

2008 Ohio Valley Conference Football Report

Austin Peay | Eastern Illinois | Eastern Kentucky | Jacksonville State | Murray State | Southeast Missouri | Tennessee State | Tennessee Tech | UT Martin

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OVC STANDINGS

(Through games on August 24)

	OVC					OVERALL								
	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Jacksonville State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Murray State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 28

#18 Eastern Illinois at Central Michigan, 6:00 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)

Southwest Baptist at Southeast Missouri, 6:00 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)

#20 Eastern Kentucky at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.

Jacksonville State at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN360/XM190)

Austin Peay at #2 North Dakota State, 7:00 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)

Lambuth at Murray State, 7:00 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)

Gardner-Webb at Tennessee Tech, 7:00 p.m. (OVCSports.TV)

Saturday, August 30

Tennessee State at Alabama A&M, 6:00 p.m.

UT Martin at #19 South Florida, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN Regional)

* Indicates OVC Contest

ALL TIMES CENTRAL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

No Results

THIS WEEK'S OVC HIGHLIGHTS/STORYLINES

The 2008 football season, the 61st for the Ohio Valley Conference, kicks off this Thursday, as seven of the OVC's nine teams are underway under the lights on Thursday... Those games include three contests against Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams, as Eastern Illinois travels to Central Michigan, Eastern Kentucky plays at Cincinnati and Jacksonville State plays at Georgia Tech... On Saturday another OVC school plays an FBS team, when UT Martin travels to nationally-ranked South Florida... OVC teams are 17-110-1 all-time against FBS schools with the last win over a FBS school coming during the 2004 season (EIU topped Eastern Michigan 31-28)... Austin Peay will challenge a nationally-ranked team from the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), when they play at No. 2 North Dakota State on Thursday night; the Bison were 10-1 last season and are eligible for the FCS Playoffs this year for the first time since reclassifying from Division II... Other matchups include Tennessee State playing at rival Alabama A&M, Tennessee Tech hosting Gardner-Webb, Southeast Missouri hosting Southwest Baptist and Murray State hosting Lambuth... Two OVC schools landed in the preseason Top 25 lists that were released last week; Eastern Illinois checks in at No. 18 in both the Sports Network and FCS Coaches polls, while Eastern Kentucky is No. 20 in the Sports Network and No. 21 in the FCS Coaches Poll... Three other schools - Jacksonville State, Tennessee State and UT Martin - received votes in the preseason polls.

THIS WEEK'S OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The first Players of the Week will be released on Sunday, Aug. 31.



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WEB SITE: For updated stats, standings, news and notes, log on to the official OVC site: **www.OVCSports.com**.

WEEKLY NOTES: The OVC will release its Players of the Week each Sunday afternoon throughout the season. The full weekly notes report will be released each Monday throughout the season by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available via e-mail, and is posted on the league's Web site in text and PDF versions. Statistics are updated after each gameday on the OVC Web site.

2008 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

DEFENSIVE

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

SPECIALIST

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

NEWCOMER

Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Sept. 28
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26
Nov. 2
Nov. 9
Nov. 16
Nov. 23

NOTES FROM AROUND THE GRIDIRON

I-AA No More: Although some people may accidentally still refer to it as I-AA football, the term that represents the level of Division I football in which the Ohio Valley Conference competes has been retired. Beginning with the 2006 National Championship game, the term Football Championship Subdivision (or FCS) is to be used. FCS is the only Division I football rank to host a NCAA-sponsored national championship (one of 88 championships the NCAA sponsors). The division formerly known as I-A was changed to Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) and those teams compete for the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) national championship. Teams who play at the FCS level can offer a maximum of 63 scholarships (FBS teams can offer 85) and compete in a 16-team playoff at the end of the season to determine the national champion.

OVCsports.TV: For the third consecutive year, fans can watch nearly every Conference matchup and all non-conference home contests this season at OVCsports.TV. The venture with JumpTV Sports allows fans to access live and on-demand streaming video and audio of all conference matchups on their home computer. The premium Web site was launched in July 2006 and streamed nearly a thousand events in its first two years, including all Conference matchups in football and men's and women's basketball as well as select baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball games and OVC Championship events. Packages are available on a yearly, seasonally, monthly or per-event basis.

OVC Looks to Put Two in Playoffs For Third Straight Season: In 2007, the OVC put multiple teams in the FCS playoffs for the second straight year, which marked the first time since the mid-90s that had occurred. Eastern Illinois and UT Martin were playoff participants in 2006 while Eastern Illinois and Eastern Kentucky were participants last season. The OVC has now put multiple teams in the playoffs in three straight years since 1994-96.

Sgt. York Trophy: The 2008 season marks the second for the Sgt. York Trophy, a challenge trophy which will go to the annual winner of the quadrangular season series between the four OVC institutions in the state of Tennessee (Austin Peay, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech and UT Martin). Last summer the Nashville Sports Council and the Ohio Valley Conference announced the creation of the trophy, which is only the second traveling trophy involving more than two schools nationwide (the other is the Commander in Chief's Trophy). It is named after Sgt. Alvin C. York, a native of Pall Mall, Tenn. and a Soldier who was one of the most honored of World War I. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor after the war and returned to his home state to dedicate his life to improving education and facilitating educational opportunities for children in the state of Tennessee. The trophy goes to the team with the best record against the other schools, and in case of a tie there will be co-champions and the actual trophy will go to the institution that has gone the most seasons without winning the trophy. Last season Tennessee State and Austin Peay finished in a tie for the trophy with identical 2-1 records. Both shared the award but Tennessee State went home with the hardware due to a 1-point win in the head-to-head meeting during the season. Tennessee Tech and UT Martin each finished 1-2 in the series during the year.

Jacksonville State Preseason Favorite Among Coaches/SID's, Although Three Schools Split First-Place Votes: In a vote of Ohio Valley Conference head football coaches and sports information directors, Jacksonville State University has been picked as the 2008 preseason favorite in the nine-team league. The Gamecocks claimed the 2003 and 2004 OVC Championships and were tabbed as the favorites for the second time in history (2005 was the other). Although Jax State was tabbed as the favorites, the votes indicated the pollsters predicted this year's race should be extremely tight, as the 18 first-place votes were split evenly amongst three schools. JSU received six first-place votes and were followed by 2007 OVC Champion Eastern Kentucky, who was picked second and also received six first-place votes. Eastern Illinois, who was a 2007 at-large selection for the FCS Playoffs, also garnered six first-place votes and was tabbed third. The three teams were separated by just five points, as preseason favorite Jacksonville State ended up with 113 points, Eastern Kentucky followed with 111 points and Eastern Illinois received 108 points. It marked the closest preseason vote in Ohio Valley Conference history.

COACHES TELECONFERENCE

During the regular season a weekly teleconference featuring the league's 10 head coaches will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Central Time. The first teleconference will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 26. A schedule of what times coaches will appear weekly is below. For information on how to access the call, please contact Kyle Schwartz in the OVC Office (615-371-1698 or kschwartz@ovc.org).

10:00 - Rick Christophel, Austin Peay
10:07 - Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois
10:14 - Jack Crowe, Jacksonville State
10:21 - Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri
10:28 - James Webster, Tennessee State
10:35 - Watson Brown, Tennessee Tech
10:42 - Jason Simpson, UT Martin
10:49 - Matt Griffin, Murray State
10:56 - Dean Hood, Eastern Kentucky

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All-Time Preseason Predicted Order of Finish: Is being picked first in the Conference a good thing for Jacksonville State? If history holds true, then maybe not. In each of the past five seasons, the preseason favorite has not gone on to win the OVC crown. The last team picked to win it all in the preseason and actually accomplish the feat was Eastern Illinois, who did it in back-to-back years (2001 and 2002). In 29 years of preseason polls, the preseason favorite has gone on to win the championship only 12 times (41.4%).

Holland and Walters Headline Preseason All-OVC Team: Eastern Kentucky senior quarterback **Allan Holland** and Eastern Illinois senior defensive lineman **Pierre Walters** were tabbed the 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year in a vote on by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors. Eastern Kentucky led the way with the most individual selections (5), following closely by four each from Eastern Illinois and Tennessee State. Each of the league's nine teams had at least one player on the preseason squad. Returning players who were first-team All-OVC picks last season (9 in total) were automatic selections to the preseason team this year. The squad also included eight players who were second-team selections in 2007.

