



2006 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK • WEEK 1

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2. New Hampshire
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4. Northern Iowa
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7. Youngstown State
8. James Madison
9. Illinois State
10. Massachusetts
11. McNeese State
12. Georgia Southern
13. Hampton Pirates

14. EASTERN ILLINOIS

15. Richmond
16. Delaware
17. Southern Illinois

18. Texas State

19. North Dakota State

20. EASTERN KENTUCKY

21. UC Davis
22. Montana State
23. Grambling State
24. Nicholls State
25. Coastal Carolina

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STREET & SMITH'S

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17. EASTERN KENTUCKY

18. McNeese State

19. Colgate

20. Georgia Southern

21. EASTERN ILLINOIS

22. Grambling State

23. Massachusetts

24. South Carolina State

25. William and Mary

2006 OVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	OVC GAMES						ALL GAMES (Season begins Aug. 31)					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	Strk.	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA	Strk.
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Jacksonville State	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Murray State	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Samford	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0	0	--	0	0	.000	0	0	--

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Thursday, August 31

Miles College **at Samford** – 7:00 p.m.

Chattanooga **at Tennessee Tech** – 7:00 p.m. (WCTE-TV)

Saturday, September 2

Jacksonville State **at Furman** – 12:30 p.m. (CSTV)

Eastern Illinois **at Illinois** – 6:00 p.m.

Murray State **at Missouri** – 6:00 p.m.

Southeast Missouri **at Austin Peay** – 6:00 p.m.

Alabama A&M **at Tennessee State** – 6:00 p.m. (CSS)

UT Martin **at Ohio** – 6:00 p.m.

Eastern Kentucky **at Cincinnati** – 6:30 p.m.

All Times Central

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THIS WEEK ON OVCSPORTS.TV

8/31 - Miles College **at Samford** – 7:00 p.m.

8/31 - Chattanooga **at Tennessee Tech** – 7:00 p.m.

9/2 - **UT Martin** **at Ohio** – 6:00 p.m.

9/2 - **Southeast Missouri** **at Austin Peay** – 6:00 p.m.

9/2 - Alabama A&M **at Tennessee State** – 6:00 p.m.

2006 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEWS • WEEK 1



Miles College Golden Bears
(0-0, 0-0 SIAC)
at
Samford Bulldogs
(0-0, 0-0 OVC)



Thursday, August 31 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Seibert Stadium (6,700) • Birmingham, Alabama

Time: 7:00 p.m. Central
TV: None
Series Record: Samford leads, 1-0
Last Meeting: Samford 34, Miles 6 (1988)
Bill Gray Overall (Years): 24-25 (5)
Bill Gray at Samford (Years): 24-25 (5)
Wade Streeeter Overall (Years): 50-38 (9)
Wade Streeeter at Miles (Years): 28-25 (6)
Samford Last Week: Season Opener
Miles Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Samford and cross-town opponent Miles are squaring off for just the second time in football. The only other previous meeting was a 34-6 Samford victory in 1988. The Bulldogs are coming off a 2005 campaign in which they went 5-6 and finished tied for fourth in the OVC. The Golden Bears went 4-7 last season, including a 3-6 mark in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Samford will be looking to remain undefeated in season openers, currently 4-0, under head coach Bill Gray.

SCOUTING SAMFORD: The young and inexperienced Bulldog squad from last season has matured into a veteran roster that includes nine returning starters on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball in 2006. Junior incumbent quarterback Jefferson Adcock (2,338 yards, 18 TD) will get the starting nod on Thursday, backed up by sophomores Dante Williams and Alex Mortensen (an Arkansas transfer and son of ESPN NFL football analyst Chris Mortensen). Top receiver Jeff Moore (53 catches, 669 yards, 4 TD) also returns, along with lead rusher Justin Ray (479 yards, 5 TD). Samford's defensive line returns nearly intact, but the graduation of former standout Cortland Finnegan left the Bulldogs with big shoes to fill, especially on special teams. The linebacking corps is led by junior Jay McCurdy, who counted 10 tackles for loss among his 82 stops in 2005.

SCOUTING MILES: The Division II Golden Bears bring back eight starters each on offense and defense. Junior Darrell Lebeaux calls the signals for an offensive line anchored by senior Kareem Gulley, a preseason All-SIAC pick. Sophomore split end Vincent Hill is the brother of former Samford standout and current Carolina Panther Efre Hill. Senior linebacker Jasman Necense was the squad's top stopper a year ago (80 tackles), while junior defensive lineman Jermaine Henderson registered a team-high 5.5 sacks, also landing them on the preseason All-SIAC squad.

MILES VERSUS SAMFORD STAT COMPARISON — 2005 Final Statistics —

MC	CATEGORY	SAM
19.2	Scoring Offense	25.4
256.5	Total Offense	362.1
139.8	Rushing Offense	114.6
116.6	Passing Offense	247.5
19.6	Scoring Defense	29.3
310.6	Total Defense	375.0
138.7	Rushing Defense	187.4
171.9	Passing Defense	187.6



Chattanooga Mocs
(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)
at
Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles
(0-0, 0-0 OVC)



Thursday, August 31 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Tucker Stadium (16,500) • Cookeville, Tennessee

Time: 7:00 p.m. Central
TV: WCTE-TV
Series Record: Chattanooga leads, 27-10
Last Meeting: Chattanooga 30, Tennessee Tech 23 (2005)
Doug Malone Overall (Years): 24-29 (6)
Doug Malone at Tennessee Tech (Years): 0-0 (1)
Rodney Allison Overall (Years): 11-23 (4)
Rodney Allison at Chattanooga (Years): 11-23 (4)
Tennessee Tech Last Week: Season Opener
Chattanooga Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Tennessee Tech and Southern Conference foe Chattanooga meet for the 38th time, with the visiting Mocs holding a 27-10 lead in the series. Tech has won three of the last four meetings but will be looking to avenge last year's 30-23 overtime loss at UTC. The Golden Eagles are coming off 4-7 record and sixth-place OVC finish in 2005, while the Mocs are coming off their first winning season in eight years, going 6-5. Tech offensive coordinator Doug Malone is wearing an additional hat in 2006, taking over as acting head coach for the Golden Eagles after former skipper Mike Hennigan requested a leave of absence due to medical reasons.

SCOUTING TTU: The Golden Eagles return 15 starters in 2006, but a few of them will start the season as backups at their respective positions. Redshirt freshman Lee Sweeney has earned Thursday's start at quarterback in place of 2005 starter, junior Stephen Britton. Sweeney's top targets will be junior All-OVC receiver Larry Shipp (50 catches, 803 yards, 8 TD) and senior receiver Brent McNeal (40 catches, 644 yards, 4 TD). Junior All-OVC tackle John Jackson leads a veteran defensive line and senior Anthony James is the Golden Eagles' top returning tackler from a year ago (76 stops). Punting duties remain in the hands of senior Jon Mahan, who took over the job at midseason in '05 and finished with a 44.5 average.

SCOUTING UTC: With former UTC offensive coordinator Jason Simpson now in charge at OVC member UT Martin, the Mocs' offense is under the new direction of Carmen Felus, one of six new assistants on head coach Rodney Allison's staff. Several key players return on offense, led by junior quarterback Antonio Miller, senior All-SoCon tailback Eldra Buckley (1,233 yards, 11 TD) and senior receiver Emanuel Hassell (52 catches, 548 yards). Junior cornerback Quintez Smith heads up the Mocs' defensive unit after registering four interceptions and 10 pass breakups last year.

