

2012 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 26)

	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 30

Southeast Missouri at Central Michigan, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Southern Illinois at Eastern Illinois, 6:30 p.m. (OVC Digital Network)
Hampton at Tennessee Tech, 7:00 p.m. (OVC Digital Network)

Saturday, September 1

#18 Eastern Kentucky at Purdue, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)
Murray State at #7 Florida State, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Austin Peay at Western Kentucky, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Florida A&M at Tennessee State, 6:00 p.m. (OVC Digital Network)
UT Martin at Memphis, 6:00 p.m.
#22 Jacksonville State at #10 Arkansas, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

* Indicates OVC Contest
ALL TIMES CENTRAL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

No Games

THIS WEEK'S OVC HIGHLIGHTS/STORYLINES

The 65th season of football in the Ohio Valley Conference will get underway on Thursday night as three OVC schools take to the field; the remaining eight teams will open the 2012 season on Saturday...Thursday's set of games features two of the three OVC teams who will be at home to begin the season as Eastern Illinois and Tennessee Tech open at home against fellow FCS opponents; on Saturday Tennessee State hosts Florida A&M...The other six OVC schools will be playing on the road at Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) foes including Murray State and Jacksonville State playing Top 10 ranked FBS teams...OVC schools are 18-147-1 all-time against FBS foes...Eastern Kentucky begins the season ranked 18th in the Sports Network Top 25 and 21st in the FCS Coaches Poll; Jacksonville State is ranked 22nd in the Sports Network poll but unranked in the Coaches Poll...The three home games featuring OVC schools this weekend will be available on the new OVC Digital Network (OVC DigitalNetwork.com); the service is free and available on any computer or mobile device...Four other games this week are available on ESPN3 with another game airing on the Big Ten Network.

THIS WEEK'S adidas® OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



The first set of OVC Players of the Week will be released on Sunday, Sept. 2.

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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.

2012 adidas® PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

DEFENSIVE

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

SPECIALIST

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

NEWCOMER

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30
Oct. 7
Oct. 14
Oct. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 4
Nov. 11
Nov. 18

Bold indicates player went on to be named National Player of the Week (Sports Network or College Sporting News).

NOTES FROM AROUND THE GRIDIRON

Let's Get It Started: The 65th season of Ohio Valley Conference football will get underway on Thursday, August 30 when three OVC schools take to the gridiron; the remaining six OVC schools will play on Saturday. The OVC is made up of nine football-playing schools. Since its beginning 15 of the 18 total schools that have played football in the league have claimed at least one championship.

OVC Teams Versus FBS Foes: OVC schools will play 11 games against teams from the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) this season, with six of those matchups coming in Week 1 of the season. OVC schools are 18-147-1 all-time against FBS foes. An OVC team last topped a FBS foe in 2010 when the league snapped a 50-game losing streak to FBS opponents as Jacksonville State topped Ole Miss 49-48 in double overtime to begin the season.

OVC Teams in the Top 25: In the preseason Top 25 polls, Eastern Kentucky was ranked in both the Sports Network and FCS Coaches poll while Jacksonville State was ranked in the FCS Coaches poll. Eastern Kentucky is 18th in the Sports Network and 21st in the FCS Coaches polls while JSU is 22nd in the Sports Network rankings. Five teams - Murray State, Tennessee Tech, Southeast Missouri, Eastern Illinois and UT Martin - were among the other teams receiving votes in the Sports Network poll while JSU, Murray State and Tennessee Tech were in that category in the FCS Coaches poll.

Murray State's Brockman, ECU's Denham on Walter Payton Award Watch List: Murray State senior quarterback **Casey Brockman** and Eastern Kentucky senior running back **Matt Denham** are two of the 20 players on the initial 2012 Walter Payton Award Watch List as determined by the Sports Network. The Walter Payton Award was established in 1987 and is presented annually to the most outstanding college football player on the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level. The Watch List can undergo revision during the season. Ballots will be sent to a panel of about 175 sports information/media relations directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries following the regular season on Nov. 19. The top three vote-getters will be invited to The Sports Network FCS Awards Presentation. The only former OVC player to win the award is former Eastern Illinois quarterback Tony Romo who took home the honor in 2002.

Southeast Missouri's Peiffer on Buck Buchanan Award Watch List: Southeast Missouri State senior linebacker **Blake Peiffer** is one of 20 players on the initial Buck Buchanan Award Watch List as determined by the Sports Network. The Buck Buchanan Award was established in 1995 and is given to the top defensive player at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level. The Watch List can undergo revision during the season. Ballots will be sent to a panel of about 175 sports information/media relations directors, broadcasters, writers and other dignitaries following the regular season on Nov. 19. The winner will be announced at the annual Sports Network FCS Awards Presentation. An OVC player has never won the Buck Buchanan Award.

NCAA Division I Playoff Information: This season marks the third of the expanded 20-team playoff field. Two years ago the field was expanded from 16 to 20 teams, marking the first expansion since the field grew from 12 to 16 teams in 1997. The eight lowest-rated teams will play in first round games while the 12-highest rated teams will receive a bye into the second round. For the third-straight year the championship game will be played in Frisco, Texas at FC Dallas Stadium. The Southland Conference will serve as the host of the championship, which will be held on Saturday, January 5. The playoff field will be announced on Sunday, Nov. 18. It was announced in August 2012 that the field would once again expand, this time to 24 teams beginning in the 2013 season. With the

COACHES TELECONFERENCE

During the regular season a weekly teleconference featuring the league's nine head coaches will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. Central Time. The first teleconference will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 28. 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 (615-690-6685 or kschwartz@ovc.org).

10:00 - Chris Hatcher, Murray State
10:07 - Watson Brown, Tennessee Tech
10:14 - Dino Babers, Eastern Illinois
10:21 - Jack Crowe, Jacksonville State
10:28 - Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri
10:35 - Rick Christophel, Austin Peay
10:42 - Jason Simpson, UT Martin
10:49 - Rod Reed, Tennessee State
10:56 - Dean Hood, Eastern Kentucky

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expansion will come an automatic bid for the Pioneer League, giving the playoffs 11 automatic bids and 13 at-large selections.

Sgt. York Trophy Enters Sixth Season in 2012: The Sgt. York Trophy is a challenge trophy which goes to the annual winner of the quadrangular season series between the four football-playing OVC institutions in the state of Tennessee (Austin Peay, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech and UT Martin). In July 2007, the Nashville Sports Council and the OVC 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 (in case of a tie there will be co-champions and the actual trophy will be retained by the defending champion if they are involved in the tie or if the defending champion is not involved in the tie it will go to the institution that has gone the most seasons without winning the trophy). In 2007 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 (that was the tiebreaker used only for the first year of the trophy series). Tennessee State went 3-0 in Sgt. York play in 2008 to claim its second trophy. In 2009 Tennessee Tech claimed the trophy after going undefeated in Sgt. York games and a year ago UT Martin became the third-straight OVC team to go 3-0 and win the trophy in claiming its first title. Last year Tennessee Tech and Tennessee State each finished 2-1 in Sgt. York play this season to share the trophy; Tennessee State, however, took home the actual trophy by a tiebreaker, since they had gone longer without possessing the trophy (TSU last won in 2008 while TTU won in 2009). The trophy is presented at the Pepsi Celebration of Champions hosted by the Nashville Sports Council in the spring.

A Look at the Coaches: Eight of the nine head coaches from last season return to their schools in the Ohio Valley Conference this season. The only newcomer is Eastern Illinois head coach Dino Babers, who took over for Bob Spoo who retired following a 25-year career at the school. Babers was most recently the special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach at Baylor. Jacksonville State's **Jack Crowe** is the longest tenured coach in the league (in his 13th season at JSU). Two OVC coaches, Austin Peay's **Rick Christophel** and Tennessee State's **Rod Reed**, are currently coaching at their alma maters.

Preseason Forecasts: For the 12th time in the last 25 years (and first time since 2009), Eastern Kentucky was picked as the preseason favorite in the Ohio Valley

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

	AP	EU	EKU	JSU	MUR	SEMO	TTU	TSU	UTM
Preseason	-/-	RV/-	18/21	22/RV	RV/RV	RV/-	RV/RV	-/-	RV/-
Sept. 3									
Sept. 10									
Sept. 17									
Sept. 24									
Oct. 1									
Oct. 8									
Oct. 15									
Oct. 22									
Oct. 29									
Nov. 5									
Nov. 12									
Nov. 19									
Final									

NATIONAL POLLS

SPORTS NETWORK

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Sam Houston State (79)	0-0	3,708
2.	North Dakota State (59)	0-0	3,625
3.	Georgia Southern (6)	0-0	3,249
4.	Montana State (3)	0-0	3,217
5.	James Madison (3)	0-0	2,812
6.	Appalachian State (1)	0-0	2,800
7.	Towson	0-0	2,674
8.	Old Dominion	0-0	2,484
9.	Northern Iowa	0-0	2,168
10.	Wofford	0-0	2,080
11.	Montana	0-0	2,018
12.	Eastern Washington	0-0	1,897
13.	Youngstown State (1)	0-0	1,860
14.	New Hampshire	0-0	1,857
15.	Delaware	0-0	1,810
16.	Lehigh	0-0	1,514
17.	Stony Brook	0-0	1,339
18.	Eastern Kentucky	0-0	1,055
19.	Illinois State	0-0	1,052
20.	Stephen F. Austin	0-0	863
21.	Maine	0-0	721
22.	Jacksonville State	0-0	625
23.	Indiana State	0-0	522
24.	Central Arkansas	0-0	508
25.	Harvard	0-0	477

Others (OVC Only): Murray State (292), Tennessee Tech (77), Southeast Missouri (4), Eastern Illinois (1), UT Martin (1).

FCS COACHES POLL

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	North Dakota State (19)	0-0	640
2.	Sam Houston State (6)	0-0	623
3.	Georgia Southern (1)	0-0	592
4.	Montana State	0-0	540
5.	Appalachian State	0-0	504
6.	Old Dominion	0-0	470
7.	Northern Iowa	0-0	466
8.	James Madison	0-0	456
9.	Towson	0-0	454
10.	Montana	0-0	425
11.	Lehigh	0-0	371
12.	New Hampshire	0-0	337
13.	Wofford	0-0	322
14.	Delaware	0-0	294
15.	Eastern Washington	0-0	248
16.	Maine	0-0	232
17.	Stony Brook	0-0	228
18.	Youngstown State	0-0	184
19.	Central Arkansas	0-0	157
20.	Illinois State	0-0	148
21.	Eastern Kentucky	0-0	127
22.	Harvard	0-0	113
23.	Norfolk State	0-0	72
24.	Stephen F. Austin	0-0	69
25.	Indiana State	0-0	66

Others (OVC Only): Jacksonville State (54), Murray State (32), Tennessee Tech (20).



Conference football race. The Colonels picked up 12 of the 18 possible first-place votes (124 points) while second-place Jacksonville State received the other six first-place votes (117). The poll was rounded out by Murray State (85 points), Tennessee Tech (83), Tennessee State (69), UT Martin (67), Southeast Missouri (44), Eastern Illinois (42), Austin Peay (17). Is being picked first in the preseason poll necessarily a good thing? In the past 34 years of preseason polls (all that were available), the preseason predicted champion has only gone on to win the OVC Championship 13 times (38.2%). After eight years of not picking the champion right (2003-2010), last season the preseason poll and actual champion (be it by a three-way tie) were the same.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Predicted Champion</u>	<u>Actual Champion</u>
2002	Eastern Illinois	Eastern Illinois
2003	Southeast Missouri	Jacksonville State
2004	Eastern Kentucky	Jacksonville State
2005	Jacksonville State	Eastern Illinois
2006	Eastern Kentucky	Eastern Illinois/UT Martin
2007	Eastern Illinois	Eastern Kentucky
2008	Jacksonville State	Eastern Kentucky
2009	Eastern Kentucky	Eastern Illinois
2010	Jacksonville State	Southeast Missouri
2011	Jacksonville State	Jax St./Eastern Ky./Tennessee Tech
2012	Eastern Kentucky	?

Murray State's Brockman, Southeast Missouri's Peiffer Headline Preseason All-OVC Team:

Murray State senior quarterback **Casey Brockman** was named 2012 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Offensive Player of the Year while Southeast Missouri State senior linebacker **Blake Peiffer** was tabbed OVC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year in a vote of by the league's head football coaches and sports information directors. Eastern Kentucky led the way with 10 selections on the preseason team while Murray State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech had three picks apiece. Returning players who were first-team All-OVC selections last season (13 in total) were automatic selections to the preseason team this year. The squad also included nine players who were second-team selections in 2011. Of the 26 total selections, 18 were seniors, six were juniors and two were sophomores.