FCS Playoffs: For the 12th straight season, the FCS Championship game was held in Chattanooga, Tenn., this year on Friday, Dec. 19 at Finley Stadium/Davenport Field. The playoffs will begin on Saturday, Nov. 29 and continue with second round games on Dec. 6 and semifinal contests on Dec. 12/Dec. 13 before the title game. Last season the OVC had two teams (Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Illinois) make the playoffs.

New Faces: This season one new head coach makes his debut in the OVC. Eastern Kentucky is under the direction of first-year head coach **Dean Hood**, who served as an assistant coach for the Colonels from 1994-98, where the team compiled a 32-6 OVC record and made three FCS playoff appearances. Hood was most recently the defensive coordinator at Wake Forest, where the Demon Deacons made an appearance in the 2006 FedEx Orange Bowl and the 2007 Meineke Car Care Bowl.

NFL Connections: As of August 20, 13 former Ohio Valley Conference football players are on NFL rosters for the 2008 season. That includes former EIU standout Tony Romo, who is the starting signal caller for the Dallas Cowboys. Among those players is former TSU defensive back Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, who was a first round draft pick of the Arizona Cardinals this season. He became only the fourth OVC player selected in the first round of the NFL Draft in 2008. Several NFL head coaches have connections to OVC schools including three current ones who played at Eastern Illinois - Brad Childress (Minnesota), Sean Payton (New Orleans) and Mike Shanahan (Denver). One of the NFL's newest coaches - Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin - was a former assistant coach at UT Martin, who also got national recognition when a former player and coach, Jerry Reese, was named the general manager of the New York Giants prior to the 2007 season. In his first season as GM, Reese led the Giants to the Super Bowl Championship.

NATIONAL POLLS

SPORTS NETWORK

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Appalachian State (97)	0-0	2,546
2.	North Dakota State (1)	0-0	2,275
3.	Northern Iowa	0-0	2,204
4.	Richmond	0-0	2,162
5.	Massachusetts	0-0	2,148
6.	James Madison (3)	0-0	2,078
7.	Eastern Washington	0-0	1,951
8.	Montana	0-0	1,848
9.	Delaware	0-0	1,747
10.	McNeese State	0-0	1,687
11.	Southern Illinois	0-0	1,286
12.	Youngstown State	0-0	1,228
13.	Wofford	0-0	1,158
14.	Cal Poly	0-0	1,081
15.	Elon	0-0	1,028
16.	New Hampshire	0-0	760
17.	Georgia Southern	0-0	656
18.	Eastern Illinois	0-0	622
19.	South Dakota State	0-0	547
20.	Eastern Kentucky	0-0	487
21.	Villanova	0-0	396
22.	Central Arkansas	0-0	374
23.	The Citadel	0-0	317
24.	Harvard	0-0	316
25.	Western Illinois	0-0	299

Others (OVC Only): Jacksonville State (195 points), UT Martin (30), Tennessee State (5).

FCS COACHES POLL

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Appalachian State (24)	0-0	600
2.	North Dakota State	0-0	527
3.	James Madison	0-0	513
4.	Northern Iowa	0-0	508
5.	Massachusetts	0-0	488
6.	Richmond	0-0	456
7.	Montana	0-0	444
8.	Delaware	0-0	419
9.	Eastern Washington	0-0	393
10.	McNeese State	0-0	366
11.	Southern Illinois	0-0	329
12.	Youngstown State	0-0	320
13.	Wofford	0-0	316
14.	Cal Poly	0-0	275
15.	Elon	0-0	247
16.	New Hampshire	0-0	231
17.	Georgia Southern	0-0	185
18.	Eastern Illinois	0-0	182
19.	Villanova	0-0	148
20.	South Dakota State	0-0	135
21.	Eastern Kentucky	0-0	105
22.	Western Illinois	0-0	67
23.	The Citadel	0-0	60
24.	Harvard	0-0	42
25.	Central Arkansas	0-0	41

Others (OVC Only): Jacksonville State (30 points), UT Martin (6).

SPORTS MEDIA ENTERTAINMENT (SME) NETWORK

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Appalachian State (19)	0-0	497
2.	James Madison (1)	0-0	458
3.	Northern Iowa	0-0	411
4.	North Dakota State	0-0	407
5.	Massachusetts	0-0	406
6.	Eastern Washington	0-0	372
7.	Montana	0-0	372
8.	Richmond	0-0	367
9.	Delaware	0-0	318
10.	McNeese State	0-0	309
11.	Wofford	0-0	278
12.	Cal Poly	0-0	256
13.	Youngstown State	0-0	249
14.	Southern Illinois	0-0	230
15.	Elon	0-0	205
16.	Eastern Illinois	0-0	158
17.	Georgia Southern	0-0	140
18.	South Dakota State	0-0	127
19.	New Hampshire	0-0	119
20.	Villanova	0-0	98
21.	Eastern Kentucky	0-0	87
22.	The Citadel	0-0	76
23.	Western Illinois	0-0	69
24.	Sam Houston State	0-0	58
25.	Central Arkansas	0-0	50

Others (OVC Only): Jacksonville State (13 points), UT Martin (6).

OVC IN THE POLLS WEEK-BY-WEEK (SPORTS NETWORK/FCS COACHES/SME)

	AP	EIU	EKU	JSU	MUR	SEMO	TTU	TSU	UTM
Preseason	-	18/18/16	20/21/21	RV/RV/RV	-	-	-	RV/-/-	RV/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									

NCAA Rule Changes for 2008: There are several rule changes for the 2008 season that will make noticeable effects on the game. Among them are the banning of "horse-collar" tackles, a simplification of chop blocking rules and the elimination of the 5-yard face mask penalty for incidental contact (it will either be a 15-yard penalty or no foul at all). The major rule change involves the play clock which will have both 40 and 25-second settings. Whenever the ball becomes dead, the play clock will reset to 40 seconds and will start immediately. This includes when a runner is down in the field of play or out of bounds, a fumble out of bounds, backward pass out of bounds and after an incomplete pass. After a team has picked up a first down the game clock will stop but the play clock will go to 40 seconds and will start counting down.

OVC RECORD BOOK WATCH

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

1. Markus Thomas, ECU (1989-92)	5,149
2. Charles Anthony, TSU (2001-04)	5,057
3. Don Chapman, UTM (2004-07)	5,017
4. Larry Schreiber, TTU (1966-69)	4,421
5. Mike Clark, AKR (1984-86)	4,257
6. Vincent Webb, EIU (2003-06)	4,233
7. C.J. Hudson, ECU (2001-04)	4,149
8. Jimmie Brooks, ECU (1968-71)	3,842
9. Elroy Harris, ECU (1985-88)	3,829
10. Joe Campbell, MTSU (1988-91)	3,823
- Javarri Williams, TSU (2005-present)	3,292

CAREER SCORING

1. Markus Thomas, ECU (1989-92)	322
2. J.R. Taylor, EIU (1999-02)	310
3. Don Chapman, UTM (2004-07)	296
4. Elroy Harris, ECU (1985-88)	288
5. Garth Petrilli, MTSU (1991-94)	280
6. Charles Anthony, TSU (2001-04)	276
7. Joe Campbell, MTSU (1988-91)	272
8. Paul Hickert, MUR (1984-87)	263
9. Derek Kutz, SEMO (2001-04)	262
10. Kelly Porter, MTSU (1981-84)	261
- Gavin Halford, JSU (2004-present)	246

CAREER COMPLETIONS

1. Chris Swartz, MOR (1987-90)	774
2. Stewart Childress, MUR (2000-03)	649
3. Tony Romo, EIU (1999-02)	584
Brady Wahlberg, UTM (2002-05)	584
5. Michael Proctor, MUR (1986-89)	578
6. Jefferson Adcock, SAM (2004-07)	505
7. Kelly Holcomb, MTSU (1991-94)	501
8. Ray Nelson, SAM (2003-04)	500
9. Josh Greco, ECU (2004-07)	478
10. Robert Craft, TTU (2001-04)	461
- Lee Sweeney, TTU (2006-present)	315

