

2021 All-Ohio Valley Conference Football Team

(Selected by OVC Head Football Coaches and Communications Directors)

OVC Offensive Player of the Year: Keon Howard (QB), UT Martin

OVC Defensive Player of the Year: Koby Perry (SAF), Austin Peay

OVC Freshman of the Year: DJ Williams (QB), Murray State

Roy Kidd OVC Coach of the Year: Jason Simpson, UT Martin

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Key Stats</u>
Keon Howard, UT Martin	QB	6-1	215	Gr.	Laurel, Miss.	1811 pass yds., 15 TDs; 472 rush yds., 10 TDs
Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri *!	RB	5-8	209	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	1116 yards (5.5 ypc), 14 TDs
Peyton Logan, UT Martin \$	RB	5-8	190	Sr.	Horn Lake, Miss.	982 yards (7.5 ypc), 3 TDs, 24 catches, 3 TDs
Zak Wallace, UT Martin	RB	6-0	220	R-Fr.	Benton, Ark.	745 yards (5.9 ypc), 14 TDs
Baniko Harley, Austin Peay	WR	6-0	227	Gr.	Birmingham, Ala.	48 catches, 800 yards, 7 TDs
Drae McCray, Austin Peay	WR	5-8	176	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	53 catches, 867 yards, 8 TDs
LaMarte Brooks, Murray State *	WR	6-1	192	R-Jr.	Milan, Tenn.	33 catches, 447 yards, 1 TD
Eugene Minter, Austin Peay	WR	6-3	215	Gr.	Birmingham, Ala.	23 catches, 447 yards, 4 TDs
Rodell Rahman, Tennessee State	TE	6-4	230	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio	30 catches, 490 yards, 6 TDs
Levi Nesler, Murray State *	OC	6-1	318	R-Jr.	Mayfield, Ky.	
Zack Gieg, Southeast Missouri	OC	6-1	296	Jr.	Morgan Hill, Calif.	
Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin #	OC	6-2	310	Jr.	Haleiwa, Hawaii	
Michael Shanahan, UT Martin	OT	6-5	310	R-So.	Orlando, Fla.	
Jacob Vance, Murray State *	OT	6-4	328	R-Sr.	Prospect, Ky.	
Bucky Williams, Austin Peay *!	OT	6-3	295	R-Jr.	Ringgold, Ga.	
Robert Lacey, Tennessee State	OG	6-3	340	Jr.	Mobile, Ala.	

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

<u>Player, School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Key Stats</u>
Chris Tucker, Tennessee Tech *&	DE	6-2	270	Gr.	Jackson, Tenn.	29 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 9 QBH, 1 FF
Bryson Donnell, Southeast Missouri *	DT	6-1	293	Sr.	Antioch, Tenn.	39 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 4 PBU, 5 QBH, 1 FR
Austin Pickett, UT Martin &	DT	6-1	270	Gr.	Lake Minneola, Fla.	28 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1.0 sack, 5 QBH, 1 FF
David DuBose, UT Martin	DE	6-3	265	Gr.	Huntsville, Ala.	29 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 3 QBH, 1 blocked kick
Omarbrick Douglas, Southeast Missouri #	OLB	6-3	234	Gr.	Louisville, Ky.	59 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 2 FF, 1 FR
John Ford, UT Martin	ILB	6-3	230	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn.	74 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 3 INT, 3 PBU, 3 QBH
Jason Johnson, Eastern Illinois *!	ILB	6-2	200	R-So.	Matteson, Ill.	111 tackles, 8.0 TFL, 2 QBH, 1 FF, 4 FR
Brandon Mincey, Southeast Missouri	ILB	6-0	242	Sr.	Plantation, Fla.	57 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 FF, 2 FR
James Green, Tennessee State #	OLB	6-1	220	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	77 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 1 INT, 1 FF, 1 FR
Marcis Floyd, Murray State *	CB	6-0	188	R-So.	Louisville, Ky.	40 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 2 INT, 9 PBU
Koby Perry, Austin Peay	SAF	6-0	174	Gr.	Covington, Ga.	85 tackles, 8.0 TFL, 2 INT, 3 PBU, 1 FF
Deven Sims, UT Martin *	SAF	6-2	200	R-Jr.	Smyrna, Tenn.	80 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 1 INT, 2 PBU, 2 QBH
Johnathon Edwards, Austin Peay	CB	6-2	192	Gr.	Philadelphia, Miss.	33 tackles, 7 INT, 7 PBU, 2 FR
Kordell Jackson, Austin Peay *&	NICKEL	5-10	185	Gr.	Birmingham, Ala.	41 tackles, 7.0 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 2 PBU