CHATTANOOGA VERSUS TENNESSEE TECH STAT COMPARISON — 2005 Final Statistics —

UTC	CATEGORY	TTU
22.3	Scoring Offense	24.5
353.6	Total Offense	343.5
206.2	Rushing Offense	146.4
147.5	Passing Offense	197.1
30.8	Scoring Defense	31.9
436.5	Total Defense	397.8
261.4	Rushing Defense	167.7
175.2	Passing Defense	230.1

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Jacksonville State Gamecocks

(0-0, 0-0 OVC)

at

Furman Paladins

(0-0, 0-0 SoCon)



Saturday, September 2 • 12:30 p.m. CT

Paladin Stadium (16,000) • Greenville, South Carolina

Time: 12:30 p.m. Central
TV: CSTV
Series Record: Furman Leads, 2-0
Last Meeting: Furman 37, JSU 35 (2005)
Jack Crowe Overall (Years): 51-59 (9)
Jack Crowe at Jacksonville State (Years): 37-29 (7)
Bobby Lamb Overall (Years): 35-15 (5)
Bobby Lamb at Furman (Years): 35-15 (5)
Jacksonville State Last Week: Season Opener
Furman Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Jacksonville State will be looking for its first win in three tries against Southern Conference opponent Furman after dropping a 37-35 heartbreaker to the Paladins last year on the final play of the game. The contest features two preseason candidates for the Walter Payton Award in JSU senior All-OVC tailback Clay Green and Furman junior fullback Jerome Felton. JSU posted a 6-5 record last season en route to a third-place OVVC finish, while Furman coming off an 11-3 campaign that ended with a semi-final appearance in the 2005 I-AA Playoffs, enters the 2006 campaign ranked No. 5 in The Sports Network's preseason I-AA poll. Saturday's game will be televised on CSTV, with Jonathan Coachman calling the play-by-play and Chris Rix providing color commentary.

SCOUTING JSU: The Gamecocks enter the season with a largely untested roster as 52 of the 90 student-athletes who reported to camp have never played a game at JSU. Junior quarterback Matt Hardin will make his first career start on Saturday after backing up former signal-caller Maurice Mullins for the last two seasons. Green (1,352 yards, 11 TD), who ranked second nationally in all-purpose yardage last season (2,048 yards), is looking for his ninth straight 100-yard rushing effort. When Mullins isn't handling the ball off to Green, he will most likely be looking for Taurean Rhetta (29 catches, 544 yards, 5 TD) and Raynodd Zeine (22 catches, 163 yards, 1 TD), the team's top receivers from last season. Senior safety Kenny Brown has 189 career tackles after registering a team-high 73 stops in '05.

SCOUTING FURMAN: Furman welcomes back 14 starters from last year's SoCon runner-up squad, but faces the daunting task of replacing former standout quarterback Ingle Martin. Junior Renaldo Gray is set to take over the signal-calling duties after seeing limited action last season. The Paladins sport one of I-AA's top backfield tandems in Felton (940 yards, 18 TD) and tailback Cedric Gipson (713 yards, 4 TD). Junior linebacker Andrew Jones recorded 129 tackles a year ago, including 13 for loss.

JACKSONVILLE STATE VERSUS FURMAN STAT COMPARISON

– 2005 Final Statistics –

JSU	CATEGORY	FUR
26.5	Scoring Offense	34.9
360.4	Total Offense	470.0
215.3	Rushing Offense	246.9
145.1	Passing Offense	223.1
20.4	Scoring Defense	27.4
356.5	Total Defense	368.3
140.6	Rushing Defense	178.1
215.9	Passing Defense	190.1

Eastern Illinois Panthers

(0-0, 0-0 OVC)

at

Illinois Fighting Illini

(0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)



Saturday, September 2 • 6:00 p.m. CT

Memorial Stadium (69,249) • Champaign, Illinois

Time: 6:00 p.m. Central
TV: None
Series Record: First Meeting
Last Meeting: N/A
Bob Spoo Overall (Years): 119-98-1 (20)
Bob Spoo at Eastern Illinois (Years): 119-98-1 (20)
Ron Zook Overall (Years): 25-23 (5)
Ron Zook at Illinois (Years): 2-9 (2)
Eastern Illinois Last Week: Season Opener
Illinois Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Saturday marks the first-ever meeting between Eastern Illinois and Big Ten foe Illinois, two schools separated by less than 60 miles. The defending OVC champion Panthers kick off the 2006 campaign ranked among the nation's Top 25 in many I-AA preseason polls after posting a 9-3 record last year, including a perfect 8-0 league mark. EIU junior defender Jeff Sobol will see some familiar faces when he lines up against the Illini on Saturday. Sobol transferred from Illinois to EIU after seeing limited action in two games last season. With Panther head coach Bob Spoo sidelined for 4-6 weeks following surgery, offensive coordinator Mark Hutson will be running the day-to-day operations.

SCOUTING EIU: Nine starters return on offense for the Panthers, including four offensive linemen, with the biggest change coming in the move of senior Steve Sobolewski from left guard to center. Junior veteran Mike Donato (1,747 yards, 9 TD) will take the opening snap on Saturday, while senior tailback Vincent Webb (1,129 yards, 15 TD) is one of three 1,000-yard rushers returning in the league from last season. Seven starters are back from a defense that ranked among the nation's elite in turnover margin last season. Senior linebacker and 2005 OVC Defensive Player of the Year Clint Seller (121 tackles) is among 16 candidates on the preseason Buck Buchanan Award List. Senior All-OVC safety Tristan Burge (86 tackles) returns healthy after suffering a season-ending injury that forced him to miss the Panthers' I-AA playoff game against Southern Illinois.

SCOUTING ILLINOIS: Illinois enters the second year of the Ron Zook era with higher expectations after the Illini lost their final nine games last season to finish 2-9 overall and 0-8 in the Big Ten. Senior QB Tim Brasic started every game in 2005 and was the team's second leading rusher with 420 yards. Defensive back Kevin Mitchell led Illinois with 78 tackles a year ago, including 4.5 stops for loss.

EASTERN ILLINOIS VERSUS ILLINOIS STAT COMPARISON

– 2005 Final Statistics –

EIU	CATEGORY	UI
26.6	Scoring Offense	17.0
305.5	Total Offense	354.6
158.6	Rushing Offense	158.2
146.9	Passing Offense	196.5
19.2	Scoring Defense	39.5
341.2	Total Defense	469.3
121.5	Rushing Defense	234.0
219.8	Passing Defense	235.3

2006 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL PREVIEWS • WEEK 1



Murray State Racers
(0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at
Missouri Tigers
(0-0, 0-0 Big 12)



Saturday, September 2 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Memorial Stadium (68,349) • Columbia, Missouri

Time: 6:00 p.m. Central
TV: None
Series Record: First Meeting
Last Meeting: N/A
Matt Griffin Overall (Years): 10-24 (4)
Matt Griffin at Murray State (Years): 0-0 (1)
Gary Pinkel Overall (Years): 102-67-3 (16)
Gary Pinkel at Missouri (Years): 29-30 (6)
Murray State Last Week: Season Opener
Missouri Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Murray State and Missouri are meeting for the first time. Former UT Martin head coach Matt Griffin takes over the reigns of a Racer program that struggled to a 2-9 record and ninth-place OVC finish last season, going winless in OVC action for the first time since 1966. Missouri posted a 7-5 mark and closed out the 2005 campaign with a win over South Carolina in the Independence Bowl. MSU offensive line coach Mike Hayes will be squaring off against his alma mater on Saturday. Hayes helped the Tigers to two bowl game appearances as a three-year starter from 1997-01.

SCOUTING MSU: The Racers return seven starters on offense and six on defense in 2006. After starting five games last season, senior quarterback Ryan Salyer will be the Racers' man under center on Saturday, backed up by redshirt freshman Zach Barnard, a transfer from Marshall. Senior running back Chad Cook (692 yards, 4 TD) heads up the ground game while Jonathan Eiland (27 catches, 282 yards) and Rod Harper (23 catches, 301 yards) are the top receivers returning from a year ago. Linebacker Nathan Williams was the team's top tackler in 2005, recording 103 stops, and is joined by junior cornerback Derrick Parrott (60 tackles).

SCOUTING MU: Missouri returns 17 starters from last year's squad, but a veteran offensive line will be charged with protecting a young signal-caller in sophomore Chase Daniel, who takes over for former Tiger standout Brad Smith. Dual-threat tight ends Martin Rucker (47 catches, 567 yards) and Chase Coffman (47 catches, 503 yards) are back, joined by the junior tailback tandem of Marcus Woods (437 yards) and Tony Temple (435 yards). Leading tackler David Overstreet also returns after making 91 stops a year ago. Senior defensive lineman Brian Smith led the team with 13.0 tackles for loss and 9.0 sacks among his 48 stops.

