

2021 Ohio Valley Conference Football Report

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

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OVC STANDINGS

(In games through September 11)

	OVC					OVERALL								
	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	47	74	0-0	1-1	0-0	L1
Murray State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	42	42	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0	0	1	1	.500	54	86	1-0	0-1	0-0	W1
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000	35	99	0-1	0-1	0-0	L2
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000	26	54	0-0	0-0	0-2	L2
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2	.000	14	78	0-1	0-1	0-0	L2
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	.000	31	89	0-0	0-3	0-0	L3

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 18

Southeast Missouri at Missouri, 11:00 a.m. (SEC Network+)
Tennessee Tech at Tennessee, 11:00 a.m. (SEC Network+)
Morehead State at **#19 Austin Peay**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Kentucky State at **Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Murray State at Bowling Green, 4:00 p.m. (ESPN3)
Illinois State at **Eastern Illinois**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
UT Martin at Northwestern State, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, September 11

@Dayton 17, **Eastern Illinois** 10
Furman 26, **@Tennessee Tech** 0
@#7 Cincinnati 42, **Murray State** 7
@#1 Sam Houston 52, **Southeast Missouri** 14
Jackson State 38, **Tennessee State** 16 (Memphis, Tenn.)
@UT Martin 33, Samford 27
@#20 Ole Miss 54, **#17 Austin Peay** 17

* Indicates OVC Contest
ALL TIMES CENTRAL

THIS WEEK'S OVC HIGHLIGHTS/STORYLINES

OVC teams played against a tough slate of opponents in week two (including two nationally-ranked FBS teams and the No. 1 ranked FCS squad)...UT Martin fell behind 17-0 to Samford but outscored the Bulldogs 33-3 until late in the fourth quarter to pick up the victory; it marked the team's first comeback win of 14 or more points since 2015 against Murray State...It marked the 91st career victory for UTM head coach Jason Simpson, one away from fifth place in OVC history...Quarterback Keon Howard accounted for three touchdowns for the second-straight week; he now leads the OVC and ranks sixth nationally with six total touchdowns...Murray State quarterback Preston Rice has five rushing touchdowns this season, the most nationally of any FCS players...The highlight of Week 1 was a 30-20 win by No. 20 Austin Peay over No. 18 Chattanooga...Austin Peay is now ranked No. 19 in the Stats Perform poll and No. 21 in the FCS Coaches Top 25 while Murray State remained just outside both polls...Every current OVC team has been ranked at least one week in the Top 25 over the past five years (2016-20)...As of September 11, there are 15 former Ohio Valley Conference players on NFL rosters (7 active, 6 practice squad, 2 injured reserve)...This year the League consists of seven football-playing schools who will play a six-game Conference schedule; additionally, some OVC schools will play other OVC opponents in designated matchups that will not count in the Conference standings (four games total)...Since its beginning, 15 of the 18 total schools that have played football in the league have claimed at least one championship...Two OVC players were named to each the Walter Payton Award Watch List (Draylen Ellis, Geno Hess) and the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List (Marcis Floyd, Kordell Jackson); the awards are presented by Stats Perform to the National Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year at the FCS level...This year's FCS Playoffs will include 24 teams and the field will be announced on Sunday, November 21.....The OVC has placed multiple teams in the FCS Playoffs seven times in the past 11 years; OVC teams have 12 playoff wins since 2013, including five Quarterfinal appearances and one National Championship game appearance...In 7 of the past 11 years, an OVC team has defeated a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent...Last academic year (2020-21), 187 football student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for achieving a 3.25 GPA or better.

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Peyton Logan, RB • 5-8, 190, Sr. • Horn Lake, Miss. • UT Martin

Logan tallied 169 all-purpose yards on just 13 touches, scoring a pair of touchdowns as UT Martin came from behind to beat Samford 33-27. The senior carried the ball nine times for 50 yards (5.2 ypc) and caught a team-high four passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns. After the Skyhawks fell behind 17-0, he caught a 60-yard strike from Keon Howard to put UTM on the board. Later in the second quarter the duo hooked up on a 51-yard touchdown to give UT Martin a lead it would not relinquish. Logan ranks 10th nationally in receiving touchdowns (2) and 13th in all-purpose yards (144.0/game).

Others Nominated: Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay.

DEFENSIVE

D'Carrious Stephens, LB • 6-0, 225, Grad. • Union City, Tenn. • UT Martin

Stephens had five tackles, including 1.5 for loss for five yards, an interception and a pass breakup as UT Martin topped Samford 33-27. With his team leading by six with 1:34 to play, he picked off Samford quarterback Liam Welch (a Walter Payton Award candidate) at the Samford 38-yard line to end the game. It marked Stephen's fourth career interception.

Others Nominated: Shamari Simmons, Austin Peay; Colin Bohanek, Eastern Illinois; Eric Samuta, Murray State.