OVC PLAYERS IN THE NFL

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Players

Tony Romo - Dallas Cowboys (Eastern Illinois)
Micah Rucker - Pittsburgh Steelers (Eastern Illinois)
Yeremiah Bell - Miami Dolphins (Eastern Kentucky)
Sean Dumford - Minnesota Vikings (Eastern Kentucky)
Antwaun Molden - Houston Texans (Eastern Kentucky)
Cortland Finnegan - Tennessee Titans (Samford)
Efrem Hill - Cleveland Browns (Samford)
Eugene Amano - Tennessee Titans (Southeast Missouri)
Dan Connolly - New England Patriots (SE Missouri)
Edgar Jones - Baltimore Ravens (Southeast Missouri)
Lamar Divens - San Diego Chargers (Tennessee State)
Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie - Arizona (Tennessee St.)
Frank Omiyale - Carolina Panthers (Tennessee Tech)

Head Coaches

Brad Childress - Minnesota Vikings (Eastern Illinois)
Sean Peyton - New Orleans Saints (Eastern Illinois)
Mike Shanahan - Denver Broncos (Eastern Illinois)

General Managers

Jerry Reese - New York Giants (UT Martin)

2008 PRESEASON HONORS/AWARDS

OVC PRESEASON HONORS (COACHES/SID'S)

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Jacksonville State (6)	113
2. Eastern Kentucky (6)	111
3. Eastern Illinois (6)	108
4. Tennessee State	84
5. UT Martin	69
6. Tennessee Tech	55
7. Austin Peay	50
8. Murray State	36
9. Southeast Missouri	22

Preseason All-OVC Team

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year:

Allan Holland (QB), Eastern Kentucky

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year:

Pierre Walters (DL), Eastern Illinois

Offense

QB - Allan Holland, Eastern Kentucky*
 RB - Javarris Williams, Tennessee State
 RB - Timmy Holloman, Southeast Missouri
 WR - Chris Johnson, Tennessee State
 WR - Roren Thomas, UT Martin
 TE - DeAngelo Nelson, Murray State *
 C - Michael Howard, Eastern Kentucky
 OG - Chaz Millard, Eastern Illinois *
 OG - Kevin Bannon, UT Martin **
 OT - Cornelius Lewis, Tennessee State **
 OT - Cage Major, Austin Peay **

Defense

DL - Pierre Walters, Eastern Illinois *
 DL - Chris Coy, Eastern Kentucky *
 DL - Ray Williams, UT Martin *
 DL - Austen Lane, Murray State
 LB - Marquise Elston, Jacksonville State
 LB - Jared Goodson, Southeast Missouri
 LB - Remond Willis, Tennessee State
 DB - Brandon Gathof, Eastern Kentucky *
 DB - Maurice Smith, Tennessee Tech *
 DB - Rashad Haynes, Eastern Illinois **
 DB - Ke'Andre Sams, Eastern Illinois **
 DB - Zach Denton, Eastern Kentucky **

Specialists

K - Gavin Hallford, Jacksonville State *
 P - Doug Spada, Southeast Missouri *
 RS - Maurice Dupree, Jacksonville State **

LINDY'S MAGAZINE

Preseason First-Team All-American

DB Brandon Gathof, Eastern Kentucky

Preseason Second-Team All-American

K Gavin Hallford, Jacksonville State

P Kevin Cook, Eastern Illinois

DB Zach Denton, Eastern Kentucky

OVC Preseason Players of the Year

Offensive: Allan Holland, Eastern Kentucky

Defensive: Chris Coy, Eastern Kentucky

Predicted Order of Finish

National Rank

1. Eastern Kentucky	11
2. Eastern Illinois	16
3. Austin Peay	
4. Jacksonville State	
5. UT Martin	
6. Tennessee State	
7. Tennessee Tech	
8. Southeast Missouri	
9. Murray State	

SPORTING NEWS

Preseason All-American

OL Chaz Millard, Eastern Illinois

DB Brandon Gathof, Eastern Kentucky

P Kevin Cook, Eastern Illinois

OVC Preseason Players of the Year

Offensive: Javarris Williams, Tennessee State

Defensive: Chris Coy, Eastern Kentucky

Newcomer: Ryan Perrilloux, Jacksonville State

Predicted Order of Finish

National Rank

1. Eastern Illinois	16
2. Tennessee State	
3. Jacksonville State	
4. Eastern Kentucky	
5. Austin Peay	
6. UT Martin	
7. Murray State	
8. Tennessee Tech	
9. Southeast Missouri	

SPORTS NETWORK

Preseason All-American Team

Cornelius Lewis (OL), Tennessee State (1st); Javarris Williams (RB), Tennessee State (3rd); Pierre Walters (DL), Eastern Illinois (1st); Brandon Gathof (DB), Eastern Kentucky (2nd); Kevin Cook (P), Eastern Illinois (3rd).

OVC COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School

Rick Christophel, Austin Peay

Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois

Dean Hood, Eastern Kentucky

Jack Crowe, Jacksonville State

Matt Griffin, Murray State

Pat Sullivan, Samford

Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri

James Webster, Tennessee State

Watson Brown, Tennessee Tech

Jason Simpson, UT Martin

OVC-Only Games

<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
2	5	3	.625
12	60	20	.750
1	0	0	.000
6	30	10	.750
3	1	15	.063
2	2	6	.250
3	3	12	.200
4	10	11	.476
2	2	6	.250
3	10	5	.667

All Games*

<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
7	4	.636
83	58	.589
0	0	.000
35	21	.625
3	19	.136
4	7	.364
7	15	.318
13	20	.394
4	7	.364
13	10	.565

Overall Career Record

<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
2	7	4	.636
21	127	102	.554 **
1	0	0	.000
14	63	69	.477
6	13	43	.232
8	28	49	.365 **
11	41	72	.363
4	13	20	.394
24	98	158	.383 **
3	13	10	.565

*Indicates overall record while at current OVC school in years school was a member of the Conference

**Spoo, Sullivan and Brown's career records also includes a tie

Note: Brown's two years at Austin Peay (1979-80) and Griffin's three years at UT Martin (2003-05) are not figured into their OVC totals; those years are only figured into their overall career totals.

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 at #2 North Dakota State (OVCSports.TV) 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 at Georgia Southern 5:00 p.m.
13 **Gardner-Webb (OVCSports.TV)** 6:00 p.m.
20 **UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV)** 6:00 p.m.
27 at Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 **Murray State* (OVCSports.TV)** 6:00 p.m.
18 at Tennessee State* (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.
25 **Tennessee Tech* (HC) (OVCSports.TV)** 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 at Jacksonville State* (OVCSports.TV) 2:00 p.m.
15 at Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV) 1:30 p.m.
22 **Southeast Missouri* (OVCSports.TV)** 1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 at Central Michigan (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 at Illinois (Big Ten Network) 11:00 a.m.
13 **Indiana State (OVCSports.TV/WEIU-TV)** 6:00 p.m.
20 at Illinois State (OVCSports.TV) 6:30 p.m.
27 **Jacksonville State* (OVCSports.TV/WEIU)** 1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

9 at UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.
18 **Southeast Missouri* (HC) (OVCSports.TV/WEIU)** 1:30 p.m.
25 at Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 **Murray State* (OVCSports.TV/WEIU-TV)** 1:30 p.m.
8 at Tennessee State* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.
15 **Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV/WEIU-TV)** 1:30 p.m.
22 at Tennessee Tech* (OVCSports.TV) 1:30 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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EASTERN KENTUCKY COLONELS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 at Cincinnati 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 **Western Kentucky (OVCSports.TV)** 5:00 p.m.
13 **Morehead State (OVCSports.TV)** 5:00 p.m.
20 at Tennessee State* (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.
27 **Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV)** 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 at Tennessee Tech* (OVCSports.TV) 7:00 p.m.
11 **Jacksonville State* (OVCSports.TV)** 5:00 p.m.
25 **Eastern Illinois* (HC) (OVCSports.TV)** 2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 at Southeast Missouri* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.
15 **Murray State* (OVCSports.TV)** 12:00 p.m.
22 at UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV) 12:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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All Times Central/Subject to Change



JACKSONVILLE STATE GAMECOCKS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 at Georgia Tech (ESPN360) 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 **Alabama A&M (OVCSports.TV/WJXS)** 6:00 p.m.
20 at Chattanooga 6:00 p.m.
27 at Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV) 1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 **Southeast Missouri* (OVCSports.TV/WJXS)** 6:00 p.m.
11 at Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.
18 **Murray State* (HC) (OVCSports.TV/WJXS)** 4:00 p.m.
23 at UT Martin* (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 **Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV/WJXS)** 2:00 p.m.
8 at Tennessee Tech* (OVCSports.TV) 1:30 p.m.
15 **Tennessee State* (OVCSports.TV/WJXS)** 2:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

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TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



MURRAY STATE RACERS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 Lambuth (OVCSports.TV/MSU-TV 11) 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 at Indiana (Big Ten Network) 6:00 p.m.