FIRST-TEAM SPECIALISTS

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Kenny Doak, Southeast Missouri	K	5-10	200	Gr.	Perkasie, Pa.	13-of-19 FGs, Long of 45; 33-of-34 PATs
Zach Haynes, Southeast Missouri *	P	6-1	170	Jr.	Potosi, Mo.	41.2 yards/punt, Long of 76, 9 of 50+ yards
Dayron Johnson, Tennessee State	KR	5-9	180	So.	Springfield, Tenn.	22.5 yards/return, Long of 90, 1 TD
Dayron Johnson, Tennessee State	PR	5-9	180	So.	Springfield, Tenn.	17.3 yards/return, Long of 47

* - 1st Team All-OVC in 2020

& - 1st Team All-OVC in 2019

^ - 1st Team All-OVC in 2018

- 2nd Team All-OVC in 2020

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% - OVC All-Newcomer Team in 2020

! - OVC All-Newcomer in 2019

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NOTE: Offensive line is not voted on by specific position.

There were 18 players on the second-team offense (2 QB's, 5 WR's), 15 players on the second-team defense (3 DE's) and 5 players on the second-team specialists (2 K's) due to ties in voting.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

<u>Player</u> , <u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Key Stats</u>
Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay %	QB	6-0	175	So.	Olive Branch, Miss.	192-of-354, 2626 yards, 19 TDs, 1 rush TD
Geremy Hickbottom, Tennessee State	QB	6-4	210	Gr.	Mobile, Ala.	140-of-243, 1847 yards, 12 TDs, 7 rush TDs
Damonta Witherspoon, Murray State #%	RB	5-10	206	R-Fr.	East St. Louis, Ill.	912 yards (4.3 ypc), 8 TDs; 18 catches, 1 TD
Devon Starling, Tennessee State *%	RB	6-1	200	So.	Antioch, Tenn.	800 yards (4.4 ypc), 3 TDs; 37 catches
David Gist, Tennessee Tech	RB	5-11	190	Jr.	Cookeville, Tenn.	901 yards (4.9 ypc), 8 TDs; 37 catches, 1 TD
Colton Dowell, UT Martin \$	WR	6-3	215	R-Jr.	Lebanon, Tenn.	22 catches, 398 yards, 2 TDs
Johnny King, Southeast Missouri	WR	6-4	180	Sr.	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	24 catches, 449 yards, 5 TDs
Isaiah Hill, Eastern Illinois !	WR	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Shorewood, Ill.	39 catches, 493 yards, 2 TDs, 1 rush TD
Zaire Thornton, Tennessee State	WR	6-2	180	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	26 catches, 398 yards, 2 TDs
Quinton Cross, Tennessee Tech	WR	5-11	175	R-So.	Clarksville, Tenn.	41 catches, 574 yards, 3 TDs
Rodney Williams II, UT Martin #	TE	6-4	235	Gr.	Memphis, Tenn.	25 catches, 333 yards, 3 TDs
Nate Korte, Southeast Missouri	OT	6-4	305	Sr.	Morris, Ill.	
Kurt Huff, Tennessee Tech	OC	6-3	300	Gr.	Camden, N.J.	
Chris Jackson, UT Martin	OG	6-9	330	Gr.	Lexington, Ky.	
Gavin Olson, UT Martin	OG	6-4	290	So.	Memphis, Tenn.	
Lamar Morgan, UT Martin	OT	6-5	305	So.	Detroit, Mich.	
Colby McKee, Austin Peay #	OG	6-4	252	Gr.	Georgetown, Ky.	
Joe Ware, Austin Peay	OT	6-3	309	Gr.	Crete, Ill.	