SPECIALIST

Logen Neidhardt, P • 6-2, 220, Grad. • Hicksville, Ohio • Eastern Illinois

Neidhardt averaged 52.0 yards on six punts in Eastern Illinois' game at Dayton. The graduate student tallied 312 total yards, with a long punt of 72 yards and one downed inside the 20-yard line. The 72-yard punt is the third-longest in the FCS this season.

Others Nominated: Matthew Rigney, Austin Peay; Zach Haynes, Southeast Missouri.

NEWCOMER

Keon Howard, QB • 6-1, 215, Grad. • Laurel, Miss. • UT Martin

Howard, the Tulane transfer, won the award for the second week in a row after accounting for 295 yards of total offense and three touchdowns as UT Martin came from behind to beat Samford 33-27. Howard completed 18-of-30 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns and led the team with 66 rushing yards and a touchdown on 11 carries. After the Skyhawks had fallen behind 17-0 after one quarter, he hit Peyton Logan on a 60-yard strike early in the second quarter. Later in that quarter he scored on a seven-yard run and before halftime Howard added a 51-yard strike to Logan to give the Skyhawks a lead it would not relinquish. Howard leads the OVC and ranks sixth nationally with six touchdowns (3 passing, 3 rushing this season); he also ranks 11th nationally in points responsible for (36).

Others Nominated: Drae McCray, Austin Peay; Blake Ruffin, Eastern Illinois; Rodell Rahmaan, Tennessee State.

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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.

2021 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Sept. 6	Preston Rice, Murray State
Sept. 12	Peyton Logan, UT Martin
Sept. 19	
Sept. 26	
Oct. 3	
Oct. 10	
Oct. 17	
Oct. 24	
Oct. 31	
Nov. 7	
Nov. 14	
Nov. 21	

DEFENSIVE

Sept. 6	Johnathon Edwards, Austin Peay
Sept. 12	D'Carrious Stephens, UT Martin
Sept. 19	
Sept. 26	
Oct. 3	
Oct. 10	
Oct. 17	
Oct. 24	
Oct. 31	
Nov. 7	
Nov. 14	
Nov. 21	

SPECIALIST

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Bold indicates player went on to be named National Player of the Week (STATS, HERO Sports or NCAA.com).

NOTES FROM AROUND THE GRIDIRON

Let's Get It Started: The 74th season of Ohio Valley Conference football got underway on Saturday, August 28 when Eastern Illinois played at Indiana State in a Week Zero game. The OVC is made up of seven football-playing schools in 2021. Since its beginning, 15 of the 18 total schools that have played football in the league have claimed at least one championship.

2021 Schedule: The 2021 OVC football schedule features a round robin format with the seven teams playing a six-game schedule. Additionally, some OVC schools will play other OVC opponents in designated matchups that will not count in the Conference standings (four games total).

Top 25 Polls: In the latest Top 25 polls, Austin Peay slipped two spots to No. 19 in the Stats Perform poll and three spots to No. 21 in the FCS Coaches Poll after its loss to nationally-ranked FBS foe Ole Miss. Murray State is just outside the Top 25 in both polls. This marks the fourth-straight season the Governors have been ranked, after never being ranked prior to the 2018 season. Murray State. Every current OVC team has been ranked at least one week in the Top 25 over the past five years.

OVC in NCAA Statistical Leaders: In the latest NCAA statistical leaders (Sept. 12), Austin Peay ranks 13th nationally in fumbles recovered (2) and 14th in passing offense (291.0 yards/game). UT Martin ranks fourth in time of possession (38:27), seventh in sacks (0.50/game), ninth in third down percentage (50.0%), 11th in rushing defense (73.0 yards/game) and 15th in rushing (220.5 yards/game) and net punting (40.70 yards/punt). Tennessee State is first in fewest interceptions thrown (0), Tennessee Tech is first in fewest fumbles lost (0), Southeast Missouri is first in fourth down conversion (100%) and Eastern Illinois is 10th in pass defense (135.3 yards/game). Individually, Murray State's **Preston Rice** is first in rushing touchdowns (5), total touchdowns (5) and second in scoring (15.0 points/game). UTM's **Keon Howard** is third in rushing touchdowns (3) and sixth in total touchdowns (3) while teammate **Peyton Logan** is 10th in receiving touchdowns (2) and 13th in all-purpose yards (144.0/game). Tennessee State's **Dayron Johnson** is fourth in combined kicks (192 yards) and ninth in all-purpose yards (148.5/game). Southeast Missouri's **Zion Custis** is seventh in combined kicks (158 yards) and seventh in kick returns (26.3 yards/return). Austin Peay's **Draylen Ellis** is 11th in passing touchdowns (5) and 16th in total passing yards (548). APSU's **Johnathon Edwards** is fourth in interceptions (1.0/game) and sixth in passes defended (2.0/game) while **Kordell Jackson** is seventh in sacks (1.5/game) and 12th in tackles for loss (2.2/game).