NFL Connections: As of August 27, there are 24 former Ohio Valley Conference players are on NFL rosters (23 active players, 1 on IR). Those players include former Eastern Illinois standout Tony Romo, a three-time Pro Bowl pick, Cortland Finnegan (Samford), who has been a Pro Bowl defensive back selection and Tennessee State's Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, who was a starter for the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII, has been a Pro Bowl selection and is now in his first season with the Philadelphia Eagles. Seven of the nine current OVC football schools have at least one player in the NFL with Tennessee State leading the way with six active players.

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 89 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 20-team playoff at the end of the season to determine the national champion.

OVC RECORD BOOK WATCH

OVC Career Total Offense

1. Michael Proctor, MUR (1986-89)	9,886
2. Chris Swartz, MOR (1987-90)	8,648
3. Tony Romo, EIU (1999-02)	8,059
4. Stewart Childress, MUR (2000-03)	7,803
5. Matt Scheible, SEMO (2008-11)	7,436
6. Brady Wahlberg, UTM (2002-05)	7,387
7. Leon Murray, TSU (1997-99)	7,251
8. Kelly Holcomb, MTSU (1991-94)	6,998
9. Lee Sweeney, TTU (2006-09)	6,805
10. Ray Nelson, SAM (2003-04)	6,746
- Casey Brockman, MUR (2009-present)	6,700

OVC Career Completions

1. Chris Swartz, MOR (1987-90)	774
2. Stewart Childress, MUR (2000-03)	649
3. Lee Sweeney, TTU (2006-09)	625
4. Tony Romo, EIU (1999-02)	584
Brady Wahlberg, UTM (2002-05)	584
6. Jeff Ehrhardt, MUR (2007-10)	582
7. Casey Brockman, MUR (2009-present)	579
8. Michael Proctor, MUR (1986-89)	578
9. Jefferson Adcock, SAM (2004-07)	505
10. Kelly Holcomb, MTSU (1991-94)	501

OVC Career Yards Passing

1. Chris Swartz, MOR (1987-90)	9,028
2. Michael Proctor, MUR (1986-89)	8,682
3. Tony Romo, EIU (1999-02)	8,212
4. Stewart Childress, MUR (2000-03)	7,581
5. Leon Murray, TSU (1997-99)	7,201
6. Lee Sweeney, TTU (2006-09)	7,157
7. Kelly Holcomb, MTSU (1991-94)	7,064
8. James Wade, TSU (1989-92)	6,613
9. Justin Fuente, MUR (1998-99)	6,393
10. Casey Brockman, MUR (2009-present)	6,261

OVC Digital Network: The OVC launched the OVC Digital Network (OVCDN) in August 2012. The OVCDN is the exclusive home for live web streamed athletic contests involving OVC schools. This marks the seventh year the OVC has streamed live events, but first time the events will be offered free of charge and in an HD format and will feature improved quality thanks to an investment in new equipment conference-wide. Fans will also find it easier to log onto OVCDigitalNetwork.com and access the streams and can do so without any registration. The events will be available on any computer, tablet or smart phone without needing any special downloads or apps thanks new streaming technology.

OVC VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

FCS Opponents	
Big Sky	0-0
Big South	0-0
CAA	0-0
Independent	0-0
Ivy	0-0
MEAC	0-0
Missouri Valley	0-0
NEC	0-0
Patriot	0-0
Pioneer	0-0
Southern	0-0
Southland	0-0
<u>SWAC</u>	<u>0-0</u>
FCS Total	0-0
FBS Opponents	
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Big East	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Conference USA	0-0
MAC	0-0
Mountain West	0-0
Pac-10	0-0
SEC	0-0
Sun Belt	0-0
<u>WAC</u>	<u>0-0</u>
FBS Total	0-0
Non-Division I	0-0
Total Non-Conference Record	0-0

OVC OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS

Since the league expanded to include Jacksonville State in 2003, two teams are at the top of the winning list in OVC games in the last nine years. Eastern Kentucky has won 55 conference games, the most in the league over that time period. Below is a list of team's records in Conference games dating back to the beginning of the 2003 season (Austin Peay re-joined the OVC in 2007 after a 10-year period of being away from the league).

1. Eastern Kentucky	55-16
2. Jacksonville State	54-17
3. Eastern Illinois	41-31
4. UT Martin	35-36
5. Tennessee State	29-37
Tennessee Tech	29-42
7. Murray State	26-45
8. Southeast Missouri	25-46
9. Austin Peay	13-27

SCORING STREAKS

Jacksonville State currently has a streak of scoring in 123 consecutive games, the longest streak of any OVC school. Eastern Illinois (100) is second followed by Murray State (75) and Austin Peay (73). Below is a list of each OVC school and their current scoring streak; that list is followed by the longest FCS scoring streaks in NCAA history.

#	Team	Last Shutout
123	Jacksonville St.	28-0 vs. Troy (11/18/00)
100	Eastern Illinois	41-0 vs. ECU (10/11/03)
75	Murray State	42-0 vs. Illinois St. (9/24/05)
73	Austin Peay	54-0 vs. Drake (9/24/05)
64	Eastern Kentucky	28-0 vs. Jax State (9/30/06)
24	Tennessee Tech	38-0 vs. Georgia (11/7/09)
22	UT Martin	50-0 vs. Tennessee (9/4/10)
12	Tennessee State	37-0 vs. UT Martin (11/13/10)
9	Southeast Missouri	59-0 vs. Purdue (9/17/11)

Longest All-Time FCS Streaks Without Being Shutout

#	Team	Years
308	Montana*	1989-present
291	Hampton	1984-2009
265	Lehigh	1986-2010
205	Georgia Southern*	1996-present
203	Dayton*	1993-present
199	Eastern Washington	1988-2006
197	Eastern Illinois #	1977-96
194	Delaware*	1996-present
165	UNI	1983-96
158	McNeese State	1988-01

* Active Streak

Streak began before FCS was formed in 1978

2012 SUPERLATIVES

200-Yard Rushing Games

none

100-Yard Rushing Games

none

300-Yard Passing Games

none

200-Yard Passing Games

none

100-Yard Receiving Games

none

10-Reception Games

none

200-Yard All-Purpose Games

none

12-Tackle Games

none

50-Yard Field Goals

none

Multiple Defensive Interception Games

none

Multiple Rushing Touchdown Games

none

Multiple Receiving Touchdown Games

none

Multiple Passing Touchdown Games

none

SGT. YORK TROPHY

The 2012 season marks the sixth of competition for the Sergeant York Trophy, an award created by the Nashville Sports Council and the Ohio Valley Conference. The trophy is contested between the four OVC schools in the state of Tennessee - Austin Peay, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UT Martin - and go to the team with the best combined record versus those schools in a given year.

In the event of a tie, the award will be shared; however, the previous winner will retain the trophy if they are part of the tie. If the tie is between two other institutions, the trophy will go to the institution that has gone the most seasons without winning the trophy.

The award is only the second traveling trophy that involves more than two teams in college sports; the other is the Commander in Chief's Trophy which has been contested between Air Force, Army and Navy annually since 1972. The award is named in honor of Alvin C. York, the most noted Soldier of World War I. Upon his return to the United States in 1919, he was bestowed the Congressional Medal of Honor. Following the war York returned his home in Pall Mall, Tenn. where he dedicated his life to improving education and facilitating educational opportunities for children in the state of Tennessee.

The award will be presented annually at the Nashville Sports Council's Celebration of Champions (held in March of each year).

Tennessee State and Austin Peay shared the inaugural award after compiling 2-1 records in round robin play in 2007. Tennessee State took home the trophy, however, by winning the individual matchup with Austin Peay by one point in overtime. Tennessee State claimed the 2008 trophy after going 3-0 in Sgt. York games while Tennessee Tech won all three of its Sgt. York games to claim the 2009 trophy. UT Martin made it three straight years with the winning team going 3-0, completing the perfect season in 2010 to win its first title.

Last season Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech finished in a tie for the Trophy (2-1) and were declared co-champions. Tennessee State, however, will take home the actual trophy since they had gone the most seasons without winning it (2008, compared to 2009 for TTU).

2012 Sgt. York Trophy Contests

Sept. 15	Austin Peay at Tennessee State
Sept. 22	UT Martin at Austin Peay
Oct. 27	Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State
Nov. 10	UT Martin at Tennessee Tech
Nov. 17	Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay
Nov. 17	Tennessee State at UT Martin

2012 Sgt. York Trophy Standings

Team	AP	TSU	TTU	UTM	Record
Austin Peay	--				0-0
Tenn. State		--			0-0
Tenn. Tech			--		0-0
UT Martin				--	0-0

All-Time Record in Sgt. York Games

Austin Peay	6-9
Tennessee State	7-8
Tennessee Tech	8-7
UT Martin	9-6

OVC PLAYERS IN THE NFL

There are currently 24 former Ohio Valley Conference football players (23 active, 0 practice squad, 1 IR) on NFL rosters for the 2012 season. That includes former EIU standout Tony Romo, who is the starting signal caller for the Dallas Cowboys, All-Pro Cortland Finnegan, a defensive back with the St. Louis Rams, and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, a 2008 First Round Draft pick and Super Bowl XLIII out of Tennessee State.

Players (23)

Chris Campbell - Washington Redskins (Eastern Illinois)
 Otis Hudson - Cincinnati Bengals (Eastern Illinois)
 Tony Romo - Dallas Cowboys (Eastern Illinois)
 Derek Hardman - Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Eastern Kentucky)
 Jeremiah Bell - New York Jets (Eastern Kentucky)
 Antwaun Molden - New York Giants (Eastern Kentucky)
 T.J. Heath - Cincinnati Bengals (Jacksonville State)
 Ryan Perrilloux - New York Giants (Jacksonville State)
 Monte Lewis - Washington Redskins (Jacksonville State)
 Calvin Middleton - St. Louis Rams (Jacksonville State)
 Austen Lane - Jacksonville Jaguars (Murray State)
 Marcus Harris - Tennessee Titans (Murray State)
 Cortland Finnegan - St. Louis Rams (Samford)
 Dan Connolly - New England Patriots (SE Missouri)
 Edgar Jones - Kansas City Chiefs (Southeast Missouri)
 Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie - Philadelphia (Tennessee St.)
 Rico Council - Atlanta Falcons (Tennessee State)
 Lamar Divens - Tennessee Titans (Tennessee State)
 Anthony Levine - Green Bay Packers (Tennessee State)
 Cecil Newton - Baltimore Ravens (Tennessee State)
 Javarris Williams - Dallas Cowboys (Tennessee State)
 Frank Omiyale - Seattle Seahawks (Tennessee Tech)
 Tim Benford - Dallas Cowboys (Tennessee Tech)

Practice Squad (0)

TBD

Injured Reserve (1)

Eugene Amano - Tennessee Titans (Southeast Missouri)

Head Coaches (2)

Sean Payton - New Orleans Saints (Eastern Illinois)
 Mike Shanahan - Washington Redskins (Eastern Illinois)

General Managers (1)

Jerry Reese - New York Giants (UT Martin)

ALL-TIME FCS PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

The FCS playoffs began in 1978, when four teams competed for the national championship. The OVC did not have a team in the playoffs that season but have in 30 years since then. Only Montana has made more playoff appearances than Eastern Kentucky, who won national championships in 1979 and 1982. The Colonels have been in 20 playoffs. Eastern Illinois is 9th all-time (13 appearances).