MURRAY STATE VERSUS MISSOURI
STAT COMPARISON
– 2005 Final Statistics –

MSU	CATEGORY	MU
19.8	Scoring Offense	30.8
347.2	Total Offense	429.8
184.0	Rushing Offense	205.2
163.2	Passing Offense	224.5
34.3	Scoring Defense	29.2
382.5	Total Defense	368.3
221.5	Rushing Defense	151.3
166.1	Passing Defense	217.0



Southeast Missouri Redhawks
(0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at
Austin Peay Governors
(0-0, Independent)



Saturday, September 2 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Governors Stadium (10,000) • Clarksville, Tennessee

Time: 6:00 p.m. Central
TV: None
Series Record: Southeast Missouri leads, 6-4
Last Meeting: Southeast Missouri 31, Austin Peay 0 (1997)
Tony Samuel Overall (Years): 34-57 (9)
Tony Samuel at Southeast Missouri (Years): 0-0 (1)
Carroll McCray Overall (Years): 8-25 (4)
Carroll McCray at Austin Peay (Years): 8-25 (4)
Southeast Missouri Last Week: Season Opener
Austin Peay Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Southeast Missouri is under the direction of new head coach Tony Samuel. Samuel was a member of Tom Osborne's first recruiting class at Nebraska, and the former defensive end has five other Cornhusker alums on his staff. Southeast and APSU are meeting for the 11th time while coming off identical 2-9 records in 2005. The Redhawks have won five straight in the series. Austin Peay is in the midst of returning to scholarship status, playing as an independent this season before rejoining the OVC in 2007. The Governors are a young squad in 2006, counting 51 first-year players or redshirt freshmen against just 12 upperclassmen.

SCOUTING SEMO: Quarterback Kevin Ballatore played in five games a year ago before missing the rest of the season due to injury. He is expected to throw to wide receivers Samora Goodson (26 catches, 263 yards) and Oge Oge (a 2005 redshirt), as well as tight end Joe Tuineau (25 catches, 305 yards). Sophomore running back Tim Holloman is also back after a strong rookie campaign in which he rushed for 688 yards on 143 carries. Senior All-OVC punter David Simonhoff has averaged 43.6 yards per punt during his first three seasons at Southeast, setting an OVC record with a 46-yard average in 2004. Senior All-OVC end Edgar Jones (4.0 sacks) heads up the Redhawks' defensive unit and will be joined by Tunde Agboke, the team's leading returning tackler with 67 stops a year ago.

SCOUTING APSU: With just four seniors and eight juniors on the Austin Peay roster, several youngsters are showing up on the depth chart. Junior quarterback Mark Cuningham moves into the starting role after backing up Jesse Kellogg last season and will have the fortune of playing behind an O-line that returns four of five starters. Junior tailback Chris Fletcher is looking to top the 1,000-yard rushing mark after falling just shy in each of his first two seasons, while senior Emmanuel Yancey (18 catches, 239 yards) was the Govs' top receiver a year ago. Junior linebacker Josh Hackett counted 11.5 tackles for loss among 65 stops in 2005.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI VERSUS AUSTIN PEAY
STAT COMPARISON
– 2005 Final Statistics –

SEMO	CATEGORY	APSU
24.4	Scoring Offense	12.7
353.3	Total Offense	272.9
99.2	Rushing Offense	154.4
254.1	Passing Offense	118.5
34.0	Scoring Defense	37.5
368.6	Total Defense	470.9
160.8	Rushing Defense	233.0
207.8	Passing Defense	237.9

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Alabama A&M Bulldogs (0-0, 0-0 SWAC) at Tennessee State Tigers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)



Saturday, September 2 • 6:00 p.m. CT
LP Field (67,500) • Nashville, Tennessee

Time: 6:00 p.m. Central
TV: CSS
Series Record: TSU leads, 18-6
Last Meeting: Alabama A&M 27, Tennessee State 14 (2005)
James Webster Overall (Years): 2-9 (2)
James Webster at Tennessee State (Years): 2-9 (2)
Anthony Jones Overall (Years): 50-28 (8)
Anthony Jones at Alabama A&M (Years): 32-15 (5)
Tennessee State Last Week: Season Opener
Alabama A&M Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Tennessee State once again plays host to long-time Southwestern Athletic Conference rival Alabama A&M in the eighth annual John Merritt Classic. The Tigers finished a disappointing 2-9 while placing eighth in the league last season while the Bulldogs are coming off one of the most successful campaigns in school history, going 9-3 and advancing to the SWAC title game. TSU will be looking to avenge last year's 27-14 loss to AAMU, which marked the Tigers' first loss in Merritt Classic history.

SCOUTING TSU: TSU returns 18 starters this season but new coordinators on both sides of the ball and some talented I-A transfers will give the Tigers a revamped look in 2006. Ron Lambert takes over as the defensive coordinator while former TSU assistant Fred Kaiss returns to direct the Tigers' offense. The Tigers will be looking to sophomore quarterback Antonio Heffner, a transfer from South Carolina, to jumpstart a struggling offense that averaged just 12.4 points in 2005. Sophomore running back Javarri Williams (949 yards, 4 TD) is back after a promising rookie season that saw him earn OVC Freshman of the Year honors, while top receiver Gerald Morrow (40 catches, 482 yards, 1 TD) and North Carolina transfer Mike Mason are expected to be the top targets in the Tigers' air attack. Senior cornerback Aaron Strong (48 tackles, 2 INT) is team's leading returning tackler from a year ago.

SCOUTING AAMU: Alabama A&M returns 17 starters, including 10 on the offensive side of the ball, from last year's SWAC runner-up squad. Junior quarterback Kelcy Luke returns to call signals behind an O-line that returns all five starters. Emmanuel Edwards (28 catches, 415 yards) heads up a group of receivers vying for a starting slot, while Nic Luke (819 yards) and Ta'Mar Scott (557 yards) bring a wealth of experience to the tailback position. Senior All-SWAC linebacker Johnny Baldwin (103 tackles, 9.0 TFL) heads up the AAMU defensive unit.

ALABAMA A&M VERSUS TSU STAT COMPARISON – 2005 Final Statistics –

AAMU	CATEGORY	TSU
24.9	Scoring Offense	12.4
385.0	Total Offense	277.8
202.1	Rushing Offense	111.6
182.9	Passing Offense	166.2
18.7	Scoring Defense	27.5
300.3	Total Defense	338.9
100.8	Rushing Defense	165.5
199.5	Passing Defense	173.4

UT Martin Skyhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC) at Ohio Bobcats (0-0, 0-0 MAC)



Saturday, September 2 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Peden Stadium (24,000) • Athens, Ohio

Time: 6:00 p.m. Central
TV: None
Series Record: First Meeting
Last Meeting: N/A
Jason Simpson Overall (Years): 0-0 (1)
Jason Simpson at UT Martin (Years): 0-0 (1)
Frank Solich Overall (Years): 62-26 (8)
Frank Solich at Ohio (Years): 4-7 (2)
UT Martin Last Week: Season Opener
Ohio Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: UT Martin kicks off the Jason Simpson era as the Skyhawks travel to Mid-American Conference opponent Ohio on Saturday. This marks the first meeting between the two squads. UTM is coming off a fourth-place OVC tie and a 6-5 record last year, its first winning season since 1993. Ohio looks to improve on last year's 4-7 effort.

SCOUTING UTM: The Skyhawks' quarterback situation is still unresolved as redshirt freshman Greg Preston and true freshman Dexter Anoka battle for the starting spot vacated by graduated standout Brady Wahlberg. Junior running back Don Chapman (1,396 yards, 16 TD) enters the season looking for his third consecutive 1,000-yard rushing campaign and will most likely be backed up by true freshman T.J. Hamilton. In the aerial attack, senior Taurean Stephens (60 catches, 651 yards, 5 TD) is on pace to become the Skyhawks' all-time leading receiver. Senior All-OVC linebacker David Gilmore (91 tackles, 14.0 TFL) is still working his way back after undergoing knee surgery in the offseason.

SCOUTING OHIO: The Bobcats return 17 starters from last season's squad that posted a 4-7 record. The offense has eight players that started at least six games a year ago, while the defense has nine returning starters. Senior quarterback Austen Everson (2,230 yards, 11 TD) returns as Ohio's starter under center. Junior running back Calvin McRae (1,153 yards) will carry the rushing load for the Bobcats while senior Scott Mayle (358 yards, 21 catches) is a dual threat at receiver and kick returner. Standout senior linebacker Matt Muncy is on the preseason watch list for the Lombardi, Ronnie Lott and Butkus Awards.