Ellis and Hess Named to Walter Payton Award Watch List: A pair of OVC football players are among the 35 players nationally named to the Walter Payton Award Watch List by Stats Perform. The selections were Austin Peay sophomore quarterback **Draylen Ellis** and Southeast Missouri senior running back **Geno Hess**. Named for the legendary Chicago Bears running back, the award enters its 35th season and is presented to the national offensive player of the year in college football's Division I subdivision. The Payton, first awarded in 1987, has been won by OVC players twice (both Eastern Illinois quarterbacks), Tony Romo in 2002 and Jimmy Garoppolo in 2013.

Jackson and Floyd Named to Buck Buchanan Award Watch List: A pair of OVC players are among the 35 players nationally named to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List by Stats Perform. The picks were Murray State cornerback **Marcis Floyd** and Austin Peay nickelback **Kordell Jackson**. The award, now in its 27th season, is presented to the national defensive player of the year in college football's Division I subdivision, and is named for the legendary defensive lineman. The OVC has had two winners of the award, Jacksonville State's Darius Jackson (2017) and Southeast Missouri's Zach Hall (2018).

OVC Teams Against FBS Opponents: In seven of the past 11 seasons an OVC team has knocked off a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020). OVC teams are 36-255-1 all-time against FBS opponents with eight total games (five remaining) on the 2021 schedule.

OVC Players on NFL Rosters: As of September 12, there are 15 former Ohio Valley Conference players on NFL rosters (7 active, 6 practice squad, 2 injured reserve). Those players include former Eastern Illinois standout quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, who has won two Super Bowl Championship with the Patriots and is now the starter for the San Francisco 49ers, who he led to the Super Bowl in 2019. Six of the seven current OVC football schools have at least one player in the NFL.

NCAA Division I Playoff Information: In 2010 the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoff field expanded to 20 teams, up from 16 previously, and in 2013 the field increased to 24 for the first time. The expansion in 2010 to 20 teams was the first since the field grew from 12 to 16 teams in 1997. The 24-team field is comprised of 10 automatic bids and 14 at-large berths. There are eight first round matchups (16 total teams), while eight (8) teams receive a bye into the second round. For the 13th time in 2021, the championship game will be played in Frisco, Texas at Toyota Stadium, a 20,500-seat multi-purpose stadium. The Southland Conference will serve as the host of the championship, which will be held on Saturday, January 8.

Recent Playoff Success: Beginning with the 2001 season the OVC went until 2013 without a FCS Playoff victory. But over the past eight seasons OVC teams have performed well in the playoffs, winning 12 total games and advancing to the FCS Quarterfinals three times in the past six seasons. In 2013 the OVC placed three teams in the field for the first-time ever (each won a game) and in 2015 the league had a team advance to the National Championship game (the first for the league since 1982). Over the past eight years five different OVC teams have won a playoff game.

Two OVC Players Named to CFPA FCS Performer of the Year Watch List: A pair of OVC football players have been named to the College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) FCS National Performer of the Year Trophy Watch List. The duo included Austin Peay sophomore quarterback **Draylen Ellis** and Southeast Missouri senior running back **Geno Hess**. The two were among 44 players nationally named to the list. The 2021 CFPA FCS National Performer of the Year winner will be announced January 12, 2022.

Two OVC Players Named to FCS Punter of the Year Watch List: Two OVC players have been

COACHES WEEKLY ZOOM

OVC coaches will hold a weekly video conference via Zoom. The sessions will be on Tuesday (beginning Aug. 31) between 10:10am-12pm CT, with each coach appearing for a maximum of 10 minutes. A schedule of what times coaches will appear weekly is below. For information on how to access the Zoom, please contact Kyle Schwartz in the OVC Office (615-690-6685 or kschwartz@ovc.org).

10:10 - Dean Hood, Murray State
10:40 - Jason Simpson, UT Martin
10:50 - Adam Cushing, Eastern Illinois
11:10 - Dewayne Alexander, Tennessee Tech
11:20 - Tom Matukewicz, Southeast Missouri
11:30 - Scotty Walden Austin Peay
11:50 - Eddie George, Tennessee State

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named to the 2021 FCS Punter of the Year Award Watch List by the Augusta Sports Council. The OVC picks, who were among the 20 nationally on the list, were Southeast Missouri's **Zach Haynes** and Tennessee State's **Kaleb Mosely**. The 2021 watch list was compiled based on the 2020 FCS Punter of the Year watchlist, the 2020 All-Conference teams, the 2020 All-American Teams and the 2021 pre-season All-Conference Teams. The FCS Punter of the Year Award winner will be voted on by the FCS Punter of the Year Award/Ray Guy Award Committee and will be announced after the regular season.