Team	Appearances (Last)
1. Montana	21 (2011)
2. Eastern Kentucky	20 (2011)
3. Appalachian State	19 (2011)
4. Georgia Southern	18 (2011)
5. UNI	16 (2011)
6. Furman	15 (2006)
Delaware	15 (2010)
8. McNeese State	14 (2009)
9. Eastern Illinois	13 (2009)
10. Jackson State	12 (1997)
11. Idaho*	11 (1995)
Youngstown State	11 (2006)
13. James Madison	10 (2011)
New Hampshire	10 (2011)
15. Lehigh	9 (2011)
Villanova	9 (2010)
Western Illinois	9 (2010)
William & Mary	9 (2010)
19. Colgate	8 (2008)
Eastern Washington	8 (2010)
Marshall*	8 (1996)
Massachusetts*	8 (2007)
Richmond	8 (2009)
Southern Illinois	8 (2009)
Western Kentucky*	8 (2004)
33. Murray State	5 (2002)
47. Jacksonville State	3 (2010)
Tennessee State #	3 (1999)
70. Southeast Missouri	1 (2010)
Tennessee Tech	1 (2011)
UT Martin	1 (2006)

* - Team no longer competes at FCS level

- 2 additional appearances (1981, 1982) vacated

OVC PLAYERS AMONG NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

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OVC TEAMS AMONG NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

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2012 PRESEASON HONORS/AWARDS

OVC PRESEASON HONORS (COACHES/SID'S)

Predicted Order of Finish

1. Eastern Kentucky (12)	124
2. Jacksonville State (6)	117
3. Murray State	85
4. Tennessee Tech	83
5. Tennessee State	69
6. UT Martin	67
7. Southeast Missouri	44
8. Eastern Illinois	42
9. Austin Peay	17

Preseason All-OVC Team

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year:

Casey Brockman (QB), Murray State

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year:

Blake Peiffer (LB), Southeast Missouri

Offense

QB Casey Brockman, Murray State
 RB Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky
 RB Washaun Ealey, Jacksonville State
 WR Tyrone Goard, Eastern Kentucky
 WR Quentin Sims, UT Martin
 TE Von Wise, Eastern Illinois
 C O.J. Enabosi, Eastern Kentucky
 OG Kadeem Edwards, Tennessee State
 OG Tori Mobley, Jacksonville State
 OT Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky
 OT Patrick Ford, Eastern Kentucky

Defense

DL Marcus Edwards, Tennessee Tech
 DL Artavious Dowdell, Eastern Illinois
 DL Antonio Harper, Tennessee State
 LB Anthony Brown, Eastern Kentucky
 LB Ichiro Vance, Eastern Kentucky
 LB Blake Peiffer, Southeast Missouri
 LB Qua Huzzie, Murray State
 LB Sam Small, Murray State
 DB Will Johnson, Tennessee Tech
 DB Austin Tallant, Tennessee Tech
 DB Justin Bell, Eastern Kentucky
 DB Brooklyn Fox, Eastern Kentucky

Special Teams

K Cody Sandlin, UT Martin
 P Jordan Berry, Eastern Kentucky
 RS Weldon Garlington, Tennessee State

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Preseason First-Team All-American

QB Casey Brockman, Murray State
 OL Patrick Ford, Eastern Kentucky

Preseason Second-Team All-American

OT Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky

OVC Preseason Players of the Year

Offensive: Casey Brockman, Murray State

Defensive: Ichiro Vance, Eastern Kentucky

Predicted Order of Finish

	<u>National Rank</u>
1. Eastern Kentucky	9
2. Murray State	18
3. Jacksonville State	25
4. Tennessee Tech	
5. Tennessee State	
6. Southeast Missouri	
7. UT Martin	
8. Austin Peay	
9. Eastern Illinois	

ATHLON MAGAZINE

Preseason Top 25

13. Jacksonville State
 18. Eastern Kentucky
 21. Murray State

SPORTS NETWORK

Preseason All-American First-Team

OT Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky
 LB Blake Peiffer, Southeast Missouri

Preseason All-American Second-Team

QB Casey Brockman, Murray State
 RB Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky
 OT Evan Conrad, Southeast Missouri

Preseason All-American Third-Team

RB Washaun Ealey, Jacksonville State
 OT Patrick Ford, Eastern Kentucky

COLLEGE SPORTING NEWS

Preseason All-American First-Team

OT Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky
 OT Evan Conrad, Southeast Missouri

Preseason All-American Second-Team

RB Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky
 OT Patrick Ford, Eastern Kentucky
 LB Blake Peiffer, Southeast Missouri

Preseason All-American Third-Team

DL Marcus Edwards, Tennessee Tech
 DB Justin Bell, Eastern Kentucky

PHIL STEELE

Preseason All-American First-Team

OL Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky
 OL Evan Conrad, Southeast Missouri

Preseason All-American Second-Team

RB Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky
 WR Tyrone Goard, Eastern Kentucky
 OL Patrick Ford, Eastern Kentucky
 OL Rogers Gaines, Tennessee State

Preseason All-American Third-Team

QB Casey Brockman, Murray State
 RB Washaun Ealey, Jacksonville State
 LB Blake Peiffer, Southeast Missouri

Preseason All-American Fourth-Team

WR Quentin Sims, UT Martin
 OL Sherman Carter, Tennessee State

Preseason Top 40

17. Eastern Kentucky
 24. Jacksonville State
 32. Murray State
 38. UT Martin

COLLEGE SPORTS JOURNAL

Preseason All-American First-Team

OT Aaron Adams, Eastern Kentucky

Preseason All-American Second-Team

OT Evan Conrad, Southeast Missouri
 C Sherman Carter, Tennessee State

Preseason All-American Third-Team

RB Matt Denham, Eastern Kentucky

OVC COACHING RECORDS

<u>Coach, School</u>	OVC-Only Games				All Games*				Overall Career Record			
	<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>		<u>Yrs.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Rick Christophel, Austin Peay	6	13	27	.325	18	37	.327		6	18	37	.327
Dino Babers, Eastern Illinois	1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000		1	0	0	.000
Dean Hood, Eastern Kentucky	5	23	8	.742	26	20	.565		5	26	20	.565
Jack Crowe, Jacksonville State	10	54	17	.761	67	34	.663		18	95	82	.537
Chris Hatcher, Murray State	3	10	6	.625	13	9	.591		13	107	36	.748
Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri	7	15	32	.319	25	43	.368		15	59	100	.371
Rod Reed, Tennessee State	3	4	11	.267	8	14	.364		3	8	14	.364
Watson Brown, Tennessee Tech	6	18	22	.450	25	31	.446		28	119	182	.396 **
Jason Simpson, UT Martin	7	29	18	.617	37	31	.544		7	37	31	.544

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

**Brown's career record also include a tie.

Note: Brown's two years at Austin Peay (1979-80) are not figured into his OVC totals (14-8/7-6); those years are only figured into his overall career totals.

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



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

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

SEPTEMBER

1	at Western Kentucky (ESPN3)	6:00 p.m.
8	at Virginia Tech (ESPN3)	12:30 p.m.
15	at Tennessee State* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
22	UT Martin* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
29	at Eastern Illinois* (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

6	Murray State* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
13	at Eastern Kentucky* (OVC Digital Network)	2:00 p.m.
27	Southeast Missouri* (HC) (OVC Digital Network)	4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	Culver-Stockton (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
10	at Jacksonville State* (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.
17	Tennessee Tech*	11:00 a.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

30	Southern Illinois (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	6:30 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER

8	at Western Michigan (ESPN3)	6:00 p.m.
15	at Illinois State	1:00 p.m.
22	Murray State* (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	6:30 p.m.
29	Austin Peay* (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

6	at UT Martin* (WLJT/OVC Digital Network)	2:00 p.m.
13	Jacksonville St.* (HC) (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.
27	at Eastern Kentucky*	11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

3	at Tennessee Tech* (OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.
10	Southeast Missouri*	11:00 a.m.
17	at Central Arkansas	3:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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All Times Central/Subject to Change



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

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

SEPTEMBER

1	at Purdue (Big Ten Network)	2:30 p.m.
8	Morehead State (OVC Digital Network)	5:00 p.m.
15	at Coastal Carolina	5:00 p.m.
22	Jacksonville State* (OVC Digital Network)	5:00 p.m.
29	at UT Martin*	11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

6	at Tennessee State* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
13	Austin Peay* (HC) (OVC Digital Network)	2:00 p.m.
20	at Tennessee Tech* (WCET/OVC Digital Network)	7:00 p.m.
27	Eastern Illinois*	11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

3	at Southeast Missouri* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
10	Murray State* (OVC Digital Network)	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

SEPTEMBER

1	at #10 Arkansas (ESPN3)	6:00 p.m.
10	Chattanooga (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
22	at Eastern Kentucky* (OVC Digital Network)	5:00 p.m.
29	Southeast Missouri* (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

6	at Tennessee Tech* (WCET/OVC Digital Network)	7:00 p.m.
13	at Eastern Illinois* (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.
20	Tennessee State*	11:00 a.m.
27	Murray State* (HC) (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	at UT Martin* (WLJT/OVC Digital Network)	12:00 p.m.
10	Austin Peay* (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.
17	at Florida	TBA

* 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

SEPTEMBER

1	at #7 Florida State (ESPN3)	5:00 p.m.
8	Central Arkansas (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
15	at Missouri State	7:00 p.m.
22	at Eastern Illinois* (WEIU/OVC Digital Network)	6:30 p.m.
29	Tennessee Tech* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

6	at Austin Peay*	6:00 p.m.
13	UT Martin* (HC) (OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.
27	at Jacksonville St.* (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	Tennessee State*	11:00 a.m.
10	at Eastern Kentucky* (OVC Digital Network)	12:00 p.m.
17	Southeast Missouri* (OVC Digital Network)	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

30	at Central Michigan (ESPN3)	6:00 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER

8	Mars Hill College (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
15	at Southern Illinois	6:00 p.m.
22	Tennessee Tech* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
29	at Jacksonville St.* (WJXS/OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

13	Tennessee State* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
20	UT Martin* (HC) (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
27	at Austin Peay* (OVC Digital Network)	4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	Eastern Kentucky* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
10	at Eastern Illinois*	11:00 a.m.
17	at Murray State* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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

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

SEPTEMBER

1	Florida A&M # (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
8	vs. Jackson State \$	6:00 p.m.
15	Austin Peay* @ (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
22	at Bethune-Cookman	3:00 p.m.
29	Arkansas-Pine Bluff (HC) (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

6	Eastern Kentucky* @ (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.
13	at Southeast Missouri* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
20	at Jacksonville State* (OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.
27	Tennessee Tech* @ (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	at Murray State*	1:00 p.m.
17	at UT Martin* (OVC Digital Network)	2:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

- John Merritt Classic (LP Field - Nashville, Tenn.)

\$ - Southern Heritage Classic (Liberty Bowl - Memphis, Tenn.)

@ - Game played at Hale Stadium on TSU campus (Nashville, Tenn.)

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

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

AUGUST

30	Hampton (WCTE/OVC Digital Network)	7:00 p.m.
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SEPTEMBER

6	North Greenville (WCTE/OVC Digital Network)	7:00 p.m.
15	at Oregon (Pac-12 Networks)	2:00 p.m.
22	at Southeast Missouri* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
29	at Murray State* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

6	Jacksonville St.* (WCTE/OVC Digital Network)	7:00 p.m.
20	Eastern Kentucky* (WCTE/OVC Digital Network)	7:00 p.m.
27	at Tennessee State* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	Eastern Illinois* (HC) (WCTE/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.
10	UT Martin* (WCTE/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.
17	at Austin Peay*	11:00 a.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

SEPTEMBER

1	at Memphis	6:00 p.m.
8	at Northern Illinois (ESPN3)	6:00 p.m.
13	Southeastern Louisiana (WLJT/OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
22	at Austin Peay* (OVC Digital Network)	6:00 p.m.
29	Eastern Kentucky*	11:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

6	Eastern Illinois* (HC) (WLJT/OVC Digital Network)	2:00 p.m.
13	at Murray State* (OVC Digital Network)	3:00 p.m.
20	at Southeast Missouri* (OVC Digital Network)	1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	Jacksonville State* (WLJT/OVC Digital Network)	12:00 p.m.
10	at Tennessee Tech* (WCET/OVC Digital Network)	1:30 p.m.
17	Tennessee State* (WLJT/OVC Digital Network)	2:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



2012 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Thursday, August 30

Southeast Missouri at Central Michigan, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Southern Illinois at **Eastern Illinois**, 6:30 p.m. (OVCDN)
Hampton at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, September 1

Eastern Kentucky at Purdue, 2:30 p.m. (BTN)
Murray State at Florida State, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Austin Peay at Western Kentucky, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Florida A&M at **Tennessee State**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
UT Martin at Memphis, 6:00 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Arkansas, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

Thursday, September 6

North Greenville at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, September 8

Austin Peay at Virginia Tech, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN3)
Morehead State at **Eastern Kentucky**, 5:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Eastern Illinois at Western Michigan, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Chattanooga at **Jacksonville State**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Mars Hill College at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Central Arkansas at **Murray State**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Tennessee State vs. Jackson State, 6:00 p.m. (Memphis, Tenn.)
UT Martin at Northern Illinois, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