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

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Ethan Edmondson, Murray State #%	DE	6-3	246	R-Jr.	Scottsboro, Ala.	16 tackles, 2.0 TFL, 3 QBH
Terray Jones, Tennessee State	DT	6-1	310	R-So.	Madison, Fla.	28 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 5 QBH, 2 FF
Terrell Allen, Austin Peay	DT	6-0	275	So.	N. Little Rock, Ark.	36 tackles, 11.0 TFL, 5.0 sacks, 9 QBH, 1 FF
Jordan Miles, Eastern Illinois	DE	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	38 tackles, 11.0 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 11 QBH, 2 FF
Tim Varga, Eastern Illinois	DE	6-3	240	R-So.	Elk Grove Village, Ill.	46 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 9 QBH
Jaquez Akins, UT Martin #&!	OLB	5-9	185	Sr.	Starkville, Miss.	33 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 1 FF
Jack McDonald, Austin Peay *	ILB	6-0	210	Gr.	Brentwood, Tenn.	71 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 2 INT, 6 QBH, 1 FF, 1 FR
Eric Samuta, Murray State *	ILB	5-10	215	R-Jr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	77 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 2 PBU, 4 QBH, 3 FF
Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri	ILB	6-0	220	Fr.	Jackson, Mo.	66 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 4 QBH, 3 FF
Darnel Victor, Murray State	OLB	6-2	223	R-Jr.	Melbourne, Fla.	26 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 1 PBU, 1 QBH
Jay Woods, UT Martin *	CB	5-11	185	Gr.	Birmingham, Ala.	28 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 2 INT, 9 PBU, 1 FF
Cory Rahman, Tennessee State	SAF	6-2	195	Sr.	Winter Garden Fla.	65 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 2 INT, 2 PBU, 1 FR
Josh Reliford, Tennessee Tech #	SAF	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Fitzgerald, Ga.	69 tackles, 4.0 TFL, 6 PBU, 1 QBH
Shawn Shamburger, UT Martin	CB	5-11	190	Sr.	Mobile, Ala.	29 tackles, 1 INT, 8 PBU
Jordan Vincent, Eastern Illinois	NICKEL	5-10	185	R-Fr.	Lincolnshire, Ill.	60 tackles, 5.0 TFL, 3 PBU, 2 QBH, 2 FF

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Maddux Trujillo, Austin Peay	K	6-1	160	Fr.	Flowery Branch, Ga.	14-of-18 FGs, Long of 45; 36-of-38 PATs
Aaron Baum, Murray State	K	6-2	250	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	12-of-18 FGs, Long of 58; 25-of-26 PATs
Matt Rigney, Austin Peay	P	6-4	204	R-So.	Newcastle, Australia	40.7 yards/punt, Long of 60, 7 of 50+ yards
Shabari Davis, Southeast Missouri #	KR	6-0	193	Gr.	Garden City, Ga.	35.7 yards/return, Long of 86, 1 TD
Malik Honeycutt, Murray State * ^?	PR	5-10	177	R-Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	10.4 yards/return, Long of 52, 1 TD

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ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

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Dræ McCray, Austin Peay	WR	5-8	176	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	53 catches, 867 yards, 8 TDs
Maddux Trujillo, Austin Peay	K	6-1	160	Fr.	Flowery Branch, Ga.	14-of-18 FGs, Long of 45; 36-of-38 PATs
Russell Dandy, Eastern Illinois	CB	6-0	175	Jr.	Hinesville, Ga.	31 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 2 INT, 1 FF, 1 FR
Harrison Bey-Buie, Eastern Illinois	RB	5-10	205	Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa	479 rush yards (3.6 ypc), 4 TDs
DJ Williams, Murray State	QB	6-2	202	R-Fr.	Harvey, Ill.	1020 pass yds., 3 TDs; 532 rush yds., 6 TDs
CJ Ogbonna, Southeast Missouri	QB	6-2	215	Jr.	Marietta, Ga.	1521 pass yds., 12 TDs; 357 rush yds., 3 TDs
Zack Gieg, Southeast Missouri	OG	6-1	296	Jr.	Morgan Hill, Calif.	
Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri	ILB	6-0	220	Fr.	Jackson, Mo.	66 tackles, 7.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 4 QBH, 3 FF
Jeremiah Frazier, Tennessee State	OC	6-3	315	Fr.	Pike Road, Ala.	
Eyabi Anoma, UT Martin	OLB	6-6	270	R-So.	Baltimore, Md.	30 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 6.0 sacks, 3 QBH
Lamar Morgan, UT Martin	RT	6-5	305	So.	Detroit, Mich.	

Note: The All-Newcomer team is comprised of first-year players in the OVC - that can be either true freshmen, redshirt freshmen (four or less games played in 2020) or first-year transfers. The team consists of 11 total players and is not voted on by position. Graduate transfers are not permitted to be nominated for the All-Newcomer Team.