Sgt. York Trophy Presented by Delta Dental: Beginning in 2014 Delta Dental of Tennessee became the presenting sponsor of the Sgt. York Trophy. The trophy (founded in 2007 by the Nashville Sports Council and OVC) goes to the winner of the quadrangular season football series between the four OVC football-playing schools located in the state of Tennessee (Austin Peay, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UT Martin). The award is the only traveling trophy that involves four teams in college sports; there are three others that involve three teams, including 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. As a corporal in the 2nd battalion, 328th Infantry, in the Battle of the Meuse River-Argonne (Oct. 8, 1918), York and seven other soldiers captured 132 prisoners, was promoted to sergeant and received the Distinguished Service Cross, the French Croix de Guerre, the French Legion of Honor, the Croce di Guerra of Italy and the War Medal of Montenegro. Upon his return to the United States in 1919, he was bestowed the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Academic Success: During the past academic year (2020-21) there were 187 OVC football student-athletes who were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll for having a 3.25 grade point average or higher. In addition, 17 student-athletes were awarded the OVC Academic Medal of Honor for achieving perfect 4.0 GPAs. The OVC also awards a Team Academic Award for the football program with the highest percentage of players with a 3.25 grade point average or higher; that award went to Austin Peay for 2020-21.

A Look at the Coaches: Entering 2021, six of seven head coaches returned to lead their teams from a season ago. The lone new coach is former Heisman Trophy winner and Tennessee Titans standout **Eddie George**, who was named Tennessee State's head coach in April. The former Heisman Trophy winner and member of the College Football Hall of Fame was a four-time Pro Bowl selection and a member of the Tennessee Titans/Houston Oilers Ring of Honor. The longest tenured coach in the league is UT Martin's **Jason Simpson** who is in his 16th season with the Skyhawks in 2021. Simpson has 91 overall victories in his career, sixth-most in OVC history (one away from tying for fifth-place).

EIU's Cushing on Football Oversight Committee: Eastern Illinois head football coach **Adam Cushing** is the lone football coach on the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, and is serving a four-year term until June 30, 2024. The Football Oversight Committee ensures that appropriate oversight of football for both the Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision is maintained, enhances the development of the sport and make recommendations related to regular-season and postseason football. The committee prioritizes enhancement of the student-athlete educational experience (academically and athletically), and in doing so, promotes student-athletes' personal growth and leadership development. It works in conjunction with appropriate governance entities to provide solutions to issues impacting the health and safety of football student-athletes. The committee supervises procedures for licensing of postseason bowls and qualifications and/or selection procedures for the FCS Championship. The committee reviews recommendations from the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee and process other issues related to the administration of the FCS Championship. The committee provides direction to the NCAA Football Rules Committee regarding playing rules governing FBS and FCS football. The committee is comprised of representatives from each divisional subgroup that sponsors football.

Alexander on NCAA Committee on Ethical Conduct and Sportsmanship: Beginning this season Tennessee Tech head coach **Dewayne Alexander** is on the NCAA's Committee on Ethical Conduct and Sportsmanship. The committee's mission is to improve the condition of sportsmanship and ethical conduct in all aspects of college athletics by developing and implementing strategies that foster greater acceptance of the value of respect, fairness, civility, honesty and responsibility. Since the establishment of the committee, the group has focused on two areas: (1) provide best practices and creative tools (e.g., the RESPECT campaign) for campus and conference implementation and (2) increase the awareness and profile of the NCAA Sportsmanship Awards.

Carlisle and Horton Named to Division I Football Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Connection Group: Tennessee Tech junior linebacker **Seth Carlisle** and Tennessee State junior defensive

NATIONAL POLLS

STATS PERFORM

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Sam Houston (33)	2-0	1,214
2.	South Dakota State (9)	2-0	1,190
3.	James Madison (5)	2-0	1,158
4.	Montana (3)	2-0	1,110
5.	North Dakota State	2-0	1,066
6.	Delaware	2-0	949
7.	Eastern Washington	2-0	889
8.	Southern Illinois	1-1	814
9.	Weber State	1-1	771
10.	Jacksonville State	1-1	751
11.	North Dakota	1-1	710
12.	Villanova	2-0	674
13.	Montana State	1-1	664
14.	UC Davis	2-0	661
15.	Southeastern Louisiana	1-1	511
16.	ETSU	2-0	497
17.	Missouri State	1-1	377
18.	UNI	1-1	364
19.	Austin Peay	1-1	336
20.	Monmouth	1-1	297
21.	Richmond	2-0	261
22.	VMI	1-1	146
23.	New Hampshire	2-0	127
24.	Kennesaw State	1-1	121
25.	Central Arkansas	0-2	105

Others (OVC Only): Murray State (58).