Thursday, September 13

Southeastern Louisiana at **UT Martin**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, September 15

***Austin Peay** at **Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Eastern Illinois at Illinois State, 1:00 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Oregon, 2:00 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks)
Eastern Kentucky at Coastal Carolina, 5:00 p.m.
Southeast Missouri at Southern Illinois, 6:00 p.m.
Murray State at Missouri State, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 22

Tennessee State at Bethune-Cookman, 3:00 p.m.
***Jacksonville State** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 5:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***UT Martin** at **Austin Peay**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Tennessee Tech** at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Murray State** at **Eastern Illinois**, 6:30 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, September 29

***Eastern Kentucky** at **UT Martin**, 11 a.m. (OVCDN)
***Austin Peay** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Southeast Missouri** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Tennessee Tech** at **Murray State**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Arkansas-Pine Bluff at **Tennessee State**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, October 6

***Eastern Kentucky** at **Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Eastern Illinois** at **UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Murray State** at **Austin Peay**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Jacksonville State** at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, October 13

***Jacksonville State** at **Eastern Illinois**, 1:30 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Austin Peay** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 2:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***UT Martin** at **Murray State**, 3:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Tennessee State** at **Southeast Missouri**, 6:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, October 20

***Tennessee St.** at **Jacksonville St.**, 11 a.m. (OVCDN)
***UT Martin** at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Eastern Kentucky** at **Tennessee Tech**, 7:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, October 27

***Eastern Illinois** at **Eastern Ky.**, 11 a.m. (OVCDN)
***Tennessee Tech** at **Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Murray State** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Southeast Missouri** at **Austin Peay**, 4:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, November 3

***Tennessee State** at **Murray State**, 11 a.m. (OVCDN)
***Jacksonville State** at **UT Martin**, 12:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Culver-Stockton at **Austin Peay**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Eastern Kentucky** at **Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Eastern Illinois** at **Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, November 10

***SE Missouri** at **Eastern Illinois**, 11 a.m. (OVCDN)
***Murray State** at **Eastern Kentucky**, 12:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***UT Martin** at **Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Austin Peay** at **Jacksonville State**, 3:00 p.m. (OVCDN)

Saturday, November 17

***Tennessee Tech** at **Austin Peay**, 11 a.m. (OVCDN)
***Southeast Missouri** at **Murray State**, 1:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
***Tennessee State** at **UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (OVCDN)
Eastern Illinois at **Central Arkansas**, 3:00 p.m.
Jacksonville State at Florida, TBA

Saturday, November 24

FCS Playoffs First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, December 1

FCS Playoffs Second Round (campus sites)

Friday, December 7/Saturday, December 8

FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Friday, December 14/Saturday, December 15

FCS Playoffs Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, January 5

FCS National Championship, 12:00 p.m. (Frisco, Texas)

* - Denotes OVC contest

All Times CENTRAL; dates and times subject to change

All Conference games and home non-conference games featuring OVC schools will be available live and on-demand via the OVC Digital Network (OVCDN) at OVCDigitalNetwork.com.

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

APSU-EIU

EIU leads 9-3

1958 APSU, 21-6 (H)
1959 APSU, 12-8 (A)
1988 EIU, 44-0 (H)
1989 EIU, 36-0 (H)
1992 EIU, 14-9 (A)
1995 EIU, 31-13 (A)
1996 EIU, 42-7 (A)
1997 EIU, 42-14 (H)
2008 APSU, 15-13 (A)
2009 EIU, 30-20 (A)
2010 EIU, 28-10 (H)
2011 EIU, 19-10 (A)

APSU-EKU

EKU leads 39-5

1959 EKU, 21-7 (H)
1960 EKU, 27-13 (A)
1961 EKU, 21-7 (H)
1962 EKU, 14-7 (A)
1963 EKU, 14-0 (H)
1964 APSU, 26-0 (H)
1965 APSU, 30-25* (A)
1966 EKU, 33-15 (A)
1967 EKU, 37-0 (H)
1968 EKU, 21-20 (A)
1969 EKU, 29-10 (H)
1970 EKU, 38-7 (A)
1971 EKU, 14-9 (H)
1972 EKU, 21-6 (A)
1973 EKU, 24-7 (H)
1974 EKU, 22-7 (A)
1975 EKU, 49-0 (H)
1976 EKU, 27-13 (A)
1977 APSU, 20-17 (A)
1978 EKU, 14-0 (H)
1979 EKU, 35-10 (H)
1980 EKU, 23-10 (A)
1981 EKU, 41-12 (H)
1982 EKU, 27-18 (A)
1983 EKU, 31-14 (H)
1984 EKU, 20-3 (A)
1985 EKU, 20-10 (H)
1986 EKU, 27-17 (A)
1987 EKU, 50-7 (H)
1988 EKU, 56-10 (A)
1989 EKU, 45-20 (H)
1990 EKU, 38-14 (A)
1991 EKU, 21-0 (H)
1992 EKU, 45-14 (A)
1993 EKU, 48-7 (H)
1994 EKU, 27-14 (A)
1995 EKU, 28-0 (H)
1996 EKU, 24-10 (A)
1997 EKU, 56-3 (H)
2007 EKU, 28-14 (A)
2008 EKU, 13-10 (OT) (H)
2009 APSU, 24-20 (H)
2010 EKU, 17-3 (H)
2011 APSU, 23-17 (H)
* - APSU won by forfeit

APSU-JSU

JSU leads 163-63

1947 JSU, 7-6 (H)
1948 APSU, 14-13 (H)
1949 JSU, 19-7 (H)
1950 Tie, 13-13 (at AP)
1951 Tie, 6-6 (at JSU)
1952 APSU, 20-7 (H)
1953 APSU, 47-16 (A)
1954 Tie, 14-14 (at AP)
1955 JSU, 20-0 (H)
1956 APSU, 7-0 (A)
1957 JSU, 20-0 (H)
1958 JSU, 8-6 (A)
1959 JSU, 15-14 (H)
1960 JSU, 14-8 (A)
1961 JSU, 21-6 (H)
1962 JSU, 23-13 (A)
1979 APSU, 21-13 (A)
2007 JSU, 42-9 (A)
2008 JSU, 35-22 (H)
2009 JSU, 28-10 (A)
2010 JSU, 56-3 (H)
2011 JSU, 44-14 (A)

APSU-MUR

MUR leads 32-13

1953 MUR, 33-13 (A)
1954 MUR, 44-7 (H)
1955 MUR, 20-13 (A)
1956 MUR, 33-27 (H)
1963 MUR, 14-0 (H)

1964 APSU, 26-10 (H)
1965 APSU, 23-6 (A)
1966 APSU, 49-0 (H)
1967 APSU, 37-20 (A)
1968 APSU, 56-35 (H)
1969 MUR, 53-41 (H)
1970 APSU, 45-7 (H)
1971 MUR, 16-6 (H)
1972 APSU, 33-20 (H)
1973 MUR, 31-19 (H)
1974 MUR, 16-8 (A)
1975 MUR, 14-10 (H)
1976 MUR, 23-13 (A)
1977 APSU, 13-0 (A)
1978 APSU, 23-17 (H)
1979 MUR, 24-10 (H)
1980 APSU, 24-0 (H)
1981 MUR, 34-29 (H)
1982 MUR, 21-7 (A)
1983 APSU, 17-16 (H)
1984 MUR, 20-13 (2OT) (H)
1985 MUR, 14-6 (A)
1986 MUR, 24-14 (A)
1987 MUR, 40-0 (H)
1988 MUR, 19-3 (A)
1989 MUR, 49-43 (H)
1990 MUR, 31-24 (3OT) (A)
1991 APSU, 27-9 (H)
1992 MUR, 27-10 (H)
1993 MUR, 38-14 (H)
1994 MUR, 29-14 (A)
1995 MUR, 45-17 (A)
1996 MUR, 51-7 (H)
1997 MUR, 51-0 (H)
2005 MUR, 42-6 (H)
2007 APSU, 23-17 (A)
2008 MUR, 32-12 (A)
2009 MUR, 27-17 (H)
2010 MUR, 61-35 (A)
2011 MUR, 56-24 (H)

APSU-SEMO

SEMO leads 10-6

1953 SEMO, 19-6
1965 APSU, 50-7
1966 APSU, 28-27
1991 APSU, 24-21 (H)
1992 APSU, 21-16 (A)
1993 SEMO, 17-7 (A)
1994 SEMO, 31-10 (H)
1995 SEMO, 38-23 (A)
1996 SEMO, 17-13 (H)
1997 SEMO, 31-0 (A)
2006 SEMO, 38-13 (A)
2007 APSU, 34-31 (2OT) (A)
2008 SEMO, 33-30 (A)
2009 APSU, 24-14 (A)
2010 SEMO, 41-24 (A)
2011 SEMO, 17-13 (H)

APSU-TSU

TSU leads 8-6

1988 APSU, 16-12 (H)
1989 TSU, 38-10 (H)
1990 TSU, 33-7 (A)
1991 APSU, 31-17 (H)
1992 TSU, 35-14 (H)
1993 TSU, 21-16 (A)
1994 TSU, 26-22 (H)
1995 APSU, 28-6 (H)
1996 TSU, 38-14 (H)
2007 TSU, 33-32 (OT) (A)
2008 TSU, 37-34 (H)
2009 APSU, 24-21 (H)
2010 APSU, 26-23 (A)
2011 APSU, 37-34 (H)

APSU-TTU

TTU leads 28-17

1938 TTU, 27-0
1939 TTU, 25-0
1954 TTU, 27-13
1955 TTU, 37-6 (H)
1956 TTU, 17-7 (A)
1963 TTU, 28-13 (H)
1964 APSU, 29-0 (H)
1965 APSU, 23-13 (A)
1966 APSU, 20-15 (H)
1967 TTU, 38-13 (H)
1968 TTU, 10-0 (A)
1969 TTU, 56-20 (H)
1970 APSU, 10-6 (H)
1971 TTU, 37-17 (H)
1972 TTU, 19-7 (A)
1973 TTU, 31-12 (H)

1974 TTU, 28-7 (A)
1975 TTU, 20-0 (H)
1976 TTU, 31-13 (A)
1977 APSU, 24-21 (A)
1978 TTU, 28-14 (A)
1979 TTU, 21-14 (H)
1980 APSU, 18-10 (H)
1981 TTU, 29-24 (H)
1982 APSU, 31-27 (H)
1983 APSU, 21-7 (A)
1984 APSU, 27-7 (H)
1985 APSU, 24-20 (A)
1986 APSU, 23-13 (A)
1987 TTU, 14-9 (A)
1988 APSU, 10-6 (A)
1989 TTU, 17-15 (A)
1990 TTU, 20-14 (OT) (H)
1991 TTU, 32-7 (H)
1992 TTU, 10-0 (A)
1993 TTU, 35-17 (A)
1994 APSU, 34-27 (A)
1995 APSU, 20-7 (A)
1996 TTU, 23-17 (A)
1997 TTU, 36-3 (A)
2007 APSU, 30-27 (A)
2008 APSU, 31-28 (H)
2009 TTU, 31-23 (H)
2010 TTU, 34-21 (A)
2011 TTU, 49-7 (H)

APSU-UTM

UTM leads 33-25-2

1930 UTM, 32-0 (A)
1931 Tie, 0-0 (at UTM)
1932 Tie, 6-6 (at AP)
1936 UTM, 19-0 (H)
1936 UTM, 33-0 (A)
1937 UTM, 20-12 (H)
1938 APSU, 14-13 (H)
1939 APSU, 7-0 (A)
1940 APSU, 20-0 (H)
1941 APSU, 13-0 (A)
1946 APSU, 33-0 (H)
1946 APSU, 14-6 (A)
1947 APSU, 20-7 (H)
1948 APSU, 39-0 (A)
1959 UTM, 21-10 (A)
1960 UTM, 13-7 (H)
1961 UTM, 14-7 (A)
1962 UTM, 16-0 (H)
1963 APSU, 20-6 (H)
1964 APSU, 35-0 (A)
1965 APSU, 49-0 (H)
1966 APSU, 17-3 (A)
1967 UTM, 47-6 (A)
1968 APSU, 9-7 (A)
1969 UTM, 7-6 (A)
1970 UTM, 22-21 (H)
1971 UTM, 17-3 (A)
1972 APSU, 28-14 (A)
1973 UTM, 26-0 (A)
1974 UTM, 31-26 (H)
1975 UTM, 24-15 (A)
1976 UTM, 24-0 (H)
1977 UTM, 23-10 (A)
1978 APSU, 21-14 (A)
1979 APSU, 24-7 (H)
1980 UTM, 24-20 (H)
1981 APSU, 28-24 (H)
1982 UTM, 17-14 (A)
1983 APSU, 45-6 (A)
1984 APSU, 13-10 (H)
1985 APSU, 13-7 (A)
1986 APSU, 36-0 (H)
1987 UTM, 30-10 (H)
1989 UTM, 21-0 (H)
1990 UTM, 24-10 (A)
1991 UTM, 34-28 (H)
1992 APSU, 32-18 (H)
1993 UTM, 39-33 (2OT) (A)
1994 APSU, 27-21 (A)
1995 UTM, 31-28 (H)
1996 APSU, 55-24 (H)
1997 UTM, 36-26 (A)
2003 UTM, 21-20 (H)
2004 UTM, 31-14 (A)
2006 UTM, 20-10 (A)
2007 APSU, 17-14 (H)
2008 UTM, 31-17 (A)
2009 UTM, 48-38 (H)
2010 UTM, 28-12 (A)
2011 UTM, 61-23 (H)