13 Illinois State (OVCSports.TV/MSU-TV 11) 6:00 p.m.

20 at Western Kentucky 6:00 p.m.

27 UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV/MSU-TV 11) 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 at Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

11 Tennessee Tech* (HC) (OVCSports.TV/MSU-TV) 3:00 p.m.

18 at Jacksonville State* (OVCSports.TV) 4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 at Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV) 1:30 p.m.

8 Southeast Missouri* (OVCSports.TV/MSU-TV) 1:00 p.m.

15 at Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 12:00 p.m.

22 Tennessee State* (OVCSports.TV/MSU-TV) 1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REDHAWKS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 Southwest Baptist (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 at Missouri 6:00 p.m.

11 Tennessee Tech* (OVCSports.TV) 6:30 p.m.

20 Missouri State (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

27 at Indiana State 11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

4 at Jacksonville State* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

18 at Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV) 1:30 p.m.

25 Tennessee State* (HC) (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

8 at Murray State* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

15 UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

22 at Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

30 at Alabama A&M 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 Southern University (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

13 vs. Jackson State (in Memphis) 6:00 p.m.

20 Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.

27 vs. Florida A&M (in Atlanta) 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 at UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV) 2:00 p.m.

18 Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.

25 at Southeast Missouri* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 Tennessee Tech* (HC) (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.

8 Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

15 at Jacksonville State* (OVCSports.TV) 2:00 p.m.

22 at Murray State* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

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TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28 Gardner-Webb (OVCSports.TV/WCTE) 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 at Louisville 2:30 p.m.

11 at Southeast Missouri* (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.

20 at Western Michigan 6:00 p.m.

25 Central Methodist (OVCSports.TV/WCTE) 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV/WCTE) 7:00 p.m.

11 at Murray State* (OVCSports.TV) 3:00 p.m.

16 UT Martin* (OVCSports.TV/WCTE) 7:00 p.m.

25 at Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 at Tennessee State* (OVCSports.TV) 5:00 p.m.

8 Jacksonville State* (HC) (OVCSports.TV/WCTE) 1:30 p.m.

22 Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV/WCTE) 1:30 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (0-0, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

30 at #19 South Florida (ESPN Regional) 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

6 Baker University (OVCSports.TV) 4:30 p.m.

11 Concordia College (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

20 at Austin Peay* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

27 at Murray State* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

4 Tennessee State* (HC) (OVCSports.TV) 2:00 p.m.

9 Eastern Illinois* (OVCSports.TV) 6:00 p.m.

16 at Tennessee Tech* (OVCSports.TV) 7:00 p.m.

23 Jacksonville State* (ESPNU) 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

8 at Auburn 1:30 p.m.

15 at Southeast Missouri* (OVCSports.TV) 1:00 p.m.

22 Eastern Kentucky* (OVCSports.TV) 12:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

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2008 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Thursday, August 28

Eastern Illinois at Central Michigan, 6:00 p.m.
Southwest Baptist at Southeast Missouri, 6:00 p.m.
Eastern Kentucky at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN360)
Austin Peay at North Dakota State, 7:00 p.m.
Lambuth at Murray State, 7:00 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Tennessee Tech, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 30

Tennessee State at Alabama A&M, 6:00 p.m.
UT Martin at South Florida, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN Regional)

Saturday, September 6

Eastern Illinois at Illinois, 11:00 a.m. (Big Ten Network)
Tennessee Tech at Louisville, 2:30 p.m.
Baker University at UT Martin, 4:30 p.m.
Austin Peay at Georgia Southern, 5:00 p.m.
Western Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky, 5:00 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Jacksonville State, 6:00 p.m.
Murray State at Indiana, 6:00 p.m. (Big Ten Network)
Southern at Tennessee State, 6:00 p.m.
Southeast Missouri at Missouri, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 11

Concordia (Ala.) at UT Martin, 6:00 p.m.
*Tennessee Tech at Southeast Missouri, 6:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

Saturday, September 13

Morehead State at Eastern Kentucky, 5:00 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Austin Peay, 6:00 p.m.
Indiana State at Eastern Illinois, 6:00 p.m.
Illinois State at Murray State, 6:00 p.m.
Tennessee State vs. Jackson State, 6:00 p.m. (Memphis, Tenn.)

Saturday, September 20

*Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee State, 5:00 p.m.
*UT Martin at Austin Peay, 6:00 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Chattanooga, 6:00 p.m.
Missouri State at Southeast Missouri, 6:00 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Western Michigan, 6:00 p.m.
Murray State at Western Kentucky, 6:00 p.m.
Eastern Illinois at Illinois State, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 25

Central Methodist at Tennessee Tech, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

Southeast Missouri at Indiana State, 11:00 a.m.
*Jacksonville State at Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
*Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky, 2:00 p.m.
Tennessee State vs. Florida A&M, 2:00 p.m. (Atlanta, Ga.)
*UT Martin at Murray State, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 4

*Tennessee State at UT Martin, 2:00 p.m.
*Murray State at Austin Peay, 6:00 p.m.
*Southeast Missouri at Jacksonville State, 6:00 p.m.
*Eastern Kentucky at Tennessee Tech, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9

*Eastern Illinois at UT Martin, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

*Tennessee Tech at Murray State, 3:00 p.m.
*Jacksonville State at Eastern Kentucky, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16

*UT Martin at Tennessee Tech, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

*Southeast Missouri at Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
*Murray State at Jacksonville State, 4:00 p.m.
*Austin Peay at Tennessee State, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23

*Jacksonville State at UT Martin, 6:30 p.m. (ESPNU)

Saturday, Oct. 25

*Tennessee State at Southeast Missouri, 1:00 p.m.
*Eastern Illinois at Eastern Kentucky, 2:00 p.m.
*Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 1

*Eastern Kentucky at Southeast Missouri, 1:00 p.m.
*Murray State at Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
*Austin Peay at Jacksonville State, 2:00 p.m.
*Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8

*Eastern Illinois at Tennessee State, 1:00 p.m.
*Southeast Missouri at Murray State, 1:00 p.m.
*Jacksonville State at Tennessee Tech, 1:30 p.m.
UT Martin at Auburn, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 15

*Murray State at Eastern Kentucky, 12:00 p.m.
*UT Martin at Southeast Missouri, 1:00 p.m.
*Austin Peay at Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m.
*Tennessee State at Jacksonville State, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 22

*Eastern Kentucky at UT Martin, 12:00 p.m.
*Southeast Missouri at Austin Peay, 1:00 p.m.
*Tennessee State at Murray State, 1:00 p.m.
*Eastern Illinois at Tennessee Tech, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 29

NCAA FCS Playoffs – First Round (at campus sites)

Saturday, December 6

NCAA FCS Playoffs - Quarterfinals (at campus sites)

Friday, December 12/Saturday, December 13

NCAA FCS Playoffs - Semifinals (at campus sites)

Friday, December 19

NCAA FCS Championship (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

* - Denotes OVC contest

All Times CENTRAL; dates and times subject to change

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

APSU-EIU

EIU leads 6-2

1958 APSU, 21-6
1959 APSU, 12-8
1988 EIU, 44-0
1989 EIU, 36-0
1992 EIU, 14-9
1995 EIU, 31-13
1996 EIU, 42-7
1997 EIU, 42-14

APSU-EKU

EKU leads 37-3

1959 EKU, 7-21
1960 EKU, 27-13
1961 EKU, 21-7
1962 EKU, 14-7
1963 EKU, 14-0
1964 APSU, 26-0
1965 APSU, 30-25*
1966 EKU, 33-15
1967 EKU, 37-0
1968 EKU, 21-20
1969 EKU, 29-10
1970 EKU, 38-7
1971 EKU, 14-9
1972 EKU, 21-6
1973 EKU, 24-7
1974 EKU, 22-7
1975 EKU, 49-0
1976 EKU, 27-13
1977 APSU, 20-17
1978 EKU, 14-0
1979 EKU, 35-10
1980 EKU, 23-10
1981 EKU, 41-12
1982 EKU, 27-18
1983 EKU, 31-14
1984 EKU, 20-3
1985 EKU, 20-10
1986 EKU, 27-17
1987 EKU, 50-7
1988 EKU, 56-10
1989 EKU, 45-20
1990 EKU, 38-14
1991 EKU, 21-0
1992 EKU, 45-14
1993 EKU, 48-7
1994 EKU, 27-14
1995 EKU, 28-0
1996 EKU, 24-10
1997 EKU, 56-3
2007 EKU, 28-14
* - APSU won by forfeit