UT MARTIN VERSUS OHIO STAT COMPARISON – 2005 Final Statistics –

UTM	CATEGORY	OHIO
27.0	Scoring Offense	17.5
358.8	Total Offense	292.5
193.0	Rushing Offense	174.1
165.8	Passing Offense	118.5
29.0	Scoring Defense	30.5
324.3	Total Defense	452.5
158.2	Rushing Defense	169.4
166.1	Passing Defense	283.2

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Eastern Kentucky Colonels

(0-0, 0-0 OVC)

at

Cincinnati Bearcats

(0-0, 0-0 BIG EAST)



**Saturday, September 2 • 6:30 p.m. CT •
Nippert Stadium (35,000) • Cincinnati, Ohio**

Time: 6:30 p.m. Central
TV: None
Series Record: First Meeting
Last Meeting: N/A
Danny Hope Overall (Years): 20-14 (4)
Danny Hope at Eastern Kentucky (Years): 20-14 (4)
Mark Dantonio Overall (Years): 11-12 (3)
Mark Dantonio at Cincinnati (Years): 11-12 (3)
Eastern Kentucky Last Week: Season Opener
Cincinnati Last Week: Season Opener

GAME NOTES: Eastern Kentucky travels to Cincinnati on Saturday for the Colonels' first-ever meeting against the Bearcats and first against a BIG EAST opponent. After going 7-4 overall and finishing as an OVC runner-up for the second straight year, ECU enters the 2006 campaign ranked in several I-AA Top-25 preseason polls. Cincinnati is coming off a 4-7 overall in its inaugural BIG EAST campaign. The Colonels are kicking off the season on the road for the fifth time in six years and will be looking to snap an eight-game losing streak to non-conference foes.

SCOUTING ECU: Junior quarterback and 2005 OVC Offensive Player of the Year Josh Greco (3,044 yards, 25 TD) is among 16 candidates listed on the initial Walter Payton Award Watch List and heads a list of seven returning offensive starters for ECU. The graduation of former standout receiver Andre Ralston will have Greco hooking up even more with senior All-American tight end Patrick Bugg (40 catches, 608 yards, 10 TD) in the Colonels' spread offense. Junior running back Mark Dunn (939 yards, 14 TD) returns after nearly topping the 1,000-yard rushing mark in 2005. Surgery to repair a torn ACL in the right knee of senior All-OVC linebacker Marcus Mayes has reduced the Colonels' list of returning defensive starters to six. Mayes' replacement, junior Justin Curry, joins a trio of All-OVC performers in junior end Cardius Dowell (5.5 sacks), senior tackle Mark Cristiani (8.5 TFL, 4.5 sack) and linebacker Brandon Rosser (88 tackles).

SCOUTING UC: After passing for 1,799 yards as a redshirt freshman last season, quarterback Dustin Grutza is battling with senior Nick Davila for the starting nod on Saturday. Senior tight end Brent Celek is the top target, while a trio of running backs – senior Greg Moore and juniors Bradley Glatthaar and Butler Benton will share carries. A young but talented defense was the strength of the team a year ago and returns 10 starters. Among those returning are a pair of All-BIG EAST performers in linebacker Corey Smith and cornerback Mike Jenkins.

EASTERN KENTUCKY VERSUS CINCINNATI STAT COMPARISON

– 2005 Final Statistics –

<u>EKU</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>UC</u>
31.5	Scoring Offense	17.5
412.3	Total Offense	324.5
128.7	Rushing Offense	124.5
283.5	Passing Offense	199.9
21.2	Scoring Defense	31.4
328.5	Total Defense	401.6
138.3	Rushing Defense	180.4
190.3	Passing Defense	221.3

2006 NATIONAL RANKINGS

2006 THE SPORTS NETWORK POLL

SCHOOL	PS	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	N	N	N	N
	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Appalachian State	1													
New Hampshire	2													
Montana	3													
Northern Iowa	4													
Furman	5													
Cal Poly	6													
Youngstown State	7													
James Madison	8													
Illinois State	9													
Massachusetts	10													
McNeese State	11													
Georgia Southern	12													
Hampton Pirates	13													
EASTERN ILLINOIS	14													
Richmond	15													
Delaware	16													
Southern Illinois	17													
Texas State	18													
North Dakota State	19													
EASTERN KENTUCKY	20													
UC Davis	21													
Montana State	22													
Grambling State	23													
Nicholls State	24													
Coastal Carolina	25													

2006 ESPN/USA TODAY POLL

SCHOOL	S	S	S	S	O	O	O	O	O	N	N	N	N
	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28

2006 OVC SCHEDULE / RESULTS

EASTERN ILLINOIS (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
9/2	at Illinois	6:00 p.m.
9/9	INDIANA STATE	6:00 p.m.
9/16	at Illinois State	6:30 p.m.
9/23	at Samford*	6:00 p.m.
9/30	at Hawai'i	11:00 p.m.
10/7	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	1:30 p.m.
10/14	at Eastern Kentucky*	2:00 p.m.
10/21	MURRAY STATE*	1:30 p.m.
10/28	at UT Martin*	2:00 p.m.
11/4	TENNESSEE STATE*	1:30 p.m.
11/11	at Tennessee Tech*	1:30 p.m.
11/18	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	1:30 p.m.



MURRAY STATE (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
9/2	at Missouri	6:00 p.m.
9/9	at Tennessee State*	6:00 p.m.
9/16	at Indiana State	11:05 a.m.
9/23	ILLINOIS STATE	6:00 p.m.
9/30	TENNESSEE TECH*	6:00 p.m.
10/5	at Jacksonville State*	5:00 p.m.
10/14	SAMFORD*	3:00 p.m.
10/21	at Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
10/28	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	1:00 p.m.
11/4	at Eastern Kentucky*	12:00 p.m.
11/11	OPEN	
11/18	UT MARTIN*	TBA



TENNESSEE STATE (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
9/2	ALABAMA A&M	6:00 p.m.
9/9	MURRAY STATE*	6:00 p.m.
9/16	vs. Jackson State	6:00 p.m.
9/23	at Vanderbilt	6:00 p.m.
9/30	vs. Florida A&M	2:00 p.m.
10/7	OPEN	
10/14	TENNESSEE TECH*	6:00 p.m.
10/21	at Jacksonville State*	2:30 p.m.
10/28	SAMFORD*	6:00 p.m.
11/4	at Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
11/11	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	2:30 p.m.
11/18	at Eastern Kentucky*	12:00 p.m.



EASTERN KENTUCKY (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
9/2	at Cincinnati	6:30 p.m.
9/9	WESTERN KENTUCKY	5:00 p.m.
9/16	at Western Carolina	5:00 p.m.
9/21	at Tennessee Tech*	6:30 p.m.
9/30	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	2:00 p.m.
10/7	at Samford*	1:00 p.m.
10/14	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	2:00 p.m.
10/21	at Southeast Missouri*	1:00 p.m.
10/28	OPEN	
11/4	MURRAY STATE*	12:00 p.m.
11/11	at UT Martin*	12:00 p.m.
11/18	TENNESSEE STATE*	12:00 p.m.



SAMFORD (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
8/31	MILES COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
9/9	at Georgia Tech	2:30 p.m.
9/14	AUSTIN PEAY	7:00 p.m.
9/23	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	6:00 p.m.
9/30	at Southeast Missouri*	6:00 p.m.
10/7	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	1:00 p.m.
10/14	at Murray State*	3:00 p.m.
10/21	UT MARTIN*	2:00 p.m.
10/28	at Tennessee State*	6:00 p.m.
11/4	TENNESSEE TECH*	1:00 p.m.
11/11	at Jacksonville State*	11:00 a.m.
11/18	OPEN	



TENNESSEE TECH (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
8/31	CHATTANOOGA	7:00 p.m.
9/8	at Gardner-Webb	5:00 p.m.
9/14	at Middle Tennessee	6:00 p.m.
9/21	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	6:30 p.m.
9/30	at Murray State*	6:00 p.m.
10/5	UT MARTIN*	7:00 p.m.
10/14	at Tennessee State*	6:00 p.m.
10/21	OPEN	
10/28	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	1:00 p.m.
11/4	at Samford*	1:00 p.m.
11/11	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	1:30 p.m.
11/18	at Southeast Missouri*	1:00 p.m.