FCS COACHES POLL

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Sam Houston (25)	2-0	697
2.	James Madison (1)	2-0	657
3.	South Dakota State (2)	2-0	641
4.	North Dakota State	2-0	601
5.	Montana	2-0	599
6.	Eastern Washington	2-0	522
7.	Delaware	2-0	521
8.	Weber State	1-1	439
9.	Southern Illinois	1-1	422
	Villanova	2-0	422
11.	Jacksonville State	1-1	397
12.	UC Davis	2-0	383
13.	Montana State	1-1	361
14.	North Dakota	1-1	356
15.	UNI	1-1	330
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	1-1	298
17.	ETSU	2-0	269
18.	Richmond	2-0	183
19.	Missouri State	1-1	180
20.	Monmouth	1-1	170
21.	Austin Peay	1-1	131
22.	Chattanooga	1-1	103
23.	New Hampshire	2-0	71
24.	Central Arkansas	0-2	64
25.	Furman	2-0	58

Others (OVC Only): Murray State (5).

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

	AP	EIU	MUR	SEMO	TSU	TTU	UTM
Preseason	20/25	-/-	RV/RV	RV/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 6	17/18	-/-	RV/RV	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 13	19/21	-/-	RV/RV	-/-	-/-	-/-	-/-
Sept. 20							
Sept. 27							
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22							
Final							



tackle **Raymond Horton** have been selected to participate in the Division I Football Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Connection Group (SACG). The connection group consists of 52 current players and its goal is to gather broad-based feedback from Division I football student-athletes on issues the Football Oversight Committee is reviewing. Among the priorities for the 2020-21 academic year are COVID-19 health and safety measures, transfer policies, name, image and likeness topics and social justice issues. Each Division I football conference has chosen two student-athlete representatives who will serve either one or two-year terms. The committee will meet quarterly to discuss issues and provide feedback to the Football Oversight Committee.

Week Zero: Eastern Illinois began this season with a Week Zero contest at Indiana State. It marked the fourth time an OVC team played during the week (2017, 2018, 2020, 2021). OVC teams are 1-3 all-time in games during Week Zero.

Murray State Tabbed Preseason OVC Favorite: Murray State has been picked the preseason football favorites in the OVC for the 2021 season. The Racers picked up seven of a possible 14 first-place votes in a poll of league head coaches and communications directors. It marks only the third time the Racers have been tabbed the preseason favorites and first time since 1996, when Houston Nutt was the head coach and the program was coming off an OVC Championship and NCAA Playoff appearance. The only other year the team was tabbed the favorite (dating back to the first preseason poll in 1978), was in 1980 when Mike Gottfried was head coach, and the team was once again coming off an OVC title and playoff appearance. Murray State totaled 64 points to finish just ahead of Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri, who tied for second-place with 60 points. The Governors and Redhawks were 2019 OVC Co-Champions and both appeared in the FCS Playoffs that season. UT Martin was tabbed fourth (38) and followed by Tennessee State (32), Tennessee Tech (28) and Eastern Illinois (12).

APSU's Ellis and Jackson Headline Preseason All-OVC Team: Austin Peay sophomore quarterback **Draylen Ellis** and Austin Peay graduate student nickelback **Kordell Jackson** were named the 2021 OVC Preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year in a vote of by the league's head football coaches and communications directors. Murray State led the way with 10 preseason selections, followed by Tennessee State with eight and Southeast Missouri with seven. Austin Peay and UT Martin had six selections apiece while Eastern Illinois and Tennessee Tech each had two. Returning players who were first-team All-OVC selections last year (25 in total) were automatic selections to the preseason team this year.

Romo Becomes Sixth College Football Hall of Famer With OVC Connections: In January 2021 it was announced that former Eastern Illinois quarterback **Tony Romo** had been selected to the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Class. Romo is the third player that played in the OVC to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame joining Jim Youngblood from Tennessee Tech and George Floyd Jr., from Eastern Kentucky. Three former head coaches from the OVC have also been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame with Roy Kidd (Eastern Kentucky), James "Boots" Donnelly (Middle Tennessee/Austin Peay) and Frank Beamer (Murray State). At EIU Romo was the winner of the 2002 Walter Payton Award as the top player in the FCS. After going undrafted in 2003, he would put together a standout NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys from 2003-16. The four-time Pro Bowl selection holds Cowboy records for career passing yards and passing touchdowns. Since retiring with the Cowboys, Romo has served as the lead color analyst for CBS' NFL telecasts, working alongside Jim Nantz.

Four With OVC Connections in the Super Bowl: At the end of the NFL regular season, there were 11 former OVC players on active rosters and five others on active rosters. For Super Bowl LV, there were four individuals with connections to the OVC taking part in the game. Former Jacksonville State All-American wide receiver **Josh Pearson** was a member of the Tampa Bay practice squad while former Austin Peay head coach and quarterback **Rick Christopfel** was the tight ends coach for the Buccaneers. Former Murray State player and OVC official **Jabir Walker** was an alternate on this year's officiating crew and former Eastern Illinois and Dallas Cowboys quarterback **Tony Romo** broadcasted his second Super Bowl for CBS alongside Jim Nantz.