APSU-JSU

JSU leads 9-6-3

1947 JSU, 7-6
1948 APSU, 14-13
1949 JSU, 19-7
1950 Tie, 13-13
1951 Tie, 6-6
1952 APSU, 20-7
1953 APSU, 47-16
1954 Tie, 14-14
1955 JSU, 20-0
1956 APSU, 7-0
1957 JSU, 20-0
1958 JSU, 8-6
1959 JSU, 15-14
1960 JSU, 14-8
1961 JSU, 21-6
1962 JSU, 23-13
1979 APSU, 21-13
2007 JSU, 42-9

APSU-MUR

MUR leads 28-13

1953 MUR, 33-13
1954 MUR, 44-7
1955 MUR, 20-13
1956 MUR, 33-27
1963 MUR, 14-0
1964 APSU, 26-10
1965 APSU, 23-6
1966 APSU, 49-0
1967 APSU, 37-20
1968 APSU, 56-35
1969 MUR, 53-41
1970 APSU, 45-7
1971 MUR, 16-6
1972 APSU, 33-20
1973 MUR, 31-19
1974 MUR, 16-8

1975 MUR, 14-10
1976 MUR, 23-13
1977 APSU, 13-0
1978 APSU, 23-17
1979 MUR, 24-10
1980 APSU, 24-0
1981 MUR, 34-29
1982 MUR, 21-7
1983 APSU, 17-16
1984 MUR, 20-13 (2OT)
1985 MUR, 14-6
1986 MUR, 24-14
1987 MUR, 40-0
1988 MUR, 19-3
1989 MUR, 49-43
1990 MUR, 31-24 (3OT)
1991 APSU, 27-9
1992 MUR, 27-10
1993 MUR, 38-14
1994 MUR, 29-14
1995 MUR, 45-17
1996 MUR, 51-7
1997 MUR, 51-0
2005 MUR, 42-6
2007 APSU, 23-17

APSU-SEMO

SEMO leads 7-5

1953 SEMO, 19-6
1965 APSU, 50-7
1966 APSU, 28-27
1990 APSU, 24-21
1992 APSU, 21-16
1993 SEMO, 17-7
1994 SEMO, 31-10
1995 SEMO, 38-23
1996 SEMO, 17-13
1997 SEMO, 31-0
2006 SEMO, 38-13
2007 APSU, 34-31 (2OT)

APSU-TSU

TSU leads 7-3

1988 APSU, 16-12
1989 TSU, 38-10
1990 TSU, 33-7
1991 APSU, 31-17
1992 TSU, 35-14
1993 TSU, 21-16
1994 TSU, 26-22
1995 APSU, 28-6
1996 TSU, 38-14
2007 TSU, 33-32 (OT)

APSU-TTU

TTU leads 25-16

1938 TTU, 27-0
1939 TTU, 25-0
1954 TTU, 27-13
1955 TTU, 37-6
1956 TTU, 17-7
1963 TTU, 28-13
1964 APSU, 29-0
1965 APSU, 23-13
1966 APSU, 20-15
1967 TTU, 38-13
1968 TTU, 10-0
1969 TTU, 56-20
1970 APSU, 10-6
1971 TTU, 37-17
1972 TTU, 19-7
1973 TTU, 31-12
1974 TTU, 28-7
1975 TTU, 20-0
1976 TTU, 31-13
1977 APSU, 24-21
1978 TTU, 28-14
1979 TTU, 21-14
1980 APSU, 18-10
1981 TTU, 29-24
1982 APSU, 31-27
1983 APSU, 21-7
1984 ASU, 27-7
1985 APSU, 24-20
1986 APSU, 23-13
1987 TTU, 14-9
1988 APSU, 10-6
1989 TTU, 17-15
1990 TTU, 20-14 (OT)
1991 TTU, 32-7
1992 TTU, 10-0
1993 TTU, 35-17
1994 APSU, 34-27
1995 APSU, 20-7

1996 TTU, 23-17
1997 TTU, 36-3
2007 APSU, 30-27

APSU-UTM

UTM leads 25-17*

1959 UTM, 21-10
1960 UTM, 13-7
1961 UTM, 14-7
1962 UTM, 16-0
1963 APSU, 20-6
1964 APSU, 35-0
1965 APSU, 49-0
1966 APSU, 17-3
1967 UTM, 47-6
1968 APSU, 9-7
1969 UTM, 7-6
1970 UTM, 22-21
1971 UTM, 17-3
1972 APSU, 28-14
1973 UTM, 26-0
1974 UTM, 31-26
1975 UTM, 24-15
1976 UTM, 24-0
1977 UTM, 23-10
1978 APSU, 21-14
1979 APSU, 24-7
1980 UTM, 24-20
1981 APSU, 28-24
1982 UTM, 17-14
1983 APSU, 45-6
1984 APSU, 13-10
1985 APSU, 13-7
1986 APSU, 36-0
1987 UTM, 30-10
1989 UTM, 21-0
1990 UTM, 24-10
1991 UTM, 34-28
1992 APSU, 32-18
1993 UTM, 39-33 (2OT)
1994 APSU, 27-21
1995 UTM, 31-28
1996 APSU, 55-24
1997 UTM, 36-26
2003 UTM, 21-20
2004 UTM, 31-14
2006 UTM, 20-10
2007 APSU, 17-14

* Does not include 12 games played between 1938-48 when UTM was a junior college; APSU held a 8-2-2 advantage in those games

EIU-EKU

EKU leads 8-7

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
2006 EIU, 28-21
2007 EKU, 28-21

EIU-JSU

EIU leads 3-2

2003 JSU, 36-24
2004 JSU, 31-21
2005 EIU, 10-6
2006 EIU, 28-24
2007 EIU, 37-23

EIU-MUR

EIU leads 12-11

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
2006 EIU, 20-10
2007 EIU, 27-24

EIU-SEMO

EIU leads 11-4

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
2006 EIU, 21-0
2007 EIU, 31-16

EIU-TSU

EIU leads 7-4

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
2006 EIU, 29-3
2007 EIU, 38-35

EIU-TTU

EIU leads 10-4

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 (OT)
2005 EIU, 31-20
2006 EIU, 38-14
2007 EIU, 45-24

EIU-UTM

EIU leads 11-2

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
2006 UTM, 15-9
2007 EIU, 29-23

EKU-JSU

JSU leads 3-2

2003 JSU, 49-14
2004 JSU, 30-23
2005 EKU, 31-14
2006 JSU, 28-0
2007 EKU, 31-20

EKU-MUR

EKU leads 38-25-4

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 (OT)
1989 EKU, 38-36
1990 EKU, 42-0
1991 EKU, 42-17
1992 EKU, 21-18 (OT)
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 (OT)
2005 EKU, 43-7
2006 EKU, 51-21
2007 EKU, 46-35

EKU-SEMO

EKU leads 16-2

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
2006 EKU, 27-21
2007 EKU, 44-17

EKU-TSU

EKU leads 19-2

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
2006 EKU, 20-3
2007 EKU, 49-7

EKU-TTU

EKU leads 47-17

1937 EKU, 6-0
1942 EKU, 13-0
1945 EKU, 14-12
1946 TTU, 20-7
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 (3OT)
1999 EKU, 23-20 (2OT)
2000 TTU, 9-3
2001 EKU, 34-10
2002 EKU, 19-0
2003 EKU, 27-14
2004 EKU, 19-18
2005 EKU, 52-3
2006 TTU, 27-14
2007 EKU, 38-24

EKU-UTM

EKU leads 18-0

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
2006 EKU, 31-28

JSU-MUR

JSU leads 4-1

2003 MUR, 23-17 (OT)
2004 JSU, 35-14
2005 JSU, 28-23
2006 JSU, 49-17
2007 JSU, 40-24

JSU-SEMO

JSU leads 7-5

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
2006 JSU, 38-7
2007 SEMO, 32-25