JACKSONVILLE STATE (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
9/2	at Furman	12:30 p.m.
9/9	OPEN	
9/16	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	2:30 p.m.
9/23	at UT Martin*	6:00 p.m.
9/30	at Eastern Kentucky*	2:00 p.m.
10/5	MURRAY STATE*	5:00 p.m.
10/14	at Mississippi State	1:30 p.m.
10/21	TENNESSEE STATE*	2:30 p.m.
10/28	at Tennessee Tech*	1:00 p.m.
11/4	at Chattanooga	5:00 p.m.
11/11	SAMFORD*	11:00 a.m.
11/18	at Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
9/2	at Austin Peay	6:00 p.m.
9/9	MISSOURI-ROLLA	6:00 p.m.
9/16	at Jacksonville State*	2:30 p.m.
9/23	OPEN	
9/30	SAMFORD*	6:00 p.m.
10/7	at Eastern Illinois*	1:30 p.m.
10/14	at Arkansas	TBA
10/21	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	1:00 p.m.
10/28	at Murray State*	1:00 p.m.
11/4	UT MARTIN*	6:00 p.m.
11/11	at Tennessee State*	2:30 p.m.
11/18	TENNESSEE TECH*	1:00 p.m.



UT MARTIN (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Date	Opponent	Results
9/2	at Ohio	6:00 p.m.
9/7	URBANA	6:00 p.m.
9/16	GARDNER-WEBB	6:00 p.m.
9/23	JACKSONVILLE STATE*	6:00 p.m.
9/30	at Austin Peay*	6:00 p.m.
10/5	at Tennessee Tech*	7:00 p.m.
10/14	OPEN	
10/21	at Samford*	2:00 p.m.
10/28	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	2:00 p.m.
11/4	at Southeast Missouri*	6:00 p.m.
11/11	EASTERN KENTUCKY*	12:00 p.m.
11/18	at Murray State*	1:00 p.m.



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SERIES HISTORY

EIU-EKU

EKU leads, 7-6

1947: EKU, 14-13
1948: EKU, 25-14
1986: EKU, 24-22
1996: EIU, 45-21
1997: EKU, 49-7
1998: EKU, 28-24
1999: EIU, 20-14
2000: EIU, 49-6
2001: EIU, 21-17
2002: EIU, 25-24
2003: EKU, 41-0
2004: EKU, 49-6
2005: EIU, 53-22

EIU-JSU

JSU leads, 2-1

2003: JSU, 36-24
2004: JSU, 31-21
2005: EIU, 10-6

EIU-MUR

MUR leads, 11-10

1946: MUR, 38-13
1974: MUR, 13-0
1975: EIU, 14-6
1977: MUR, 35-7
1978: EIU, 35-14
1986: EIU, 28-21
1990: MUR, 14-10
1991: MUR, 28-27
1992: EIU, 48-9
1993: EIU, 34-7
1994: MUR, 31-15
1996: MUR, 35-28
1997: MUR, 24-17
1998: MUR, 35-21
1999: MUR, 37-32
2000: EIU, 48-7
2001: EIU, 37-6
2002: MUR, 37-35
2003: EIU, 27-17
2004: EIU, 24-9
2005: EIU, 35-28

EIU-SAM

EIU leads, 2-1

2003: SAM, 17-14
2004: EIU, 28-14
2005: EIU, 43-14

EIU-SEMO

EIU leads, 9-4

1956: SEMO, 46-13
1957: SEMO, 41-0
1995: EIU, 35-18
1996: EIU, 41-21
1997: EIU, 32-7
1998: EIU, 35-33
1999: SEMO, 45-38
2000: EIU, 38-9
2001: EIU, 41-21
2002: EIU, 44-27
2003: SEMO, 30-17
2004: EIU, 35-28
2005: EIU, 48-24

EIU-UTM

EIU leads, 10-1

1995: EIU, 30-22
1996: EIU, 38-0
1997: EIU, 42-6
1998: EIU, 56-35
1999: EIU, 42-21
2000: EIU, 42-7
2001: EIU, 56-16
2002: EIU, 55-43
2003: EIU, 29-12
2004: UTM, 32-14
2005: EIU, 26-7

EIU-TSU

EIU leads, 5-4

1982: TSU, 20-19
1998: TSU, 27-21
1999: TSU, 43-25
2000: EIU, 33-19
2001: EIU, 52-49
2002: EIU, 54-48
2003: TSU, 24-14
2004: EIU, 34-24
2005: EIU, 27-3

EIU-TTU

EIU leads, 8-4

1975: TTU, 37-0
1976: TTU, 41-14
1996: EIU, 35-27
1997: EIU, 10-7
1998: EIU, 13-6
1999: TTU, 14-7
2000: EIU, 27-6
2001: EIU, 44-33
2002: EIU, 35-28
2003: EIU, 37-10
2004: TTU, 40-37
2005: EIU, 31-20

EKU-JSU

JSU leads, 2-1

2003: JSU, 49-14
2004: JSU, 30-23
2005: EKU, 31-14

EKU-MUR

EKU leads, 36-25-4

1929: MUR, 46-0
1930: MUR, 52-0
1941: EKU, 6-0
1942: Tie, 6-6
1945: Tie, 7-7
1946: EKU, 26-13
1947: MUR, 21-13
1948: EKU, 6-0
1949: EKU, 20-0
1950: MUR, 19-0
1951: MUR, 9-0
1952: MUR, 20-0
1953: EKU, 19-14
1954: EKU, 25-6
1955: EKU, 21-6
1956: MUR, 14-7
1957: EKU, 26-19
1958: EKU, 14-6
1959: EKU, 7-0
1960: MUR, 21-19
1961: EKU, 14-13
1962: MUR, 17-14
1963: MUR, 20-0
1964: Tie, 6-6
1965: Tie, 17-17
1966: EKU, 27-6
1967: EKU, 28-7
1968: EKU, 21-20
1969: EKU, 34-13
1970: EKU, 17-7
1971: MUR, 17-7
1972: MUR, 7-3
1973: MUR, 21-20
1974: EKU, 30-16
1975: MUR, 26-7
1976: EKU, 12-10
1977: MUR, 24-20
1978: EKU, 24-21
1979: MUR, 24-7
1980: EKU, 24-14
1981: EKU, 24-20
1982: EKU, 21-20
1983: MUR, 24-10
1984: EKU, 27-14
1985: MUR, 27-20
1986: MUR, 17-15
1987: EKU, 29-21
1988: EKU, 31-24
1989: EKU, 38-36
1990: EKU, 42-0
1991: EKU, 42-17
1992: EKU, 21-18
1993: EKU, 21-13
1994: EKU, 49-13
1995: MUR, 17-7
1996: MUR, 17-14
1997: EKU, 29-8
1998: MUR, 28-21
1999: MUR, 45-30
2000: MUR, 24-22
2001: EKU, 21-13
2002: EKU, 31-7
2003: EKU, 38-20
2004: MUR, 19-16
2005: EKU, 43-7

EKU-SAM

EKU leads, 6-1

1992: SAM, 46-14
1994: EKU, 50-16
1999: EKU, 17-16
2001: EKU, 33-11
2003: EKU, 13-10
2004: EKU, 39-36
2005: EKU, 38-6

EKU-SEMO

EKU leads, 14-2

1990: EKU, 45-0
1991: EKU, 49-7
1992: EKU, 20-10
1993: EKU, 35-21
1994: EKU, 34-6
1995: EKU, 42-24
1996: EKU, 45-0
1997: EKU, 20-10
1998: EKU, 19-7
1999: EKU, 37-28
2000: EKU, 48-24
2001: EKU, 42-24
2002: SEMO, 35-21
2003: SEMO, 41-38
2004: EKU, 38-13
2005: EKU, 33-32

EKU-UTM

EKU leads, 17-0

1973: EKU, 16-14
1974: EKU, 24-9
1991: EKU, 56-21
1992: EKU, 35-9
1993: EKU, 30-0
1994: EKU, 34-14
1995: EKU, 38-15
1996: EKU, 45-7
1997: EKU, 49-0
1998: EKU, 47-29
1999: EKU, 54-7
2000: EKU, 27-0
2001: EKU, 42-10
2002: EKU, 58-3
2003: EKU, 41-32
2004: EKU, 41-14
2005: EKU, 31-17

EKU-TSU

EKU leads, 17-2

1982: EKU, 13-7
1988: EKU, 10-0
1989: EKU, 21-9
1990: EKU, 55-17
1991: EKU, 27-20
1992: EKU, 49-28
1993: EKU, 52-13
1994: EKU, 28-13
1995: EKU, 56-20
1996: EKU, 30-10
1997: EKU, 49-7
1998: TSU, 31-21
1999: TSU, 33-28
2000: EKU, 28-0
2001: EKU, 13-10
2002: EKU, 45-20
2003: EKU, 43-38
2004: EKU, 29-14
2005: EKU, 49-0