EIU-EKU

EKU leads 12-7

1947 EKU, 14-13 (A)

1948 EKU, 25-14 (H)
1986 EKU, 24-22 (A)
1996 EIU, 45-21 (H)
1997 EKU, 49-7 (A)
1998 EKU, 28-24 (H)
1999 EIU, 20-14 (A)
2000 EIU, 49-6 (H)
2001 EIU, 21-17 (A)
2002 EIU, 25-24 (H)
2003 EKU, 41-0 (A)
2004 EKU, 49-6 (H)
2005 EIU, 53-22 (H)
2006 EIU, 28-21 (A)
2007 EKU, 28-21 (A)
2008 EKU, 20-7 (H)
2009 EKU, 36-31 (A)
2010 EKU, 35-7 (H)
2011 EKU, 48-16 (A)

EIU-JSU

JSU leads 5-4

2003 JSU, 36-24 (H)
2004 JSU, 31-21 (A)
2005 EIU, 10-6 (A)
2006 EIU, 28-24 (H)
2007 EIU, 37-23 (A)
2008 JSU, 23-10 (A)
2009 EIU, 28-20 (A)
2010 JSU, 28-23 (A)
2011 JSU, 28-21 (H)

EIU-MUR

EIU leads 14-13

1946 MUR, 38-13 (H)
1974 MUR, 13-0 (H)
1975 EIU, 14-6 (H)
1977 MUR, 35-7 (H)
1978 EIU, 35-14 (H)
1986 EIU, 28-21 (H)
1990 MUR, 14-10 (H)
1991 MUR, 28-27 (H)
1992 EIU, 48-9 (H)
1993 EIU, 34-7 (A)
1994 MUR, 31-15 (A)
1996 MUR, 35-28 (A)
1997 MUR, 24-17 (H)
1998 MUR, 35-21 (A)
1999 MUR, 37-32 (H)
2000 EIU, 48-7 (H)
2001 EIU, 37-6 (H)
2002 MUR, 37-35 (H)
2003 EIU, 27-17 (A)
2004 EIU, 24-9 (H)
2005 EIU, 35-28 (H)
2006 EIU, 20-10 (H)
2007 EIU, 27-24 (A)
2008 EIU, 34-6 (H)
2009 EIU, 16-10 (H)
2010 MUR, 38-28 (A)
2011 MUR, 36-27 (H)

EIU-SEMO

EIU leads 13-6

1956 SEMO, 46-13 (H)
1957 SEMO, 41-0 (A)
1995 EIU, 35-18 (H)
1996 EIU, 41-21 (A)
1997 EIU, 32-7 (A)
1998 EIU, 35-33 (H)
1999 SEMO, 45-38 (H)
2000 EIU, 38-9 (H)
2001 EIU, 41-21 (H)
2002 EIU, 44-27 (A)
2003 SEMO, 30-17 (H)
2004 EIU, 35-28 (H)
2005 EIU, 48-24 (A)
2006 EIU, 21-0 (H)
2007 EIU, 31-16 (A)
2008 EIU, 24-21 (H)
2009 EIU, 23-14 (A)
2010 SEMO, 28-13 (A)
2011 SEMO, 37-30 (H)

EIU-TSU

EIU leads 8-7

1982 TSU, 20-19 (H)
1998 TSU, 27-21 (A)
1999 TSU, 43-25 (H)
2000 EIU, 33-19 (H)
2001 EIU, 52-49 (H)
2002 EIU, 54-48 (A)
2003 TSU, 24-14 (H)
2004 EIU, 34-24 (H)
2005 EIU, 27-3 (A)
2006 EIU, 29-3 (H)

2007 EIU, 38-35 (A)
2008 TSU, 45-24 (H)
2009 TSU, 21-10 (A)
2010 EIU, 31-28 (OT) (A)
2011 TSU, 18-17 (A)

EIU-TTU

EIU leads 12-6

1975 TTU, 37-0 (H)
1976 TTU, 41-14 (A)
1996 EIU, 35-27 (A)
1997 EIU, 10-7 (A)
1998 EIU, 13-6 (A)
1999 TTU, 14-7 (A)
2000 EIU, 27-6 (A)
2001 EIU, 44-33 (H)
2002 EIU, 35-28 (A)
2003 EIU, 37-10 (H)
2004 TTU, 40-37 (OT) (H)
2005 EIU, 31-20 (H)
2006 EIU, 38-14 (A)
2007 EIU, 45-24 (H)
2008 EIU, 38-20 (A)
2009 EIU, 23-15 (H)
2010 TTU, 34-20 (H)
2011 TTU, 31-20 (A)

EIU-UTM

EIU leads 12-5

1995 EIU, 30-22 (H)
1996 EIU, 38-0 (A)
1997 EIU, 42-6 (H)
1998 EIU, 56-35 (A)
1999 EIU, 42-21 (H)
2000 EIU, 42-7 (A)
2001 EIU, 56-16 (A)
2002 EIU, 55-43 (H)
2003 EIU, 29-12 (H)
2004 UTM, 32-14 (H)
2005 EIU, 26-7 (H)
2006 UTM 15-9 (H)
2007 EIU, 29-23 (H)
2008 UTM, 29-26 (H)
2009 EIU, 49-13 (H)
2010 UTM, 20-10 (H)
2011 UTM, 24-23 (A)

EKU-JSU

EKU leads 5-4

2003 JSU, 49-14 (H)
2004 JSU, 30-23 (A)
2005 EKU, 31-14 (A)
2006 JSU, 28-0 (A)
2007 EKU, 31-20 (A)
2008 EKU, 38-35 (H)
2009 JSU, 34-26 (H)
2010 EKU, 49-37 (H)
2011 EKU, 52-48 (A)

EKU-MUR

EKU leads 42-25-4

1929 MUR, 46-0 (H)
1930 MUR, 52-0 (A)
1941 EKU, 6-0 (H)
1942 Tie, 6-6 (at MUR)
1945 Tie, 7-7 (at EKU)
1946 EKU, 26-13 (A)
1947 MUR, 21-13 (H)
1948 EKU, 6-0 (H)
1949 EKU, 20-0 (A)
1950 MUR, 19-0 (A)
1951 MUR, 9-0 (H)
1952 MUR, 20-0 (A)
1953 EKU, 19-14 (A)
1954 EKU, 25-6 (H)
1955 EKU, 21-6 (A)
1956 MUR, 14-7 (A)
1957 EKU, 26-19 (H)
1958 EKU, 14-6 (H)
1959 EKU, 7-0 (A)
1960 MUR, 21-19 (A)
1961 EKU, 14-13 (A)
1962 MUR, 17-14 (A)
1963 MUR, 20-0 (H)
1964 Tie, 6-6 (at EKU)
1965 Tie, 17-17 (at MUR)
1966 EKU, 27-6 (H)
1967 EKU, 28-7 (A)
1968 EKU, 21-20 (H)
1969 EKU, 34-13 (A)
1970 EKU, 17-7 (H)
1971 MUR, 17-7 (H)
1972 MUR, 7-3 (A)
1973 MUR, 21-20 (H)
1974 EKU, 30-16 (H)

1975 MUR, 26-7 (H)
1976 EKU, 12-10 (H)
1977 MUR, 24-20 (H)
1978 EKU, 24-21 (H)
1979 MUR, 24-7 (H)
1980 EKU, 24-14 (H)
1981 EKU, 24-20 (A)
1982 EKU, 21-20 (H)
1983 MUR, 24-10 (H)
1984 EKU, 27-14 (H)
1985 MUR, 27-20 (H)
1986 MUR, 17-15 (H)
1987 EKU, 29-21 (H)
1988 EKU, 31-24 (OT) (A)
1989 EKU, 38-36 (H)
1990 EKU, 42-0 (A)
1991 EKU, 42-17 (A)
1992 EKU, 21-18 (OT) (H)
1993 EKU, 21-13 (A)
1994 EKU, 49-13 (H)
1995 MUR, 17-7 (H)
1996 MUR, 17-14 (A)
1997 EKU, 29-8 (A)
1998 MUR, 28-21 (A)
1999 MUR, 45-30 (H)
2000 MUR, 24-22 (A)
2001 EKU, 21-13 (A)
2002 EKU, 31-7 (H)
2003 EKU, 38-20 (A)
2004 MUR, 19-16 (OT) (A)
2005 EKU, 43-7 (A)
2006 EKU, 51-21 (H)
2007 EKU, 46-35 (A)
2008 EKU, 34-7 (H)
2009 EKU, 23-13 (A)
2010 EKU, 28-21 (H)
2011 EKU, 34-33 (A)

EKU-SEMO

EKU leads 19-3

1990 EKU, 45-0 (H)
1991 EKU, 49-7 (A)
1992 EKU, 20-10 (H)
1993 EKU, 35-21 (A)
1994 EKU, 34-6 (H)
1995 EKU, 42-24 (A)
1996 EKU, 45-0 (H)
1997 EKU, 20-10 (A)
1998 EKU, 19-7 (H)
1999 EKU, 37-28 (A)
2000 EKU, 48-24 (H)
2001 EKU, 42-24 (A)
2002 SEMO, 35-21 (A)
2003 SEMO, 41-38 (A)
2004 EKU, 38-13 (A)
2005 EKU, 33-32 (H)
2006 EKU, 27-21 (A)
2007 EKU, 44-17 (H)
2008 EKU, 29-16 (A)
2009 EKU, 20-6 (H)
2010 SEMO, 40-21 (H)
2011 EKU, 41-17 (H)

EKU-TSU

EKU leads 20-4

1982 EKU, 13-7 (H)
1988 EKU, 10-0 (H)
1989 EKU, 21-9 (A)
1990 EKU, 55-17 (H)
1991 EKU, 27-20 (A)
1992 EKU, 49-28 (H)
1993 EKU, 52-13 (A)
1994 EKU, 28-13 (H)
1995 EKU, 56-20 (A)
1996 EKU, 30-10 (H)
1997 EKU, 49-7 (A)
1998 TSU, 31-21 (A)
1999 TSU, 33-28 (H)
2000 EKU, 28-0 (H)
2001 EKU, 13-10 (H)
2002 EKU, 45-20 (A)
2003 EKU, 43-38 (A)
2004 EKU, 29-14 (H)
2005 EKU, 49-0 (A)
2006 EKU, 20-3 (H)
2007 EKU, 49-7 (H)
2008 TSU, 34-20 (H)
2009 TSU, 20-17 (A)
2011 EKU, 33-22 (H)