I-AA No More: Although some people may 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 long retired. Beginning with the 2006 National Championship game, the term Football Championship Subdivision (or FCS) is to be used. Teams who play at the FCS level can offer a maximum of 63 scholarships (Football Bowl Subdivision teams can offer 85) and compete in a playoff at the end of the season to determine the national champion.

FCS All-In: Each Saturday during the 2021 football season, "FCS All-In" will debut a new episode at 9am CT and be available on-demand on YouTube. The program is a collaborative effort of the NCAA's 15 Division I FCS Conferences, bringing weekly segments from each league. For more information visit www.youtube.com/c/FCSAllin.

ESPN+: The season every Conference football game (and select non-conference contests) will be broadcast on ESPN+. This marks the fourth year of the OVC's deal with ESPN+, the multi-sport, direct-to-consumer video service from The Walt Disney Company's Direct-to-Consumer & International segment. Fans can subscribe to ESPN+ for \$6.99 a month (or \$69.99 per year) or as part of a bundle with Disney+ and ad-supported Hulu (\$13.99/month). ESPN+ is an integrated part of the ESPN App and (on mobile and connected devices) and ESPN.com. More information can be found at www.OVCsports.com/ESPN.

OVC VS. OTHER CONFERENCES

FCS Opponents	
ASUN	0-0
Big Sky	0-0
Big South	0-0
CAA	0-0
Independent	0-0
Ivy	0-0
MEAC	0-0
Missouri Valley	0-2
NEC	0-0
Patriot	0-0
Pioneer	0-1
Southern	2-2
Southland	0-0
SWAC	1-2
WAC	0-1
FCS Total	3-8
FBS Opponents	
American Athletic	0-1
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Conference USA	0-1
MAC	0-0
Mountain West	0-0
Pac-12	0-0
SEC	0-2
Sun Belt	0-0
FBS Total	0-4
Non-Division I	0-0
Total Non-Conference Record	3-12

SCORING STREAKS

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
79	Tennessee State	44-0 vs. Eastern Ky. (11/2/13)
20	Southeast Missouri	50-0 at Missouri (9/14/19)
19	UT Martin	45-0 at Florida (9/7/19)
18	Murray State	45-0 at Toledo (9/14/19)
10	Austin Peay	55-0 vs. Pittsburgh (9/12/20)
1	Eastern Illinois	46-0 at South Carolina (9/4/21)
0	Tennessee Tech	26-0 vs. Furman (9/11/21)

Longest All-Time FCS Streaks Without Being Shutout

#	Team	Years
408	Montana*	1989-present
294	Dayton* %	1993-present
291	Hampton	1984-2009
265	Lehigh	1986-2010
220	Delaware	1996-2014
199	Eastern Washington	1988-2006
165	UNI	1983-96
158	McNeese State	1988-01
156	Murray State	2005-19

* Active Streak

% Overall streak is 488 (194 games were as a DIII team)

ACTIVE 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Below is a list of 100-yard rushing games for active players in the OVC. Totals are for the players careers while in the OVC and are updated through Week 2 of the 2021 season.

Active OVCer's With 100-Yard Rushing Games

Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri	4
Ahmaad Tanner, Austin Peay	4
Peyton Logan, UT Martin	4
David Gist, Tennessee Tech	3
Devon Starling, Tennessee State	3
Jaelin Benefield, Eastern Illinois	2
Brian Snead, Austin Peay	2
Rodney Castille, Murray State	1
Zion Custis, Southeast Missouri	1
Damonta Witherspoon, Murray State	1
Willie Miller, Tennessee Tech	1
Cortez Jones, Murray State	1

2021 SUPERLATIVES

100-Yard Rushing Games

107..... Cortez Jones, Murray State vs. Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 2)
104..... Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri vs. #7 Southern Illinois (Sept. 2)
103..... Ahmaad Tanner, Austin Peay at #18 Chattanooga (Sept. 2)

300-Yard Passing Games

320..... Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay at #18 Chattanooga (Sept. 2)

250-Yard Passing Games

253..... Otto Kuhns, Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug. 28)

100-Yard Receiving Games

132..... Baniko Harley, Austin Peay at #18 Chattanooga (Sept. 2)
122..... Peyton Logan, UT Martin vs. Samford (Sept. 11)
116..... Tyler Ringwood, Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug. 28)
102..... Keon Howard, UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sept. 2)

10-Reception Games

none

200-Yard All-Purpose Games

none

50-Yard Field Goals

none

15-Tackle Games

none

Multiple Defensive Interception Games

1..... Johnathon Edwards, Austin Peay at #18 Chattanooga (Sept. 2)

Multiple Rushing Touchdown Games

1..... Keon Howard, UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sept. 2)
1..... Preston Rice, Murray State vs. Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 2)

Multiple Receiving Touchdown Games

1..... Peyton Logan, UT Martin vs. Samford (Sept. 11)

Multiple Passing Touchdown Games

1..... Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay at #18 Chattanooga (Sept. 2)
1..... Keon Howard, UT Martin vs. Samford (Sept. 11)

SGT. YORK TROPHY

The 2021 season marks the 15th 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 football-playing schools in the state of Tennessee - Austin Peay, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UT Martin - and goes to the team with the best combined record versus those schools in a given year.

