20	at Eastern Washington	6:00pm CT	TBD
Sept. 27	EASTERN ILLINOIS *	3:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 4	at Tennessee Tech *	12:00pm CT	ESPN+
Oct. 11	at UT Martin *	2:00pm CT	ESPN+
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OVC-Big South Football Tiebreaker Procedure

1. TRANSITIONING SCHOOLS

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

2. TWO-WAY TIE

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

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

3. MULTIPLE TIES

- If at any point, a tie is broken using the multiple-tie tiebreaker procedures and only two teams remain, the remaining teams will revert to the two-way tiebreaker (head-to-head).
- If the tied teams all played each other during the conference season, the team with the best cumulative record involving games with the tied teams shall be declared champion. For example, if a team is 2-0 against two other tied teams, that team will be declared champion.
- If the tied teams all played one another and have identical records against the other tied teams, then each team's record against all common opponents in the league will be used to determine the automatic bid. If teams are still tied, then each team's record against the next highest common opponent in the league standings will be used to determine the automatic bid.
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* - NOTE: For purposes of the tiebreaker, the NCAA four-metric average ranking prepared for the FCS Championship Committee utilizes an average of the Massey, KPI, ESPN SOR and ESPN FPI metrics.