EKU-TTU

EKU leads 50-18

1937 EKU, 6-0 (H)
1942 EKU, 13-0 (A)
1945 EKU, 14-12 (A)

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1946	EKU, 32-0 (H)
	TTU, 20-7 (A)
	EKU, 13-0 (A)
1950	EKU, 47-7 (H)
1951	EKU, 15-14 (A)
1952	TTU, 28-14 (A)
1953	TTU, 7-0 (H)
1954	EKU, 14-7 (H)
1955	TTU, 13-7 (H)
1956	EKU, 25-13 (H)
1957	TTU, 34-14 (H)
1958	TTU, 20-19 (A)
1959	TTU, 14-10 (H)
1960	TTU, 20-0 (A)
1961	TTU, 14-8 (H)
1962	EKU, 21-0 (H)
1963	TTU, 21-19 (H)
1964	TTU, 27-7 (A)
1965	EKU, 28-14 (A)
1966	TTU, 7-3 (A)
1967	EKU, 24-0 (H)
1968	EKU, 38-14 (A)
1969	EKU, 17-7 (H)
1970	EKU, 20-13 (A)
1971	EKU, 14-7 (H)
1972	TTU, 14-0 (H)
1973	EKU, 30-14 (H)
1974	EKU, 29-14 (A)
1975	TTU, 14-3 (A)
1976	EKU, 28-14 (A)
1977	EKU, 28-21 (H)
1978	EKU, 20-16 (A)
1979	EKU, 35-0 (H)
1980	EKU, 48-7 (A)
1981	EKU, 63-10 (H)
1982	EKU, 34-17 (A)
1983	EKU, 24-7 (H)
1984	EKU, 21-14 (A)
1985	EKU, 35-17 (H)
1986	EKU, 42-14 (H)
1987	EKU, 44-8 (A)
1988	EKU, 14-7 (H)
1989	EKU, 21-20 (A)
1990	EKU, 29-20 (H)
1991	EKU, 19-13 (A)
1992	EKU, 35-0 (H)
1993	EKU, 10-7 (H)
1994	EKU, 23-3 (A)
1995	EKU, 21-3 (A)
1996	EKU, 28-7 (H)
1997	EKU, 26-7 (H)
1998	TTU, 31-29 (3OT) (H)
1999	EKU, 23-20 (2OT) (A)
2000	TTU, 9-3 (A)
2001	EKU, 34-10 (H)
2002	EKU, 19-0 (A)
2003	EKU, 27-14 (H)
2004	EKU, 19-18 (A)
2005	EKU 52-3 (H)
2006	TTU, 27-14 (H)
2007	EKU, 38-24 (H)
2008	EKU, 33-12 (A)
2009	EKU, 17-7 (H)
2010	EKU, 42-29 (A)
2011	TTU, 28-21 (A)

EKU-UTM

EKU leads 21-1

1973	EKU, 16-14 (H)
1974	EKU, 24-9 (A)
1991	EKU, 56-21 (H)
1992	EKU, 35-9 (A)
1993	EKU, 30-0 (H)
1994	EKU, 34-14 (A)
1995	EKU, 38-15 (H)
1996	EKU, 45-7 (A)
1997	EKU, 49-0 (H)
1998	EKU, 47-29 (A)
1999	EKU, 54-7 (H)
2000	EKU, 27-0 (A)
2001	EKU, 42-10 (A)
2002	EKU, 58-3 (H)
2003	EKU, 41-32 (H)
2004	EKU, 41-14 (A)
2005	EKU, 31-17 (H)
2006	EKU, 31-28 (A)
2008	EKU, 33-31 (A)
2009	EKU, 31-25 (H)
2010	UTM, 10-7 (H)
2011	EKU, 23-16 (H)

JSU-MUR

JSU leads 8-1

2003	MUR, 23-17 (OT) (H)
2004	JSU, 35-14 (H)

2005	JSU, 28-23 (A)
2006	JSU, 49-17 (H)
2007	JSU, 40-24 (A)
2008	JSU, 31-21 (H)
2009	JSU, 41-7 (A)
2010	JSU, 40-34 (H)
2011	JSU, 38-30 (A)

JSU-SEMO

JSU leads 11-5

1961	SEMO, 13-12 (H)
1962	JSU, 6-0 (H)
1963	SEMO, 10-7 (H)
1964	SEMO, 24-0 (A)
1965	JSU, 24-13 (A)
1969	SEMO, 19-13 (H)
1971	JSU, 57-0 (H)
2003	JSU, 22-17 (A)
2004	JSU, 47-9 (H)
2005	JSU, 24-10 (A)
2006	JSU, 38-7 (H)
2007	SEMO, 32-25 (H)
2008	JSU, 38-17 (H)
2009	JSU, 24-3 (A)
2010	JSU, 29-27 (H)
2011	JSU, 22-21 (A)

JSU-TSU

JSU leads 6-1

2003	JSU, 34-7 (A)
2004	JSU, 49-35 (H)
2005	JSU, 33-3 (A)
2006	TSU, 38-31 (A)
2008	JSU, 26-0 (H)
2010	JSU, 24-0 (H)
2011	JSU, 38-16 (A)

JSU-TTU

JSU leads 9-6

1936	TTU, 33-0
1977	TTU, 27-20 (H)
1979	JSU, 23-7 (H)
1980	JSU, 7-3 (A)
2001	TTU, 35-27 (A)
2002	JSU, 35-29 (A)
2003	JSU, 37-20 (H)
2004	TTU, 16-13 (H)
2005	JSU, 43-17 (H)
2006	JSU, 17-10 (OT) (A)
2007	JSU, 38-10 (H)
2008	JSU, 41-17 (A)
2009	JSU, 55-28 (H)
2010	TTU, 35-24 (H)
2011	TTU, 21-14 (A)

JSU-UTM

JSU leads 27-6

1967	UTM, 38-0 (A)
1968	JSU, 16-12 (H)
1969	JSU, 22-20 (H)
1970	JSU, 16-14 (A)
1971	JSU, 30-10 (H)
1972	JSU, 20-6 (A)
1973	JSU, 50-7 (H)
1974	JSU, 17-0 (A)
1975	JSU, 11-3 (H)
1976	JSU, 24-3 (A)
1977	JSU, 36-13 (H)
1978	JSU, 44-15 (A)
1979	UTM, 15-14 (A)
1980	JSU, 19-14 (A)
1981	JSU, 44-7 (H)
1982	JSU, 41-13 (A)
1983	JSU, 31-19 (H)
1984	JSU, 23-16 (A)
1985	JSU, 19-13 (H)
1986	JSU, 30-20 (A)
1987	UTM, 28-17 (A)
1988	UTM, 31-24 (H)
1989	JSU, 63-0 (H)
1990	JSU, 21-7 (A)
2003	JSU, 34-24 (H)
2004	JSU, 59-12 (A)
2005	JSU, 37-17 (H)
2006	UTM, 24-14 (H)
2007	JSU, 27-24 (H)
2008	UTM, 31-30 (H)
2009	JSU, 52-7 (H)
2010	JSU, 30-20 (A)
2011	JSU, 24-23 (H)

MUR-SEMO

MUR leads 37-8-1

1926	MUR, 3-0 (H)
1927	MUR, 6-0 (A)

1928	MUR, 12-0 (H)
1929	SEMO, 13-0 (H)
1930	MUR, 7-0 (H)
1931	MUR, 32-6 (A)
1948	MUR, 40-0 (A)
1960	MUR, 21-10 (H)
1961	MUR, 22-7 (A)
1962	MUR, 19-15 (A)
1968	MUR, 27-14 (A)
1969	MUR, 34-14 (H)
1976	MUR, 14-3 (H)
1977	MUR, 13-6 (A)
1978	SEMO, 24-12 (A)
1979	Tie, 21-21 (at SEMO)
1980	MUR, 19-6 (H)
1981	MUR, 37-23 (A)
1982	MUR, 16-6 (H)
1983	MUR, 25-11 (A)
1984	MUR, 42-3 (H)
1985	MUR, 33-25 (H)
1986	MUR, 42-17 (A)
1987	MUR, 30-12 (H)
1988	SEMO, 16-13 (H)
1991	MUR, 14-10 (H)
1992	SEMO, 27-21 (H)
1993	MUR, 17-14 (H)
1994	MUR, 23-16 (A)
1995	MUR, 34-0 (H)
1996	MUR, 16-0 (A)
1997	MUR, 17-3 (H)
1998	MUR, 26-14 (A)
1999	MUR, 45-18 (H)
2000	MUR, 38-28 (A)
2001	MUR, 45-35 (A)
2002	MUR, 38-31 (H)
2003	MUR, 27-24 (A)
2004	MUR, 28-13 (H)
2005	SEMO, 52-21 (H)
2006	SEMO, 24-17 (A)
2007	MUR, 31-17 (A)
2008	MUR, 17-10 (H)
2009	SEMO, 49-13 (H)
2010	SEMO, 30-17 (A)
2011	MUR, 35-34 (A)

MUR-TSU

MUR leads 12-11

1988	MUR, 22-7 (H)
1989	MUR, 27-24 (H)
1990	TSU, 23-17 (H)
1991	TSU, 28-7 (H)
1992	TSU, 19-10 (A)
1993	TSU, 26-13 (H)
1994	TSU, 24-21 (A)
1995	MUR, 24-19 (A)
1996	MUR, 50-14 (H)
1997	MUR, 13-7 (A)
1998	TSU, 46-44 (A)
1999	TSU, 42-41 (H)
2000	MUR, 62-40 (H)
2001	TSU, 38-25 (H)
2002	MUR, 51-27 (H)
2003	TSU, 35-10 (A)
2004	MUR, 30-13 (A)
2006	TSU, 25-15 (H)
2007	TSU, 42-28 (H)
2008	MUR, 24-17 (H)
2009	MUR, 9-6 (A)
2010	MUR, 28-23 (H)
2011	MUR, 58-27 (H)

MUR-TTU

TTU leads 41-35-1

1930	TTU, 26-6 (A)
1931	TTU, 19-7 (H)
1932	Tie, 0-0 (at MUR)
1933	MUR, 9-6 (A)
1934	MUR, 40-7 (H)
1935	MUR, 13-0 (A)
1936	MUR, 47-0 (A)
1937	MUR, 14-6 (H)
1941	TTU, 14-6 (*)
1942	TTU, 14-6 (**)
1945	MUR, 13-7 (A)
1946	MUR, 20-13 (***)
1947	MUR, 7-2 (A)
1948	MUR, 34-6 (H)
1949	MUR, 26-7 (A)
1950	MUR, 6-0 (H)
1951	MUR, 20-7 (A)
1952	TTU, 14-3 (A)
1953	TTU, 9-0 (H)
1954	MUR, 19-12 (H)
1955	TTU, 20-7 (H)
1956	MUR, 34-7 (H)

1957	TTU, 26-14 (H)
1958	TTU, 15-14 (A)
1959	TTU, 29-16 (H)
1960	TTU, 14-12 (A)
1961	TTU, 27-8 (H)
1962	TTU, 16-12 (A)
1963	MUR, 28-27 (A)
1964	MUR, 28-21 (H)
1965	TTU, 23-14 (H)
1966	TTU, 51-13 (A)
1967	TTU, 22-21 (A)
1968	MUR, 19-0 (A)
1969	TTU, 28-21 (A)
1970	TTU, 21-7 (H)
1971	TTU, 27-3 (A)
1972	TTU, 10-0 (H)
1973	MUR, 18-17 (H)
1974	TTU, 26-0 (H)
1975	TTU, 14-7 (A)
1976	TTU, 24-7 (H)
1977	TTU, 21-19 (A)
1978	TTU, 24-14 (H)
1979	MUR, 24-3 (H)
1980	MUR, 10-3 (A)
1981	MUR, 15-10 (H)
1982	TTU, 10-3 (H)
1983	MUR, 20-6 (H)
1984	MUR, 37-0 (A)
1985	MUR, 29-21 (H)
1986	MUR, 23-16 (H)
1987	MUR, 24-21 (A)
1988	TTU, 16-13 (OT) (A)
1989	TTU, 21-20 (H)
1990	TTU, 16-3 (A)
1991	TTU, 45-7 (H)
1992	TTU, 35-10 (A)
1993	TTU, 31-16 (H)
1994	TTU, 38-21 (A)
1995	MUR, 45-14 (A)
1996	MUR, 41-3 (H)
1997	TTU, 16-13 (OT) (H)
1998	MUR, 23-3 (H)
1999	MUR, 22-11 (A)
2000	TTU, 36-21 (A)
2001	TTU, 15-12 (H)
2002	MUR, 31-14 (H)
2003	TTU, 49-24 (H)
2004	MUR, 34-15 (H)
2005	TTU, 42-21 (H)
2006	TTU, 20-14 (OT) (A)
2007	TTU, 48-24 (H)
2008	MUR, 51-21 (H)
2009	TTU, 45-14 (H)
2010	MUR, 44-13 (H)
2011	MUR, 38-37 (A)

* Owensboro, Ky.