EKU-TTU

EKU leads, 46-16

1937: EKU, 6-0
1942: EKU, 13-0
1945: EKU, 14-12
EKU, 32-0
1946: TTU, 20-7
EKU, 13-0
1950: EKU, 47-7
1951: EKU, 15-14
1952: TTU, 28-14
1953: TTU, 7-0
1954: EKU, 14-7
1955: TTU, 13-7
1956: EKU, 25-13
1957: TTU, 34-14
1958: TTU, 20-19
1959: TTU, 14-10
1960: TTU, 20-0
1961: TTU, 14-8
1962: EKU, 21-0
1963: TTU, 21-19
1964: TTU, 27-7
1965: EKU, 28-14
1966: TTU, 7-3
1967: EKU, 24-0
1968: EKU, 38-14
1969: EKU, 17-7
1970: EKU, 20-13
1971: EKU, 14-7
1972: TTU, 14-0
1973: EKU, 30-14
1974: EKU, 29-14
1975: TTU, 14-3
1976: EKU, 28-14
1977: EKU, 28-21
1978: EKU, 20-16
1979: EKU, 35-0
1980: EKU, 48-7
1981: EKU, 63-10
1982: EKU, 34-17
1983: EKU, 24-7
1984: EKU, 21-14
1985: EKU, 35-17
1986: EKU, 42-14
1987: EKU, 44-8
1988: EKU, 14-7
1989: EKU, 21-20
1990: EKU, 29-20
1991: EKU, 19-13
1992: EKU, 35-0
1993: EKU, 10-7
1994: EKU, 23-3
1995: EKU, 21-3
1996: EKU, 28-7
1997: EKU, 26-7
1998: TTU, 31-29
1999: EKU, 23-20
2000: TTU, 9-3
2001: EKU, 34-10
2002: EKU, 19-0
2003: EKU, 27-14
2004: EKU, 19-18
2005: EKU 52-3

JSU-MUR

JSU leads, 2-1

2003: MUR, 23-17
2004: JSU, 35-14
2005: JSU, 28-23

JSU-SAM

SAM leads, 21-20-2

1905: SAM, 32-0
1908: SAM, 7-0
1909: SAM, 33-0
1912: SAM, 8-0
1913: Tie, 0-0
1916: SAM, 27-0
1921: SAM, 39-7
1922: SAM, 12-0
1923: SAM, 27-0
1924: SAM, 35-0
1925: SAM, 13-0
1926: SAM, 13-0
1927: SAM, 43-0
1930: SAM, 20-0
1933: SAM, 31-0
1948: JSU, 14-0
1950: JSU, 28-7
1951: Tie, 19-19
1952: JSU, 14-0
1953: JSU, 26-13
1954: JSU, 30-0
1955: JSU, 67-24
1965: JSU, 23-3
1966: SAM, 28-14
1967: SAM, 20-13
1968: SAM, 20-14
1969: JSU, 20-10
1970: JSU, 34-9
1971: SAM, 31-21
1972: JSU, 27-6
1988: JSU, 36-6
1989: JSU, 19-9
1995: JSU, 35-14
1996: SAM, 27-17
1997: SAM, 16-14
1998: JSU, 21-0
1999: SAM, 34-18
2000: JSU, 36-16
2001: JSU, 39-7
2002: JSU, 37-23
2003: JSU, 49-32
2004: JSU, 51-18
2005: JSU, 26-20

JSU-SEMO

JSU leads, 6-4

1961: SEMO, 13-12
1962: JSU, 6-0
1963: SEMO, 10-7
1964: SEMO, 24-0
1965: JSU, 24-13
1969: SEMO, 19-13
1971: JSU, 57-0
2003: JSU, 22-17
2004: JSU, 47-9
2005: JSU, 24-10

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SERIES HISTORY

JSU-UTM

JSU leads, 23-4

1967: UTM, 38-0
1968: JSU, 16-12
1969: JSU, 22-20
1970: JSU, 16-14
1971: JSU, 30-10
1972: JSU, 20-6
1973: JSU, 50-7
1974: JSU, 17-0
1975: JSU, 11-3
1976: JSU, 24-3
1977: JSU, 36-13
1978: JSU, 44-15
1979: UTM, 15-14
1980: JSU, 19-14
1981: JSU, 44-7
1982: JSU, 41-13
1983: JSU, 31-19
1984: JSU, 23-16
1985: JSU, 19-13
1986: JSU, 30-20
1987: UTM, 28-17
1988: UTM, 31-24
1989: JSU, 63-0
1990: JSU, 21-7
2003: JSU, 34-24
2004: JSU, 59-12
2005: JSU, 37-17

JSU-TSU

JSU leads, 3-0

2003: JSU, 34-7
2004: JSU, 49-35
2005: JSU, 33-3

JSU-TTU

JSU leads, 5-4

1936: TTU, 33-0
1977: TTU, 27-20
1979: JSU, 23-7
1980: JSU, 7-3
2001: TTU, 35-27
2002: JSU, 35-29
2003: JSU, 37-20
2004: TTU, 16-13
2005: JSU, 43-17

MUR-SAM

Tied, 5-5

1935: SAM, 13-0
1938: MUR, 27-7
1939: SAM, 7-0
1945: MUR, 41-6
1999: MUR, 34-27
2000: SAM, 19-17
2002: MUR, 54-17
2003: SAM, 35-6
2004: MUR, 24-21
2005: SAM, 27-23

SEMO-TTU

Tied, 7-7

1991: SEMO, 34-31
1992: TTU, 49-14
1993: TTU, 24-3
1994: SEMO, 19-14
1995: SEMO, 33-12
1996: TTU, 30-20
1997: TTU, 17-14
1998: SEMO, 29-24
1999: TTU, 21-7
2000: TTU, 31-6
2001: TTU, 41-21
2002: SEMO, 36-30
2003: SEMO, 24-20
2004: SEMO, 31-28
2005: TTU, 31-24

MUR-SEMO

MUR leads, 34-5-1

1926: MUR, 3-0
1927: MUR, 6-0
1928: MUR, 12-0
1929: SEMO, 13-0
1930: MUR, 7-0
1931: MUR, 32-6
1948: MUR, 40-0
1960: MUR, 21-10
1961: MUR, 22-7
1962: MUR, 19-15
1968: MUR, 27-14
1969: MUR, 34-14
1976: MUR, 14-3
1977: MUR, 13-6
1978: SEMO, 24-12
1979: Tie, 21-21
1980: MUR, 19-6
1981: MUR, 37-23
1982: MUR, 16-6
1983: MUR, 25-11
1984: MUR, 42-3
1985: MUR, 33-25
1986: MUR, 42-17
1987: MUR, 30-12
1988: SEMO, 16-13
1991: MUR, 14-10
1992: SEMO, 27-21
1993: MUR, 17-14
1994: MUR, 23-16
1995: MUR, 34-0
1996: MUR, 16-0
1997: MUR, 17-3
1998: MUR, 26-14
1999: MUR, 45-18
2000: MUR, 38-28
2001: MUR, 45-35
2002: MUR, 38-31
2003: MUR, 27-24
2004: MUR, 28-13
2005: SEMO, 52-21

MUR-TSU

TSU leads, 9-8

1988: MUR, 22-7
1989: MUR, 27-24
1990: TSU, 23-17
1991: TSU, 28-7
1992: TSU, 19-10
1993: TSU, 26-13
1994: TSU, 24-21
1995: MUR, 24-19
1996: MUR, 50-14
1997: MUR, 13-7
1998: TSU, 46-44
1999: TSU, 42-41
2000: MUR, 62-40
2001: TSU, 38-25
2002: MUR, 51-27
2003: TSU, 35-10
2004: MUR, 30-13
2005: DNP