The award is sponsored by Delta Dental of Tennessee.

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 the only traveling trophy that involves four teams in college sports; there are three others that involve three teams, including 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.

All-Time Sgt. York Trophy Winners

2007 - Tennessee State*, Austin Peay
2008 - Tennessee State
2009 - Tennessee Tech
2010 - UT Martin
2011 - Tennessee State*, Tennessee Tech
2012 - Tennessee State*, UT Martin
2013 - Tennessee State
2014 - UT Martin
2015 - UT Martin
2016 - UT Martin*, Tennessee State, Tenn. Tech
2017 - Austin Peay
2018 - Austin Peay*, Tennessee State, UT Martin
2019 - Austin Peay*, Tennessee State, UT Martin
2020 - Tennessee Tech*, UT Martin

**Took home the trophy due to winning the tie-breaker*

2021 Sgt. York Trophy Contests

Oct. 16 - Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State
Oct. 30 - Austin Peay at UT Martin
Nov. 6 - Tennessee State at UT Martin
Nov. 13 - UT Martin at Tennessee Tech
Nov. 13 - Austin Peay at Tennessee State
Nov. 20 - Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay

2021 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	15-27
Tennessee State	22-20
Tennessee Tech	18-24
UT Martin	29-13

OVC PLAYERS IN THE NFL

There are currently 15 former Ohio Valley Conference football players (7 active, 6 practice squad, 2 injured reserve) on NFL rosters for the 2021 season.

Active Players (7)

Jordan Berry, Minnesota Vikings (Eastern Kentucky)
Mike Ford, Denver Broncos (Southeast Missouri)
Jimmy Garoppolo, San Francisco 49ers (Eastern Illinois)
Kamu Grugier-Hill, Houston Texans (Eastern Illinois)
Siran Neal, Buffalo Bills (Jacksonville State)
Lachavious Simmons, Chicago Bears (Tennessee State)
Quincy Williams, New York Jets (Murray State)

Practice Squad (6)

Anthony Levine, Baltimore Ravens (Tennessee State)
DJ Montgomery, New York Jets (Austin Peay)
Jaylon Moore, Baltimore Ravens (UT Martin)
Aaron Patrick, Jacksonville Jaguars (Eastern Kentucky)
Noah Spence, Cincinnati Bengals (Eastern Kentucky)
Kristian Wilkerson, New England Patriots (SE Missouri)

Injured Reserve/PUP (2)

Tim Boyle, Detroit Lions (Eastern Kentucky)
Drew Forbes, Cleveland Browns (Southeast Missouri)

Head Coaches (1)

Sean Payton - New Orleans Saints (Eastern Illinois)

General Managers (2)

Ryan Pace - Chicago Bears (Eastern Illinois)
Jon Robinson - Tennessee Titans (Southeast Missouri)

CAREER RECORD BOOK WATCH

Field Goals - Career

1. Jamin Godfrey, TSU (2010-13)	59
2. Kienan Cullen, MUR (2008-11)	58
3. Kelly Potter, MTSU (1981-84)	52
4. Gavin Hallford, JSU (2004-08)	49
Paul Hickert, MUR (1984-87)	49
Dale Dawson, ECU (1980-83)	49
Taylor Long, ECU (2005-08)	49
David Collett, TTU (1998-01)	49
9. Ryan McCrum, SMO (2013-16)	47
Antonio Zita, TSU (2018-present)	47

OVC PLAYERS AMONG NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

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ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YDS/GAME)

9. Dayron Johnson, TSU	148.50
13. Peyton Logan, UTM	144.00
36. Zion Custis, SEMO	108.50

RUSHING (YDS/GAME)

16. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	87.0
32. Geno Hess, SEMO	73.0

RUSHING YARDS/CARRY

41. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	4.70
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TOTAL RUSHING YARDS

14. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	174
28. Geno Hess, SEMO	146

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. Preston Rice, MUR	5
3. Keon Howard, UTM	3