** Henderson, Ky.

*** Paducah, Ky.

MUR-UTM

MUR leads 35-15-1

1924	MUR, 13-0 (H)
1925	MUR, 6-0 (A)
1926	MUR, 25-0 (H)
1927	MUR, 13-7 (A)
1928	MUR, 34-6 (H)
1929	MUR, 13-7 (H)
1930	MUR, 7-0 (A)
1961	MUR, 25-15 (H)
1962	MUR, 15-12 (A)
1963	MUR, 19-8 (H)
1964	MUR, 32-14 (A)
1965	UTM, 17-7 (A)
1966	UTM, 16-12 (H)
1967	UTM, 16-9 (H)
1968	Tie, 7-7 (at MUR)
1971	UTM, 41-0 (H)
1972	MUR, 14-7 (H)
1973	MUR, 21-10 (A)
1974	MUR, 14-6 (H)
1975	MUR, 17-10 (A)
1976	UTM, 24-0 (A)
1977	UTM, 31-20 (H)
1978	MUR, 21-7 (H)
1979	MUR, 24-0 (A)
1980	MUR, 20-6 (H)
1981	MUR, 10-7 (A)
1982	UTM, 10-7 (A)
1987	MUR, 34-6 (H)
1988	UTM, 32-24 (A)
1989	MUR, 24-3 (A)
1991	MUR, 40-34 (H)
1992	UTM, 13-7 (H)
1993	MUR, 28-21 (OT) (A)
1994	MUR, 28-24 (H)

1995	MUR, 33-9 (H)
1996	MUR, 28-14 (A)
1997	MUR, 45-7 (H)
1998	MUR, 47-35 (H)
1999	MUR, 62-14 (H)
2000	MUR, 48-3 (A)
2001	MUR, 35-17 (H)
2002	MUR, 42-3 (A)
2003	MUR, 41-26 (A)
2004	MUR, 38-0 (H)
2005	UTM, 49-20 (H)
2006	UTM, 42-14 (A)
2007	UTM, 76-34 (A)
2008	UTM, 63-38 (H)
2009	UTM, 38-24 (H)
2010	MUR, 52-16 (H)
2011	UTM, 48-26 (H)

SEMO-TSU

Series tied 10-10

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WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Central Michigan Chippewas (0-0, 0-0 MAC)**

Thursday, Aug. 30 • 6:00 p.m. CT

Kelly/Shorts Stadium (30,255) • Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

TV: ESPN3
Live Stats: <http://www.cmuchippewas.com/liveStats/liveStats.dbml>
Series Record: First Meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Tony Samuel at Southeast Missouri: 25-43 (6 yrs.)
Tony Samuel Overall: 59-100 (14 yrs.)
Dan Enos at Central Michigan: 6-18 (2 yrs.)
Dan Enos Overall: same
Southeast Missouri Last Week: n/a
Central Michigan Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Southeast Missouri will travel to Central Michigan for the first-ever meeting between the two programs to open up the 2012 season.

SCOUTING SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: Southeast Missouri was the only team in the OVC who was not returning its quarterback in 2012. The Redhawks had planned to look to Ohio University transfer Kyle Snyder to led the attack, but Snyder suffered an injury in the preseason and will miss the entire 2012 campaign. The leaves the starting job to redshirt freshman Scott Lathrop, a former walk-on who played at Warrenton High School. Lathrop is known for both his passing attack and running ability, similar to Matt Scheible who graduated last year as the only quarterback in OVC history to pass for 4,000 and rush for 2,000 yards in a career. The running attack also includes senior Levi Terrell, who missed the last six games of 2011 with an injury, and fullback Ron Coleman. Sophomore Spencer Davis was an OVC All-Newcomer pick a year ago after catching 20 passes for 314 yards, rushing for 250 yards and playing a key role in the return game. The defense is keyed by preseason All-American Blake Peiffer who is on the preseason Buck Buchanan Award Watch List. Last year Peiffer ranked third nationally with 13.7 tackles/game and registered double-digit tackles in 10 of 11 starters, breaking the school's single-season record with 151 total tackles.

SCOUTING CENTRAL MICHIGAN: Central Michigan was tabbed sixth in the West Division of the Mid-American Conference in the conference's preseason poll. Head coach Dan Enos returns eight starters on offense and seven on defense from last year's team that was 3-9 overall and 2-6 in the MAC. Last season Ryan Radcliff threw for 3,286 yards and 25 touchdowns for the Chippewas. On the ground the team returns both Anthony Garland (378 yards rushing) and Zurlon Tipton (370 yards).



**Southern Illinois Salukis (0-0, 0-0 MVFC)
at Eastern Illinois Panthers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

Thursday, Aug. 30 • 6:30 p.m. CT

O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill.

TV: WEIU/OVC Digital Network
Live Stats: <http://www.sidearmstats.com/eiu/football>
Series Record: Southern Illinois leads 38-22-1
Last Meeting: Southern Illinois won 45-28 (11/12/11)
Dale Lennon at Southern Illinois: 29-18 (4 yrs.)
Dale Lennon Overall: 131-50 (15 yrs.)
Dino Babers at Eastern Illinois: First season
Dino Babers Overall: same
Southern Illinois Last Week: n/a
Eastern Illinois Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: The long-standing rivalry between Southern Illinois and Eastern Illinois will be renewed on Thursday night as the two teams play for the 62nd time. The squads ended last year by playing each other in the season finale (SIU won 45-28) and now open the year with each other. SIU has won four in a row in the series; Eastern Illinois last claimed a victory in the season in 2001 (49-21). Three of the last four meetings since that last EIU victory have occurred in the FCS Playoffs. This marks the second-straight season that Eastern Illinois has opened at home on a Thursday night against a team that it ended the previous season against (Illinois State). Overall it is the fifth time in the last six seasons the team has opened on a Thursday night. The team is 9-4 all-time on Thursday night openers, including 4-1 at O'Brien Field. EIU is 10-6 all-time in Thursday night games. The game is the first in the collegiate head coaching career of EIU's Dino Babers; Babers was an assistant coach at Eastern Illinois in 1987 and most recently coached at Baylor.

SCOUTING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS: Under the direction of fifth-year head coach Dale Lennon, the Salukis, picked seventh in the Missouri Valley Football Conference preseason poll, return the core of its defensive unit which is led by Kayson Swanson and Kenneth Boatright. Swanson had 52 tackles a season ago while Boatright led the team with 13.5 tackles-for-loss and 6.5 sacks. Quarterback Kory Faulker was 16-of-22 for 234 yards and a touchdown against EIU last season. This week's game marks the first of two games OVC opponents in 2012; the Salukis will host Southeast Missouri State in two weeks.

SCOUTING EASTERN ILLINOIS: Eastern Illinois enters the 2012 season having won four-straight season openers against Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponents. Junior quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo needs just 210 yards and two touchdowns to move up the EIU career lists in both categories. Garoppolo will be protected by a veteran group on the offensive line, as all five starters from last season. He also gets back one of his top targets, wide receiver Erik Lora, who missed the 2011 season with an injury; Lora caught 50 passes for 478 yards as a sophomore. Senior wideout Chris Wright enters the season with 1,555 career receiving yards and needs just 145 yards to become the 11th player in school history with 1,700 receiving yards. Wright has caught at least one touchdown in five-straight games entering the 2012 season. Eastern Illinois will have a new look this season with its helmets, wearing a new black design; it marks the first helmet change for the program since the 2000 season.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**Hampton Pirates (0-0, 0-0 MEAC)
at Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

**Thursday, Aug. 30 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Tucker Stadium (16,500) • Cookeville, Tenn.**

TV: WCTE/OVC Digital Network
Live Stats:..... <http://livestats.prestosports.com/ttusports/fball>
Series Record:..... First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Coaconovan Rose at Hampton:18-15 (3 yrs.)
Coaconovan Rose Overall:..... same
Watson Brown at Tennessee Tech:25-31 (5 yrs.)
Watson Brown Overall:119-182-1 (27 yrs.)
Hampton Last Week: n/a
Tennessee Tech Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Thursday marks the first meeting between Tennessee Tech and Hampton on the gridiron.

SCOUTING HAMPTON: Hampton is coming off a 7-4 season in 2011 that saw the team finish 5-3 in the MEAC. Entering his fourth season as head coach, Don Rose returns eight offensive starters and nine defensive starters. The Pirates were picked up finish fifth overall in the preseason MEAC poll. Junior linebacker Matthew Davis was a preseason All-MEAC first-team selection this year while seven other Hampton players were second-team picks.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE TECH: Tennessee Tech opens the 2012 season after capturing its first OVC Championship since 1975 and after making its first-ever playoff appearance a year ago. Sixth-year head coach Watson Brown has seven offensive and seven defensive starters back from that championship squad. Senior Tre Lamb returns under center after throwing for 2,342 yards and 17 touchdowns last year while also rushing for 213 yards and six additional scores. Lamb set Tech records for completions (36) and attempts (58) in a game against Tennessee State last season and was named the team's Offensive MVP. The TTU offense did lose running back Dontey Gay, who rushed for 15 touchdowns last year, but returns Adam Urbano who had 475 rushing yards a year ago. Also gone is OVC Offensive Player of the Year Tim Benford who is now with the Dallas Cowboys. On the defensive side of the ball the Golden Eagles return sophomore Austin Tallant who led the team with 92 tackles a season ago and senior Will Johnson, both of who were preseason All-OVC selections.



**#18 Eastern Kentucky Colonels (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Purdue Boilermakers (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)**

**Saturday, Sept. 1 • 2:30 p.m. CT
Rose Ade Stadium (62,500) • West Lafayette, Ind.**

TV: Big Ten Network
Live Stats:..... <http://bit.ly/S3ezMy>
Series Record:..... First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Dean Hood at Eastern Kentucky:26-20 (4 yrs.)
Dean Hood Overall: same
Danny Hope at Purdue:16-21 (3 yrs.)
Danny Hope Overall:51-43 (8 yrs.)
Eastern Kentucky Last Week: n/a
Purdue Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Eastern Kentucky will travel to West Lafayette to play its first-ever game against Purdue. The matchup, however, will be against a head coach the Colonels are very familiar with. Danny Hope, an Eastern Kentucky alum, served as the ECU head coach from 2003-07 before leaving for Purdue. At Eastern Hope compiled a 35-22 record (including a 32-8 mark in OVC contests) and won the 2007 OVC Championship while being named OVC Coach of the Year. ECU is 4-18 all-time against Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) foes, last winning against Louisville in the 1985 season. Last year, however, the Colonels gave FBS opponent Kansas State all it could handle before falling 10-7 in the final minutes.

SCOUTING EASTERN KENTUCKY: Eastern Kentucky enters the 2012 season as the OVC preseason favorite and ranked 18th in the Sports Network and 21st in the FCS Coaches Top 25 polls. The Colonels are coming off a season where they finished in a three-way tie for the OVC Championship and earned an at-large bid into the FCS Playoffs where they lost by three points to nationally-ranked James Madison. The Colonels have 10 offensive and seven defensive starters returning this season. The offense is led by senior running back Matt Denham, who rushed for 1,570 yards and nine touchdowns last season and is one of 20 players on the Walter Payton Award Watch List to begin the 2012 season. Denham takes handoffs from senior quarterback T.J. Pryor who has been a starter since early in his freshman season. A year ago Pryor threw for 1,605 yards and 18 touchdowns and rushed for 180 yards and an additional score. The defense returns four players who had 70 or more tackles last season.

SCOUTING PURDUE: Purdue opens its 125th season of football on Saturday by hosting Eastern Kentucky for the first time in its history. Danny Hope enters his fourth season as head coach of the program and last year led the team to a victory in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit. Defensive tackle Kawann Short was named a preseason All-American by Sports Illustrated and begins the season on the Lott, Bednarik, Outland, Nagurski and Lombardi Award Watch Lists. Last year he had career-highs with 54 tackles, 17.0 tackles-for-loss and 6.5 sacks. The Boilermakers have the luxury of having three returning quarterbacks (Caleb TerBush, Robert Marve and Rob Henry) with starting experience. No other FBS team has more than two quarterbacks on its roster who have started at least one game. Purdue is 73-45-6 all-time in season openers.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**Murray State Racers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at #7 Florida State Seminoles (0-0, 0-0 ACC)**

**Saturday, Sept. 1 • 5:00 p.m. CT
Doak Campbell Stadium (82,300) • Tallahassee, Fla.**

TV: ESPN3
Live Stats: <http://bit.ly/NYbb5B>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Chris Hatcher at Murray State: 13-9 (2 yrs.)
Chris Hatcher Overall: 107-36 (12 yrs.)
Jimbo Fisher at Florida State: 19-8 (2 yrs.)
Jimbo Fisher Overall: same
Murray State Last Week: n/a
Florida State Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Murray State will travel to Top 10 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent Florida State for the first-ever meeting between the schools on Saturday. The game will kick off the 88th season of football for the Racers and marks the sixth time in the last eight seasons the Racers have started the year with an FBS opponent. The Racers are 2-19-1 all-time against FBS opponents with its last win coming in 1984 (26-23 vs. Louisville). The game marks the first for Murray State in the state of Florida since 1986 (Central Florida). MSU is 47-36-4 all-time in season openers, although the team has lost its last two openers, both to FBS opponents.