SAM-TSU

SAM leads, 2-1

2003: TSU, 29-24
2004: SAM, 42-36
2005: SAM, 31-11

MUR-UTM

MUR leads, 27-9-1

1961: MUR, 25-15
1962: MUR, 15-12
1963: MUR, 19-8
1964: MUR, 32-14
1965: UTM, 17-7
1966: UTM, 16-12
1967: UTM, 16-9
1968: Tie, 7-7
1971: UTM, 41-0
1972: MUR, 14-7
1973: MUR, 21-10
1974: MUR, 14-6
1975: MUR, 17-10
1976: UTM, 24-0
1977: UTM, 31-20
1978: MUR, 21-7
1979: MUR, 24-0
1980: MUR, 20-6
1981: MUR, 10-7
1982: UTM, 10-7
1987: MUR, 34-6
1988: UTM, 32-24
1989: MUR, 24-3
1991: MUR, 40-34
1992: UTM, 13-7
1993: MUR, 28-21
1994: MUR, 28-24
1995: MUR, 33-9
1996: MUR, 28-14
1997: MUR, 45-7
1998: MUR, 47-35
1999: MUR, 62-14
2000: MUR, 48-3
2001: MUR, 35-17
2002: MUR, 42-3
2003: MUR, 41-26
2004: MUR, 38-0
2005: UTM, 49-20

SAM-SEMO

SAM leads, 4-2

1991: SAM, 48-24
1992: SAM, 45-14
2002: SEMO, 48-24
2003: SAM, 41-31
2004: SEMO, 51-48
2005: SAM, 33-17

SAM-UTM

SAM leads, 15-1-1

1958: Tie, 14-14
1959: SAM, 14-13
1988: UTM, 45-13
1989: SAM, 37-33
1992: SAM, 42-25
1993: SAM, 10-0
1995: SAM, 21-14
1996: SAM, 31-12
1997: SAM, 14-7
1998: SAM, 24-13
1999: SAM, 32-7
2000: SAM, 49-17
2001: SAM, 31-18
2002: SAM, 41-10
2003: SAM, 57-22
2004: SAM, 34-20
2005: SAM, 30-22

MUR-TTU

TTU leads, 38-32-1

1930: TTU, 26-6
1931: TTU, 19-7
1932: Tie, 0-0
1933: MUR, 9-6
1934: MUR, 40-7
1935: MUR, 13-0
1936: MUR, 47-0
1937: MUR, 14-6
1941: TTU, 14-6
1942: TTU, 14-6
1945: MUR, 13-7
1946: MUR, 20-13
1947: MUR, 7-2
1948: MUR, 34-6
1949: MUR, 26-7
1950: MUR, 6-0
1951: MUR, 20-7
1952: TTU, 14-3
1953: TTU, 9-0
1954: MUR, 19-12
1955: TTU, 20-7
1956: MUR, 34-7
1957: TTU, 26-14
1958: TTU, 15-14
1959: TTU, 29-16
1960: TTU, 14-12
1961: TTU, 27-8
1962: TTU, 16-12
1963: MUR, 28-27
1964: MUR, 28-21
1965: TTU, 23-14
1966: TTU, 51-13
1967: TTU, 22-21
1968: MUR, 19-0
1969: TTU, 28-21
1970: TTU, 21-7
1971: TTU, 27-3
1972: TTU, 10-0
1973: MUR, 18-17
1974: TTU, 26-0
1975: TTU, 14-7
1976: TTU, 24-7
1977: TTU, 21-19
1978: TTU, 24-14
1979: MUR, 24-3
1980: MUR, 10-3
1981: MUR, 15-10
1982: TTU, 10-3
1983: MUR, 20-6
1984: MUR, 37-0
1985: MUR, 29-21
1986: MUR, 23-16
1987: MUR, 24-21
1988: TTU, 16-13
1989: TTU, 21-20
1990: TTU, 16-3
1991: TTU, 45-7
1992: TTU, 35-10
1993: TTU, 31-16
1994: TTU, 38-21
1995: MUR, 45-14
1996: MUR, 41-3
1997: TTU, 16-13
1998: MUR, 23-3
1999: MUR, 22-11
2000: TTU, 36-21
2001: TTU, 15-12
2002: MUR, 31-14
2003: TTU, 49-24
2004: MUR, 34-15
2005: TTU, 42-21

SAM-TTU

SAM leads, 11-9

1934: SAM, 27-0
1949: TTU, 18-13
1950: TTU, 61-6
1988: SAM, 19-9
1989: SAM, 27-23
1990: TTU, 21-7
1991: SAM, 20-16
1992: SAM, 37-13
1993: SAM, 30-3
1994: TTU, 20-7
1995: SAM, 27-24
1996: TTU, 20-10
1997: TTU, 14-7
1998: SAM, 22-12
1999: SAM, 19-15
2000: TTU, 29-0
2002: TTU, 51-44
2003: SAM, 42-24
2004: SAM, 20-17
2005: TTU, 42-21

SEMO-UTM

SEMO leads, 13-8

1966: UTM, 17-14
1967: UTM, 39-0
1984: UTM, 21-7
1985: SEMO, 57-17
1986: SEMO, 37-29
1987: UTM, 25-13
1991: UTM, 36-29
1992: SEMO, 37-13
1993: UTM, 17-14
1994: SEMO, 10-0
1995: SEMO, 38-17
1996: UTM, 7-6
1997: SEMO, 42-7
1998: SEMO, 41-14
1999: SEMO, 36-7
2000: SEMO, 34-14
2001: SEMO, 45-30
2002: SEMO, 50-35
2003: SEMO, 20-7
2004: SEMO, 35-7
2005: UTM, 24-21

SEMO-TSU

SEMO leads, 8-7

1991: SEMO, 37-34
1992: TSU, 37-27
1993: SEMO, 14-13
1994: SEMO, 17-12
1995: SEMO, 41-24
1996: SEMO, 24-21
1997: TSU, 32-27
1998: TSU, 38-7
1999: TSU, 35-28
2000: TSU, 51-33
2001: TSU, 20-14
2002: SEMO, 49-24
2003: SEMO, 52-35
2004: TSU, 38-36
2005: SEMO, 32-24

UTM-TSU

TSU leads, 12-4

1976: UTM, 26-21
1977: TSU, 55-7
1992: TSU, 23-15
1993: UTM, 21-14
1994: TSU, 20-3
1995: UTM, 28-7
1996: TSU, 37-14
1997: TSU, 27-20
1998: TSU, 76-0
1999: TSU, 43-7
2000: TSU, 33-6
2001: TSU, 55-7
2002: TSU, 26-8
2003: TSU, 41-10
2004: TSU, 27-13
2005: UTM, 42-20

UTM-TTU

TTU leads, 15-7-1

1932: Tie, 0-0
1970: TTU, 17-6
1971: TTU, 10-7
1972: TTU, 13-10
1973: TTU, 16-9
1980: TTU, 30-28
1981: UTM, 24-21
1982: UTM, 35-21
1991: UTM, 24-16
1992: TTU, 17-13
1993: TTU, 20-3
1994: UTM, 20-10
1995: UTM, 36-31
1996: TTU, 21-14
1997: TTU, 33-2
1998: TTU, 31-24
1999: TTU, 45-9
2000: TTU, 46-6
2001: TTU, 41-7
2002: TTU, 68-7
2003: UTM, 30-23
2004: TTU, 49-20
2005: UTM, 46-16

TSU-TTU

TSU leads, 11-8

1984: TSU, 33-3
1985: TSU, 26-13
1988: TSU, 27-23
1989: TSU, 21-19
1990: TSU, 36-14
1991: TSU, 14-10
1992: TTU, 26-15
1993: TTU, 24-21
1994: TTU, 28-20
1995: TTU, 28-24
1996: TTU, 21-19
1997: TSU, 28-21
1998: TSU, 42-21
1999: TSU, 25-19
2000: TTU, 56-23
2001: TTU, 63-13
2002: TTU, 20-14
2003: TSU, 27-23
2004: DNP
2005: TSU 31-20

2006 OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE:

9/3
9/10
9/17
9/24
10/1
10/8
10/15
10/22
10/29
11/5
11/12
11/19

DEFENSIVE:

9/3
9/10
9/17
9/24
10/1
10/8
10/15
10/22
10/29
11/5
11/12
11/19

SPECIAL TEAMS:

9/3
9/10
9/17
9/24
10/1
10/8
10/15
10/22
10/29
11/5
11/12
11/19

NEWCOMER:

9/3
9/10
9/17
9/24
10/1
10/8
10/15
10/22
10/29
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11/12
11/19