JSU-TSU

JSU leads 3-1

2003 JSU, 34-7
2004 JSU, 49-35
2005 JSU, 33-3
2006 TSU, 38-31

JSU-TTU

JSU leads 7-4

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
2006 JSU, 17-10 (OT)
2007 JSU, 38-10

JSU-UTM

JSU leads 24-5

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
2006 UTM, 24-14
2007 JSU, 27-24

MUR-SEMO

MUR leads 35-6-1

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
2006 SEMO, 24-17
2007 MUR, 31-17

MUR-TSU

TSU leads 11-8

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
2006 TSU, 25-15
2007 TSU, 42-28

MUR-TTU

TTU leads 40-32-1

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 (OT)
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 (OT)
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
2006 TTU, 20-14 (OT)
2007 TTU, 48-24

MUR-UTM

MUR leads 27-12-1*

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 (OT)
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
2006 UTM, 42-14
2007 UTM, 76-34

** Does not include four games played between 1927-30 when UTM was a junior college; MUR won all four of those games*

SEMO-TSU

Series tied 8-8

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
2006 TSU, 31-0

SEMO-TTU

TTU leads 9-7

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 (OT)
2005 TTU, 31-24
2006 TTU, 32-29

SEMO-UTM

SEMO leads 13-10

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
2006 UTM, 28-14
2007 UTM, 55-20

TSU-TTU

TSU leads 13-8

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
2005 TSU, 31-20
2006 TSU, 30-20
2007 TSU, 45-28

TSU-UTM

TSU leads 12-5

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
2007 UTM, 43-38

TTU-UTM

TTU leads 16-8*

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 (2OT)
1997 TTU, 33-2
1998 TTU, 31-24 (OT)
1999 TTU, 45-9
2000 TTU, 46-6
2001 TTU, 41-7
2002 TTU, 68-7
2003 UTM, 30-23 (OT)
2004 TTU, 49-20
2005 UTM, 46-16
2006 UTM, 35-16
2007 TTU, 13-10

** Does not include four games played between 1927-32 when UTM was a junior college; Tech held a 2-0-2 advantage in those games*

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



Eastern Illinois Panthers (0-0, 0-0 OVC) at Central Michigan Chippewas (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Thursday, August 28 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255) • Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

TV: OVCSports.TV
Live Stats: <http://www.cmuchippewas.com/liveStats/liveStats.dbml>
Series Record: Central Michigan leads 21-2
Last Meeting: Central Michigan won 33-17 (9/2/99)
Bob Spoo at Eastern Illinois: 127-102-1 (21 yrs.)
Bob Spoo Overall: same
Butch Jones at Central Michigan: 8-6 (1 yr.)
Butch Jones Overall: same
Eastern Illinois Last Week: n/a
Central Michigan Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Eastern Illinois, ranked No. 18 nationally, kicks off the 2008 season with the first of back-to-back games with Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams when they play at Central Michigan (the team plays at Illinois next week). It marks the seventh time the Panthers have opened the year with a FBS opponent; the team is 1-5 all-time in those contests with a 28-20 win over Western Michigan in 1996. This marks the 24th time these two teams have squared off and first in a decade (1999 season). Central Michigan won the last meeting 33-17; that game was the first meeting between the squads since 1972. From 1951-69 the teams were both members of the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

SCOUTING EASTERN ILLINOIS: Eastern Illinois begins its quest for a fourth-straight FCS playoff berth this year but will do so by facing back-to-back FBS opponents to start the season. EIU has compiled a 25-12 overall and 22-2 record in OVC play over the past three seasons. This year the Panthers return senior defensive end Pierre Walters, who was named OVC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year. Walters was a third-team All-American last year after netting 47 tackles (25 solo), 6.5 tackles for loss, four sacks and two pass break-ups. Walters enters the year with 11 career sacks, just two out of the EIU career Top 10 list. Joining Walters on the preseason All-OVC team was offensive guard Chaz Millard (also a preseason All-American) and defensive backs Rashad Haynes and Ke'Andre Sams. The team also returns preseason All-American punter Kevin Cook who ranked fourth nationally in punting average a season ago (44.6 yards/punt). Among some new faces to the Eastern roster are three FBS transfers who joined the team in August. They include Otis Hudson (Minnesota), D'Angelo McCray (Illinois) and Austin Signor (Iowa).

SCOUTING CENTRAL MICHIGAN: Central Michigan is coming off a Mid-American Championship a year ago. Following the championship the team went on to play Purdue in the Motor City Bowl and ended the season 8-6, 6-1 in MAC play. CMU features quarterback Dan LeFevour, who opens the year as a possible Heisman Trophy candidate. Last season he became only the second FBS quarterback to throw for 3,000 and rush for 1,000 yards in the same season (the other being Vince Young). The Chippewas also have 1,000-yard rusher Ontario Sneed back and a pair of receivers who combined for 192 receptions a season ago.



Southwest Baptist Bearcats (0-0) at Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Thursday, August 28 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Houck Stadium (10,000) • Cape Girardeau, Mo.

TV: OVCSports.TV
Live Stats: none
Series Record: Southeast Missouri leads 3-2
Last Meeting: Southeast Missouri won 38-17 (9/8/07)
Keith Allen at SW Baptist: 0-11 (1 yr.)
Keith Allen Overall: same
Tony Samuel at Southeast Missouri: 7-15 (2 yrs.)
Tony Samuel Overall: 41-72 (9 yrs.)
Southwest Baptist Last Week: n/a
Southeast Missouri Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Southeast Missouri State opens up the 2008 season at home as they host Division II foe Southwest Baptist. It marks the second year in a row the two teams are playing, as the Bearcats opened the Redhawks 2007 home schedule in a contest SMO won 38-17. The last time SBU won in the series was in 1989 when both teams were members of Division II.

SCOUTING SOUTHWEST BAPTIST: Southwest Baptist is located in Bolivar, Mo., which is just north of Springfield. The Bearcats, who use to be members of the MIAA, are now Division II independents. Southwest is under the direction of second year head coach Keith Allen. Last year the team struggled to an 0-11 record. The team did lose NCAA record-setting wide receiver Nick Smart (143 catches, 1,263 yards), but return quarterback Steve Gachette and four other wideouts. SBU also brings back its leading rusher from 2007 in Jeff Finnell (456 yards, four touchdowns).

SCOUTING SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: Although they were picked to finish last in a preseason poll of league head coaches/sports information directors, the Redhawks bring back a lot of talent from last year's squad. The team is under the direction of third year head coach Tony Samuel. Overall Southeast returns 48 players and 17 starters from 2007. That lists include quarterback Houston Lillard (1,350 passing yards last season) and wideout Miles Edwards. On special teams kicker/punter Doug Spada, an honorable mention All-American a year ago, returns. Spada was among the national leaders in punting (42.5/punt) last season. On defense returnees include senior defensive tackle Nick Ketelsleger and junior cornerback Eddie Calvin. Calvin picked off a pass last season against Southwest Baptist and returned it an OVC-record 100 yards for a touchdown.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**Eastern Kentucky Colonels (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Cincinnati Bearcats (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

**Thursday, August 28 • 6:30 p.m. CT
Nippert Stadium (35,000) • Cincinnati, Ohio**

TV: none
Live Stats: http://gobearcats.cstv.com/gametracker/launch/gt_mfootball.html?event=650084&school=cinn&sport=mfootball&camefrom=&startschool=&
Series Record: Cincinnati leads 1-0
Last Meeting: Cincinnati won 31-0 (9/2/06)
Dean Hood at Eastern Kentucky: 0-0 (1st season)
Dean Hood Overall: same
Brian Kelly at Cincinnati: 11-3 (1 yr.)
Brian Kelly Overall: 148-52-2 (18 yrs.)
Eastern Kentucky Last Week: n/a
Cincinnati Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Eastern Kentucky and Cincinnati open the 2008 season by meeting on the gridiron for the second time ever. The two squads battled at the start of the 2006 season with UC coming out on top by a score of 31-0. This marks the sixth straight year ECU has squared off against a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent. ECU is 4-12 all-time against FBS opponents with the last win coming against Louisville in 1985. The Colonels have lost 12 straight non-conference road games dating back to the 2002 season.