SCOUTING MURRAY STATE: Murray State is just outside the Top 25 in both the Sports Network and FCS Coaches polls to begin the season. Entering his third season with the Racers, head coach Chris Hatcher and improved the team's record each of his first two years with the team and led the program to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1999-2000. He is just the fourth Murray State coach to start his career with back-to-back winning seasons. Hatcher's high-octane offense will feature senior quarterback Casey Brockman who is on the initial Walter Payton Award Watch List. Brockman threw for 3,276 yards and 25 touchdowns a season ago and has a chance to set OVC career marks for total offense, career completions and career passing yards this season. Brockman's receiving corps include a group of six returners who each caught at least 22 passes a season ago. Ja-Vonta Trotter led that group with 48 receptions in 2011.

SCOUTING FLORIDA STATE: Florida State begins the season ranked No. 7 in both the Associated Press and USA Today polls. The Seminoles are picked as the ACC preseason favorite are considered one of the teams with a chance to win the BCS National Championship this year. Third-year head coach Jimbo Fisher returns quarterback EJ Manuel, who begins the season on the Davey O'Brien Award Watch List. Manuel threw for 2,666 yards and 18 touchdowns a year ago. His performance helped FSU average 30.6 points/game last year while the team's defense limited opponents to just 15.1 points/game. Overall the team returns 17 starters from last year's team that was 9-4 a year ago.



**Austin Peay Governors (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Western Kentucky Hilltoppers (0-0, 0-0 Sun Belt)**

**Saturday, Sept. 1 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium (22,113) • Bowling Green, Ky.**

TV: ESPN3
Live Stats: <http://bit.ly/ShHHCP>
Series Record: Western Kentucky leads 34-6-1
Last Meeting: WKU won 24-14 (11/18/06)
Rick Christophel at Austin Peay: 18-37 (5 yrs.)
Rick Christophel Overall: same
Willie Taggart at Western Kentucky: 9-15 (2 yrs.)
Willie Taggart Overall: same
Austin Peay Last Week: n/a
Western Kentucky Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Austin Peay and Western Kentucky, a former OVC member, renew an old rivalry on Saturday in Bowling Green. The teams have played 41 previous times but not since the 2006 season (when APSU competed as a Division I Independent on its way back to scholarship football). The series dates back to 1940 (a 20-0 Hilltopper win) with WKU owning a commanding 34-6-1 all-time margin. WKU is 20-0-1 all-time in the series in games played in Bowling Green. The meeting is the first between the two schools since WKU moved to the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). The Govs are 2-15 all-time against FBS foes; its last win over a FBS team was in 1987 (a 25-22 win over Kansas State). The game marks the first time WKU has opened at home since the 2005 season.

SCOUTING AUSTIN PEAY: Austin Peay looks to fourth-year starter Jake Ryan at quarterback to lead the team's offense this season. Ryan led the Governors to a 2-0 start in OVC play last season and finished the year 135-of-256 (52.7%) for 1,476 yards and 12 touchdowns. Ryan's favorite target has been senior wide receiver Devin Stark, a 6-3 phenom with NFL potential. Stark hauled in 53 passes and seven touchdowns last season, the most by a Govs player since the 2006 season. Even more impressive was the fact that Stark hauled in 14 combined catches against APSU's two FBS opponents (Cincinnati and Memphis).

SCOUTING WESTERN KENTUCKY: WKU returns 10 offensive and eight defensive starters from last year's team that won seven Sun Belt Conference games in a row to close the season. The only offensive starter not returning from last year's team is all-time leading rusher Bobby Rainey. Those returning include senior quarterback Kawaun Jakes who tallied 2,015 yards of total offense last season. Jakes has his favorite target returning in senior tight end Jack Doyle, who hauled in 52 receptions for 614 yards in 2011. On the defensive side of the ball junior linebacker Andrew Jackson returns this season; Jackson had 109 tackles last year. Jackson is on the Butkus, Nagurski and Lombardi Award Watch Lists to begin the season.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**Florida A&M Rattlers (0-0, 0-0 MEAC)
at Tennessee State Tigers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

**Saturday, Sept. 1 • 6:00 p.m. CT
LP Field (69,143) • Nashville, Tenn.**

TV: OVC Digital Network
Live Stats: TSUTigers.com
Series Record: Series tied 25-25-1
Last Meeting: Tennessee State won 29-18 (9/25/10)
Joe Taylor at Florida A&M: 32-13 (4 yrs.)
Joe Taylor Overall: 229-90-4 (29 yrs.)
Rod Reed at Tennessee State: 8-14 (2 yrs.)
Rod Reed Overall: same
Florida A&M Last Week: n/a
Tennessee State Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Florida A&M travels to Tennessee State for the 52nd all-time meeting in the series between the two schools and first since the 2010 season. The teams played more many years at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta as part of the Atlanta Football Classic, playing 17 times in that event. This year the event shifts to the campus site for 14th annual John Merritt Classic (JMC). It marks the first time the two teams have played in the JMC. TSU is 9-4 all-time in John Merritt Classic games including having won three of the last four in the series. In the last meeting between the two teams, Tennessee State jumped out to a 19-0 lead on its way to a 29-18 victory. TSU running back Preston Brown had a huge day carrying the ball 28 times for 233 yards and a touchdown.

SCOUTING FLORIDA A&M: Florida A&M is coming off a 7-4 season last season that saw the team go 5-3 in the MEAC. The Rattlers won six of its last eight games overall after starting the season 1-2. Florida A&M was picked to finish fourth in the MEAC preseason poll while six of its players were named preseason all-conference. Among those players is senior offensive lineman Steven Robinson who started all 11 games at right tackle a season ago. On the other side of the ball senior defensive lineman Padric Scott earned a nod to the preseason team after registering 5.0 tackles-for-loss. Florida A&M is coached by the legendary Joe Taylor who enters his fifth season with the team in 2012. Taylor has over 200 wins in his career which enters its 30th season this year.

SCOUTING TENNESSEE STATE: Tennessee State's Rod Reed begins the third season at his alma mater. After winning three games in his debut season, Reed improved the Tigers win total to five last season, including a 4-4 mark in the OVC (after going 0-7 in conference the previous year). Reed's team returns nine offensive and five defensive starters from a year ago. Included in those returning player is sophomore quarterback Michael German. German passed for 1,899 yards and 12 touchdowns as a freshman in 2011. That performance earned him a spot among the finalists for the Jerry Rice Award, given to the top freshman in the FCS. The Tigers offensive attack will be bolstered by junior running back Trabis Ward who rushed for 978 yards and 11 touchdowns a year ago. Among the defensive returners is junior defensive end Antonio Harper, a preseason All-OVC selection, who had 44 tackles, 9.0 tackles-for-loss and 6.5 sacks a season ago.



**UT Martin Skyhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Memphis Tigers (0-0, 0-0 CUSA)**

**Saturday, Sept. 1 • 6:00 p.m. CT
Liberty Bowl (61,000) • Memphis, Tenn.**

TV: none
Live Stats: <http://bit.ly/OMBMBU>
Series Record: Memphis leads 5-2
Last Meeting: Memphis won 41-14 (9/14/09)
Jason Simpson at UT Martin: 37-31 (6 yrs.)
Jason Simpson Overall: same
Justin Fuente at Memphis: First season
Justin Fuente Overall: same
UT Martin Last Week: n/a
Memphis Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: UT Martin will travel to the Liberty Bowl on Saturday for the eighth all-time meeting with Memphis. Although it is the eighth all-time meeting it is only the second since the 1932 season. The teams did play three years ago (2009) with the Tigers claiming a 41-14 victory. UT Martin is 0-13 all-time against Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) teams while Memphis is a perfect 10-0 against Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponents since 2000.

SCOUTING UT MARTIN: Now in his seventh season at UT Martin head coach Jason Simpson welcomes back seven offensive and eight defensive starters from last year's team that was 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the OVC. Among the returning players is senior quarterback Derek Carr who completed 57.8 percent of his passes for 2,482 yards and 25 touchdowns a year ago. Carr had six touchdown passes in a game last year, tying the UTM single-game record. One of his favorite targets is senior wideout Quentin Sims who caught 54 passes for 712 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior in 2011. The Skyhawks also return its top rusher from last season, senior Jason McNair. McNair rushed for 782 yards and five touchdowns last season. Defensively Ben Johnson is back after recording a team-high 96 tackles a year ago.

SCOUTING MEMPHIS: Memphis is under the direction of first-year head coach Justin Fuente, who spent the past five years at TCU. Fuente is very familiar with the OVC, having played two seasons as quarterback at Murray State where he set numerous school and conference records. In fact Fuente played against UT Martin twice during his career, throwing for five touchdowns in each game (both Racer victories). Senior linebacker Akeem Davis had 78 tackles a year ago and has turned up on the CFPA preseason watch lists to begin the season. Also on this lists is junior punter Tom Hornsey who had 19 punts of 50-plus yards a season ago. Memphis is 36-57-3 all-time in season openers. This marks the final season for Memphis in Conference USA; the Tigers will join the Big East next year.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



#22 Jacksonville State Gamecocks (0-0, 0-0 OVC) at #10 Arkansas Razorbacks (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Saturday, Sept. 1 • 6:00 p.m. CT

Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium (72,000) • Fayetteville, Ark.

TV: ESPN3
Live Stats:.... <http://www.arkansasrazorbacks.com/liveStats/liveStats.dbml>
Series Record:..... First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Jack Crowe at Jacksonville State:81-52 (12 yrs.)
Jack Crowe Overall:95-82 (17 yrs.)
John L. Smith at Arkansas:..... First season
John L. Smith Overall:132-86 (18 yrs.)
Jacksonville State Last Week: n/a
Arkansas Last Week: n/a

GAME NOTES: Jacksonville State travels to Arkansas to start the 2012 season on Saturday night. The game marks the return of Jax State head coach Jack Crowe to Fayetteville; Crowe was the Razorbacks head coach from 1990-92. It marks the first of two Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponents this season for JSU, who will close the regular season at Florida; the Gamecocks are one of just seven Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) schools to play two FBS opponents this season. Overall JSU has won its last two season openers, including topping SEC foe Ole Miss in double overtime to kick off the 2010 campaign. Jax State is 1-3 all-time against SEC opponents and 4-14 against FBS foes. This year marks the 109th of Jacksonville State football. JSU is 47-47-7 all-time in season openers.

SCOUTING JACKSONVILLE STATE: Coming off a three-way tie for the OVC Championship last season, Jacksonville State was picked second in the OVC preseason poll and are ranked No. 22 nationally in the preseason Sports Network Top 25 poll. After being injured in the opening game last season, redshirt senior quarterback Marques Ivory returns to the field this season for the Gamecocks. Ivory passed for 2,248 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2010. Also back is junior Coty Blanchard who played in 11 games last year and passed for 1,703 yards and 12 touchdowns. On the ground the Gamecocks look to senior Washaun Ealey to lead the attack. Ealey, in his second year with the team after transferring from Georgia, rushed for 1,082 yards and eight touchdowns a season ago. Jacksonville State has scored in 123 consecutive games dating back to the 2000 season; that streak is the longest in the OVC.

SCOUTING ARKANSAS: Arkansas, under the direction of head coach John L. Smith for the first time, enters the season with high expectations and is ranked No. 10 in both the Associated Press and USA Today coaches polls. Overall Smith is in his 40th year in coaching and 19th as a head coach, serving as the head coach at Idaho, Utah State, Louisville, Michigan State and Weber State. The Razorbacks are coming off a 11-2 season and a Cotton Bowl victory over Kansas State. The team has eight offensive and six defensive starters returning this season, including quarterback Tyler Wilson, a potential Heisman Trophy candidate who passed for 3,638 yards and 24 touchdown last year. Also back is running back Knile Davis who was an All-SEC selection in 2010 after rushing for 1,322 yards, but missed last year with an injury.