2006 OVC FOOTBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Game	Time	Network
Aug. 31	Chattanooga at Tennessee Tech	7:00 p.m.	WCTE-TV
Sept. 2	Jacksonville State at Furman	12:30 p.m.	CSTV
Sept. 2	Alabama A&M at Tennessee State	6:00 p.m.	CSS
Sept. 7	Urbana at UT Martin	6:00 p.m.	WLJT-TV%\$
Sept. 9	Western Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky	5:00 p.m.	WYMT-TV/WQWQ
Sept. 9	Indiana State at Eastern Illinois	6:00 p.m.	FSN Midwest/FOX CSN*
Sept. 9	Samford at Georgia Tech	2:30 p.m.	CSS%^
Sept. 14	Tennessee Tech at Middle Tennessee	6:00 p.m.	ESPNU
Sept. 16	Southeast Missouri at Jacksonville State	2:30 p.m.	CSS
Sept. 16	Tennessee State vs. Jackson State	6:00 p.m.	FSN South*
Sept. 16	Gardner-Webb at UT Martin	6:00 p.m.	WLJT-TV%\$
Sept. 21	Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee Tech	6:30 p.m.	ESPNU
Sept. 23	Illinois State at Murray State	6:00 p.m.	MSU-TV%+
Sept. 23	Jacksonville State at UT Martin	6:00 p.m.	WLJT-TV%\$
Sept. 30	Eastern Illinois at Hawai'i	11:00 p.m.	(K5 Honolulu)
Sept. 30	Tennessee Tech at Murray State	6:00 p.m.	MSU-TV%+
Sept. 30	Tennessee State vs. Florida A&M	2:00 p.m.	FSN South*
Oct. 5	Murray State at Jacksonville State	5:00 p.m.	CSS
Oct. 5	UT Martin at Tennessee Tech	7:00 p.m.	WCTE-TV
Oct. 7	Southeast Missouri at Eastern Illinois	1:30 p.m.	WEIU-TV
Oct. 14	Samford at Murray State	3:00 p.m.	MSU-TV%+
Oct. 14	Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State	6:00 p.m.	CSS
Oct. 21	Murray State at Eastern Illinois	1:30 p.m.	WEIU-TV
Oct. 21	Tennessee State at Jacksonville State	2:30 p.m.	CSS
Oct. 28	Eastern Illinois at UT Martin	2:00 p.m.	WLJT-TV%\$
Oct. 28	Jacksonville State at Tennessee Tech	1:00 p.m.	WCTE-TV%#
Oct. 28	Southeast Missouri at Murray State	1:00 p.m.	MSU-TV%+
Oct. 28	Samford at Tennessee State	6:00 p.m.	CSS
Nov. 4	Tennessee State at Eastern Illinois	1:30 p.m.	WEIU-TV
Nov. 4	Jacksonville State at Chattanooga	5:00 p.m.	WJXS-TV%~
Nov. 11	Eastern Illinois at Tennessee Tech	1:30 p.m.	WCTE-TV%#
Nov. 11	Eastern Kentucky at UT Martin	12:00 p.m.	WLJT-TV%\$
Nov. 11	Samford at Jacksonville State	11:00 a.m.	CSS
Nov. 18	Jacksonville State at Eastern Illinois	1:30 p.m.	WEIU-TV
Nov. 18	UT Martin at Murray State	TBA	MSU-TV%+

All Times Central – Unless otherwise noted, telecasts are live

* - Check listings for Fox Sports' regional coverage

% - Tape-delay

+ - Log on to www.goracers.com for airing schedule

^ - Log on to www.samfordsports.com for airing schedule

~ - Log on to www.jsugamecocksports.com for airing schedule

- Log on to www.ttusports.com for airing schedule

\$ - Log on to www.utmsports.com for airing schedule

2006 I-AA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

The 2006 I-AA football playoffs will begin with first round games November 26 and conclude with the championship contest December 15. The OVC is one of eight conferences nationwide to receive an automatic bid to the tournament.

Eastern Kentucky, which won the I-AA national championship in 1979 and 1982, has been to the playoffs an unprecedented 17 times in the 28-year history of the event. OVC members Eastern Illinois, Jacksonville State, Murray State and Tennessee State have also been in the field during the past five years.

Here are the dates for the 2006 I-AA playoffs:

Nov. 25	First Round (@ campus sites)
Dec. 2	Quarterfinals (@ campus sites)
Dec. 8/9	Semifinals (@ campus sites)
Dec. 15	Championship Game (@ Chattanooga, Tenn.)

2006 OVC FOOTBALL PRESEASON PREDICTIONS

OVC COACHES/SIDS POLL

1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Eastern Illinois
3. Jacksonville State
4. Samford
5. Murray State
6. UT Martin
7. Tennessee State
7. Tennessee Tech
9. Southeast Missouri

PRESEASON ALL-OVC TEAMS

OFFENSE

QB - Josh Greco, Jr., Eastern Kentucky
RB - Don Chapman, Jr., UT Martin
RB - Vincent Webb, Sr., Eastern Illinois
WR - Larry Shipp, Jr., Tennessee Tech
WR - Taurean Stephens, Sr., UT Martin
TE - Patrick Bugg, Sr., Eastern Kentucky
OL - Alex Atkins, Sr., UT Martin
OL - Sean Dumford, Jr., Eastern Kentucky
OL - Eric Johnson, Sr., Eastern Illinois
OL - Jon Rueter, Sr., Eastern Illinois
OL - Anthony Rubican, Jr., Eastern Illinois
K - Colin Schermann, So., Southeast Missouri
RB/RS - Clay Green, Sr., Jacksonville State

DEFENSE

DL - Mark Cristiani, Sr., Eastern Kentucky
DL - Cardius Dowell, Jr., Eastern Kentucky
DL - John Jackson, Jr., Tennessee Tech
DL - Edgar Jones, Jr., Southeast Missouri
LB - David Gilmore, Sr., UT Martin
LB - Brandon Rosser, Sr., Eastern Kentucky
LB - Clint Sellers, Sr., Eastern Illinois
DB - Kenny Brown, Sr., Jacksonville State
DB - Tristan Burge, Sr., Eastern Illinois
DB - Anthony James, Sr., Tennessee Tech
DB - Aaron Strong, Sr., Tennessee State
P - David Simonhoff, Sr., Southeast Missouri

THE SPORTS NETWORK PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

1st Team Offense

TE - Patrick Bugg, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

1st Team Defense

LB - Clint Sellers, Sr., Eastern Illinois

I-AA.ORG PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

1st Team Offense

TE - Patrick Bugg, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

1st Team Special Teams

P - David Simonhoff, Sr., Southeast Missouri

2nd Team Offense

OG - Jon Rueter, Sr., Eastern Illinois

2nd Team Defense

DB - Tristan Burge, Sr., Eastern Illinois

CB - Ben Brown, Sr., Eastern Illinois

3rd Team Defense

DT - Mark Cristiani, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

LB - Clint Sellers, Sr., Eastern Illinois

LINDY'S PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

1st Team Offense

TE - Patrick Bugg, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

1st Team Defense

LB - Clint Sellers, Sr., Eastern Illinois

2nd Team Offense

RB - Donald Chapman, Jr., UT Martin

OL - Jon Rueter, Sr., Eastern Illinois

RS - Clay Green, Sr., Jacksonville State

2nd Team Defense

DL - Mark Cristiani, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

STREET & SMITH'S PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Offense

OL - Eric Johnson, Sr., Eastern Illinois

TE - Patrick Bugg, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

Defense

DB - Tristan Burge, Sr., Eastern Kentucky

P - David Simonhoff, Sr., Southeast Missouri

THE SPORTS NETWORK CONFERENCE PREDICTION

1. Eastern Kentucky
2. Eastern Illinois
3. Jacksonville State
4. Samford
5. UT Martin
6. Murray State
7. Tennessee Tech
8. Tennessee State
9. Southeast Missouri

I-AA.ORG CONFERENCE PREDICTION

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2. Eastern Kentucky
3. Jacksonville State
4. Samford
5. UT Martin
6. Tennessee Tech
7. Southeast Missouri
8. Tennessee State
9. Murray State

LINDY'S CONFERENCE PREDICTION

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2. Eastern Illinois
3. Jacksonville State
4. UT Martin
5. Tennessee Tech
6. Southeast Missouri
7. Murray State
8. Tennessee State
9. Samford

STREET & SMITH'S CONFERENCE PREDICTION

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3. Jacksonville State
4. UT Martin
5. Samford
6. Tennessee Tech
7. Southeast Missouri
8. Tennessee State
9. Murray State