SCOUTING EASTERN KENTUCKY: Eastern Kentucky begins its first season under head coach Dean Hood. Hood is only the third coach to roam the ECU sidelines in the past 44 years. Hood was an assistant coach under legendary coach Roy Kidd from 1994-98 and was most recently the defensive coordinator at Wake Forest, where he led the team to the Meineke Car Care Bowl title in 2007. Last season the Colonels claimed their 19th OVC Championship and first in 10 years by going undefeated (8-0) in Conference play. That earned the squad a trip to the FCS play-offs, where they lost to eventual national semifinalist Richmond. Although the squad graduated several key players, the team does return many impact players this season, including 2008 OVC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year Allan Holland. Holland threw for 1,990 yards and 14 touchdowns in his first year as a starter in 2007. Last year the Colonels were among the national leaders in interceptions and turnover margin and this season return preseason All-American Brandon Gathof and Zach Denton to the secondary.

SCOUTING CINCINNATI: Cincinnati is coming off a 10-3 overall season that saw the team finish 4-3 in the Big East and go on to top Southern Miss in the PapaJohns.com Bowl, the team's second bowl win in as many years under Brian Kelly. Kelly took over for the team's bowl game in 2006 and is now 11-3 as the Bearcats head coach. This year the team returns 44 lettermen and 16 total starters from that squad that finished the season ranked No. 17 nationally, the first time that had occurred in school history. Among individual players back is punter Kevin Huber, cornerback Mike Mickens and defensive tackle Terrill Byrd, all of who earned some type of All-American status a season ago.



**Jacksonville State Gamecocks (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

**Thursday, August 28 • 6:30 p.m. CT
Bobby Dodd Stadium (55,000) • Atlanta, Ga.**

TV: ESPN360 (James Verrett, Dorsey Levens)
Live Stats: http://ramblinwreck.cstv.com/gametracker/launch/gt_mfootball.html?event=647235&school=geot&sport=mfootball&camefrom=&startschool=&
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Jack Crowe at Jacksonville State: 49-39 (8 yrs.)
Jack Crowe Overall: 63-69 (12 yrs.)
Paul Johnson at Georgia Tech: 0-0 (1st season)
Paul Johnson Overall: 107-39 (9 yrs.)
Jacksonville State Last Week: n/a
Georgia Tech Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Jacksonville State and Georgia Tech will meet for the first time in history on Thursday as the teams, who both featured exciting newcomers, battle in Atlanta. Jacksonville State was picked the pre-season favorite in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Georgia Tech - under the direction of first-year head coach Paul Johnson - was tabbed fourth in the Coastal division of the Atlantic Coast Conference. This season marks the 105th of football at Jacksonville State. The team is 45-56-7 all-time in season openers. This year marks the third straight season that JSU has opened on the road and fifth time in nine years under head coach Jack Crowe. The August 28 start date is the earliest ever for JSU, who are 3-0 all-time in the month of August.

SCOUTING JACKSONVILLE STATE: All eyes will be on junior quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, who transferred from LSU during the off-season. The MVP of last year's SEC Championship game, Perrilloux earned the Gamecocks respect around the league and nationally by signing with the school. He will make just his third career start on Thursday night. He will lead a somewhat new Jax State team, as 53 players on the squad's 90-man roster have played a game with Jacksonville State; that includes 30 newcomers and 23 invited walk-ons. There are also 22 players on the Gamecock two-deep that have never played that position for JSU. Eight players are expected to make their first career start for Jacksonville State on Thursday night. Leading the core of returning players for Jacksonville State is senior All-American kicker Gavin Hallford, who led all FCS players in field goals made per game last season. He kicked 22 field goals overall, which tied the OVC single-season mark. He has 43 career made field goals.

SCOUTING GEORGIA TECH: Former Navy head coach Paul Johnson begins his first season as head coach for the Yellow Jackets. While at Navy his teams led the nation in rushing for the last three seasons, as they played under his Flexbone spread. He won both previous first games at his last two head coaching stops - Georgia Southern and Navy. Sophomore Josh Nesbitt ran for 339 yards as a freshman for Tech and will take over the quarterback duties this season. Also back is first-team All-ACC offensive lineman Andrew Gardner and third-team All-American defensive tackle Vance Walker.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



**Austin Peay Governors (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at #2 North Dakota State Bison (0-0, 0-0 MVFC)**

**Thursday, August 28 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Fargodome (18,700) • Fargo, N.D.**

TV: OVCSports.TV
Live Stats: <http://www.gobison.com/liveStats/liveStats.dbml>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Rick Christophel at Austin Peay: 7-4 (1 yr.)
Rick Christophel Overall: same
Craig Bohl at North Dakota State: 43-12 (5 yrs.)
Craig Bohl Overall: same
Austin Peay Last Week: n/a
North Dakota State Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Austin Peay opens its second season back as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference with a tough task, as they travel to Fargo, N.D. to battle the nation's No. 2 ranked team, the North Dakota State Bison. NDSU ranked seventh in attendance last season (18,141 fans/game) and have gone undefeated in the building each of the past two years.

SCOUTING AUSTIN PEAY: After a 10-year break to play non-scholarship football, Austin Peay made its return to the OVC last year in impressive fashion. After being picked last in a preseason poll, the Governors went out and compiled a 7-4 overall record and finished in a tie for third place in the Conference standings. This season they team will look to replace all-time leader rushing Chris Fletcher (1,365 yards last season) and quarterback Mark Cunningham (who played in nine games a season ago). The team does have a lot of experienced players back, however, as 56 lettermen and 16 starters (10 on defense) are back for 2008. Among those defensive players is junior linebacker Kit Hartsfield (88 tackles in 2007). Also back is Daniel Becker, the National Defensive Player of the Week in week three last year; he suffered an injury and missed the final six games of the 2007 season. Offensively, the team's top four receivers are back, with Lanis Frederick (33 catches, four touchdowns) leading the way. Junior Gary Orr, who started the latter part of last season at quarterback, will assume full-time starting duties this year. On special teams sophomore Terrence Holt, who set an OVC record with 1,104 kick return yardage last season, returns.

SCOUTING NORTH DAKOTA STATE: After finishing last season 10-1 and being amongst the top of the national polls all season, the Bison look to duplicate that feat in 2008. After finishing its reclassification process to Division I, North Dakota State is now eligible for postseason play. The team left the Great West Football Conference after last season and is now a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference and could earn the league's automatic bid if the win the conference championship this season. The Bison were tabbed the favorite in the MVFC's preseason poll. Among the returnees for NDSU is running back Tyler Roehl who rushed for 1,431 yards and 21 touchdowns a year ago. He was named a second-team preseason All-American by the Sports Network this year.



**Lambuth Eagles (0-0, 0-0 MSC)
at Murray State Racers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

**Thursday, August 28 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Roy Stewart Stadium (16,800) • Murray, Ky.**

TV: OVCSports.TV
Live Stats: www.GoRacers.com
Series Record: Murray State leads 12-0
Last Meeting: Murray State won 48-13 (9/15/07)
Hugh Freeze at Lambuth: 0-0 (1st season)
Hugh Freeze Overall: same
Matt Griffin at Murray State: 3-19 (2 yrs.)
Matt Griffin Overall: 13-43 (4 yrs.)
Lambuth Last Week: n/a
Murray State Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: For the second consecutive season the Murray State Racers will host the Lambuth Eagles at Roy Stewart Stadium. A year ago, the Racers opened up their home slate with a 48-13 win over Lambuth. Lambuth actually led the game, 13-12, at halftime before Murray State reeled off 36 unanswered points for the win. Quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt tossed four touchdowns in the game, becoming the first MSU quarterback to do so since the 1999 season. Last year's meeting was the first between the schools since the 1935 season; the team's first met in the 1924 year and Murray State leads 12-0 all-time. MSU is looking for its first opening-day victory since 2004 (a 56-3 win over Glenville State).

SCOUTING LAMBUTH: Lambuth, which is located in Jackson, Tenn., begins its first season under head coach Hugh Freeze. Freeze comes to Lambuth from the University of Mississippi, where he was most recently the interim head coach. He served as the team's recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach during the 2007 season. Last season the Lambuth program was 3-8 overall and 2-5 in the tough Mid-South Conference (NAIA). The squad returns seven offensive and eight defensive starters this year. Two of those key returnees are senior offensive lineman Bryce King (6'4, 270 pounds) and senior defensive lineman Cedric Fisher (6'3, 310 pounds).

SCOUTING MURRAY STATE: Murray State enters year No. 3 under head coach Matt Griffin. The team has shown improvement each year under Griffin, as he has had to deal with a young roster. This season the Racers return 39 letterwinners and 22 players who started at least one game a year ago. The focal point of the Murray State offense will go through sophomore quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt, who had an incredible rookie season on his way to OVC Freshman of the Year honors. Ehrhardt completed 236 passes for 2,567 yards and a MSU freshman record 21 touchdown passes. He also ran for 375 yards and five additional touchdowns. In a game against Tennessee State he threw for 330 yards and rushed for 104 yards, becoming one of just five FCS-level players to accomplish that feat a year ago. His return marks the first time since the 2001-02 seasons that the Racers have had the same quarterback start in back-to-back seasons (Stewart Childress was that QB). He has tight end DeAngelo Nelson and running backs Charlie Jordan and Derrick Townsend back at his disposal this season. The team is expected to unveil its new no-huddle spread offense this season. A strength of the team could be the defense, which will be bolstered by senior linebacker Nathan Williams. Williams suffered a season-ending injury in game one of the 2007 season and received a rare sixth season of eligibility from the NCAA.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



Gardner-Webb Bulldogs (0-0, 0-0 Big South) at Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (0-0, 0-0 OVC)

Thursday, August 28 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Tucker Stadium (16,500) • Cookeville, Tenn.

TV: OVCSports.TV
Live Stats: <http://www.ttusports.com/livestats2/xlive.htm>
Series Record: Series tied 1-1
Last Meeting: Gardner-Webb won 30-26 (9/9/06)
Steve Patton at Gardner-Webb: 72-47 (11 yrs.)
Steve Patton Overall: 10271-71 (15 yrs.)
Watson Brown at Tennessee Tech: 4-7 (1 yr.)
Watson Brown Overall: 98-158-1 (23 yrs.)
Gardner-Webb Last Week: n/a
Tennessee Tech Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Tennessee Tech and Gardner-Webb are meeting for the third time in the programs history, all of which have come in the past five years. Tennessee Tech won the initial matchup in 2004 (32-29) while GWU came back to score the victory in 2006 (30-26).

SCOUTING GARDNER-WEBB: Gardner-Webb plays the first of two OVC opponents this season (Austin Peay being the other in week No. 3) when they open the season with Tennessee Tech. The Bulldogs are under the direction of Steve Patton, who is in his 12th season with the program. GWU returns 56 lettermen and 19 starters (including 10 defensive starters) from last year's team that was 5-6 overall and 2-2 in the Big South. Among the team's returning players is junior quarterback Stan Doolittle and senior wide receiver Dobson Collins, who was a All-Big South selection at both wideout and punt returner last year.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE TECH: Entering the second year of the Watson Brown Era in Cookeville, the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles were picked sixth in the OVC preseason poll of head coaches and sports information directors. Last year's team finished 4-7 while battling some key injuries, and this season the squad brings back six starters on each side of the ball. The focus of the offense will be junior quarterback Lee Sweeney, who was the OVC Freshman of the Year 2006 before suffering an injury last season and missing three games and part of another contest. He still managed to pass for 1,453 yards and 10 touchdowns in the limited action. The Golden Eagles did lose leading rusher and receiver Larry Shipp. This year the running back duties will be filled by sophomore Henry Sailes, who rushed for 207 yards (10.9 yards/carry) in limited action last season. Sailes was also deadly on returns, as he averaged 26.4 yards per kick return, including a long of 76 yards. Defensively, Preseason All-OVC selection Maurice Smith returns. He is a four-year starter for TTU and had 102 tackles and two interceptions last year.



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

Saturday, August 30 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Louis Crews Stadium (21,000) • Normal, Ala.

TV: none
Live Stats: none
Series Record: Tennessee State leads 17-9
Last Meeting: Alabama A&M won 49-23 (9/1/07)
James Webster at Tennessee State: 13-20 (3 yrs.)
James Webster Overall: same
Anthony Jones at Alabama A&M: 49-21 (6 yrs.)
Anthony Jones Overall: 67-34 (9 yrs.)
Tennessee State Last Week: n/a
Alabama A&M Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Tennessee State and Alabama A&M will renew their rivalry for the 27th time on Saturday at Louis Crews Stadium. Last season A&M came to play at the John Merritt Classic in Nashville and thumped Tennessee State 49-23 in the season opener for both teams. Overall Tennessee State has won 17 of the 26 meetings. The game marks the beginning of the 93rd season of football at TSU.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE STATE: Tennessee State has high expectations heading into the season as they return 17 starters from last year's team that was 4-3 (tie for 3rd) in the OVC. The Tigers were picked fourth in the OVC preseason coaches poll and received votes in the Sports Network preseason national poll. Among the team's top returners is senior running back Javarris Williams, who enters the season with 3,292 career rushing yards, the third most among active players nationally. Williams ran for 1,187 yards (107.9/game) last season while scoring 12 touchdowns. He was a preseason All-OVC selection. Also back is senior quarterback Antonio Heffner, who was limited to just seven games last year due to injury. However, he still managed to throw for 1,486 yards and 10 touchdowns and rush for 337 yards and three scores. A healthy Heffner will go a long way towards the team's goal of winning the OVC Championship. Up-front the team has All-American center Cecil Newton blocking for Williams and Heffner.

SCOUTING ALABAMA A&M: The Bulldogs are under the direction of seventh year head coach Anthony Jones who has won 49 games in his tenure at the school. Last year the team was 8-3 overall and 6-3 in the SWAC and garnered votes in the national FCS polls. This season they return 43 letterwinners and 16 starters and were picked to finish second in their division of the SWAC in the league's preseason poll. Among the team's returning players is All-American defensive back Al Donaldson, who was a first-team selection on the SWAC preseason team. Five others players were also on that first-team, including wide receiver Thomas Harris, offensive linemen Xavier Manual and Darius Turner, running back Ulysses Banks and defensive lineman Jeremy Maddox.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



**UT Martin Skyhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at #19 South Florida Bulls (0-0, 0-0 Big East)**

**Saturday, August 30 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Raymond James Stadium (65,857) • Tampa, Fla.**

TV: ESPN Regional (Dave Weekley, Doug Graber)
Live Stats: <http://www.gousfbulls.com/liveStats/liveStats.dbml>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Jason Simpson at UT Martin: 13-10 (2 yrs.)
Jason Simpson Overall: same
Jim Leavitt at South Florida: 79-47 (11 yrs.)
Jim Leavitt Overall: same
UT Martin Last Week: n/a
South Florida Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: UT Martin will travel to nationally-ranked (#19) Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent South Florida on Saturday. UT Martin is 0-8 all-time against FBS teams, most recently dropping a 35-13 decision to Southern Miss a season ago. This season USF is the first of two FBS opponents, as UTM will battle Auburn on Nov. 8. USF is 10-0 all-time against FCS teams since moving up to FBS football in 2001.

SCOUTING UT MARTIN: The Skyhawks were picked fifth in an OVC preseason poll and are entering the third year under the direction of head coach Jason Simpson. In Simpson's first year he led UTM to a 9-3 overall record, 6-1 OVC mark, OVC co-championship and a berth in the FCS Playoffs. Last season the Skyhawks got off to a rough start, losing their first six games of the year, four of which were by seven points or less. UTM went on to win four of their final five games of the year, dropping only a six-point contest to nationally-ranked Eastern Illinois. The Skyhawks will have to replace All-American running back Don Chapman, who rushed for 1,125 yards last season. But UT Martin's strength should be with its passing attack, as the two quarterback system of Cade Thompson and Dexter Anoka both return. Thompson should be the starter this season (he passed for 1,034 yards and eight touchdowns last year), but Anoka will find time on the field after he passed for 1,369 yards and rushed for 137 more a year ago. The duo returns their top four wideouts from last season, including Preseason All-OVC selection Roren Thomas (553 yards, 6 touchdowns last season).

SCOUTING SOUTH FLORIDA: The Bulls took the football world by storm last year, rising to as high as No. 2 in the national polls on their way to a 9-4 overall record and berth in the Sun Bowl. As a team the Bulls ranked first nationally in turnovers gained and fumbles recovered last season and in the top 10 nationally in each tackles for loss, interceptions, third down defensive efficiency and pass efficiency defense. USF was picked second behind West Virginia in the Big East preseason media poll. This season USF began the season ranked No. 19 in the AP and No. 21 in the USA Today poll, marking the first time they have been ranked nationally in a preseason poll. One of the Bulls top returners is All-American George Selvie who set the program record for sacks (14.5) and tackles for loss (31.5) a year ago.