PASSING EFFICIENCY

28. Draylen Ellis, APSU	139.4
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TOTAL OFFENSE

25. Draylen Ellis, APSU	267.0
25. Keon Howard, UTM	267.0

PASSING YARDS/GAME

18. Draylen Ellis, APSU	274.0
37. Keon Howard, UTM	212.0

PASSING YARDS/COMPLETION

41. Draylen Ellis, APSU	11.91
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PASSING YARDS PER ATTEMPT

30. Draylen Ellis, APSU	7.31
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TOTAL PASSING YARDS

16. Draylen Ellis, APSU	548
36. Keon Howard, UTM	424

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

11. Draylen Ellis, APSU	5
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COMPLETIONS/GAME

17. Draylen Ellis, APSU	23.00
36. Keon Howard, UTM	19.00

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

34. Draylen Ellis, APSU	61.3%
50. Preston Rice, MUR	58.7%

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

17. D.J. Render, APSU	6.5
42. Drae McCray, APSU	5.5

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

23. Baniko Harley, APSU	92.5
26. Drae McCray, APSU	87.0

TOTAL RECEIVING YARDS

20. Baniko Harley, APSU	185
23. Drae McCray, APSU	174

YARDS PER RECEPTION

28. Baniko Harley, APSU	20.56
31. Peyton Logan, UTM	20.33
34. Rodell Rahmaan, TSU	20.00

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

10. Baniko Harley, APSU	2
10. Peyton Logan, UTM	2

SCORING (PTS/GAME)

2. Preston Rice, MUR	15.0
16. Keon Howard, UTM	9.0

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

1. Preston Rice, MUR	5
6. Keon Howard, UTM	3
32. Baniko Harley, APSU	2
32. Peyton Logan, UTM	2

POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR/GAME

14. Keon Howard, UTM	18.0
20. Draylen Ellis, APSU	15.0
20. Preston Rice, MUR	15.0

PUNT RETURNS (YARDS/RETURN)

none

KICKOFF RETURNS (YDS/RETURN)

7. Zion Custis, SEMO	26.3
17. Kam Thomas, APSU	23.7
25. Ethan Thompson, MUR	22.3
28. Dayron Johnson, TSU	21.8
43. Jyron Gilmore, TTU	18.

COMBINED KICK RETURNS

4. Dayron Johnson, TSU	192
7. Zion Custis, SEMO	158
19. Jay Parker, APSU	115
42. Jyron Gilmore, TTU	74
47. Kam Thomas, APSU	69
50. Ethan Thompson, MUR	67

FIELD GOALS (MADE/GAME)

22. Maddux Trujillo, APSU	1.00
44. Tyler Larco, UTM	0.50
44. Antonio Zita, TSU	0.50

FIELD GOALS PERCENTAGE

1. Maddux Trujillo, APSU	100%
39. Antonio Zita, TSU	50.0%

PUNTING (YDS/PUNT)

9. Tyler Larco, UTM	44.6
23. Logen Neidhardt, EIU	41.4
27. Zach Haynes, SEMO	40.6
31. Matthew Rigney, APSU	40.1
38. Kaleb Mosley, TSU	39.1
43. Hayden Olsen, TTU	38.6

INTERCEPTIONS (PER GAME)

4. Johnathon Edwards, APSU	1.0
33. 9 Players Tied With	0.5

TACKLES/GAME

30. Koby Perry, APSU	9.0
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SACKS/GAME

7. Kordell Jackson, APSU	1.50
16. JaQuez Akins, UTM	1.00
16. Scotty Humpich, MUR	1.00
16. Jacob Morrissey, SEMO	1.00

FORCED FUMBLES/GAME

15. JaQuez Akins, UTM	0.50
15. Tai Carter, TTU	0.50
15. Eric Samuta, MUR	0.50
15. Shamari Simmons, APSU	0.50

PASSES DEFENDED/GAME

6. Johnathon Edwards, APSU	2.0
21. Josh Reliford, TTU	1.5
21. Shamari Simmons, APSU	1.5

TACKLES FOR LOSS/GAME

12. Kordell Jackson, APSU	2.2
29. Chris Walker, TSU	1.8
38. Scotty Humpich, MUR	1.5
38. Jacob Morrissey, SEMO	1.5

FUMBLES RECOVERED

6. Raymond Horton, TSU	1
6. Lawrence Johnson, SEMO	1
6. Levi Matheny, MUR	1
6. Blake Ruffin, EIU	1
6. Shamari Simmons, APSU	1
6. Joe Ware, APSU	1

BLOCKED KICKS

none

OVC TEAMS AMONG NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

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RUSHING OFFENSE (YDS/GAME)

15. UT Martin	220.5
23. Murray State	200.0

PASSING OFFENSE (YDS/GAME)

14. Austin Peay	291.0
47. UT Martin	212.0

PASSING YARDS/COMPLETION

43. Austin Peay	12.12
46. Tennessee State	12.00
49. Eastern Illinois	11.82

TOTAL OFFENSE (YDS/GAME)

18. UT Martin	432.5
28. Austin Peay	405.0

SCORING OFFENSE

37. UT Martin	27.0
48. Austin Peay	23.5

RUSHING DEFENSE

11. UT Martin	73.0
20. Tennessee State	91.5
36. Murray State	114.5
43. Tennessee Tech	136.0

PASS DEFENSE

10. Eastern Illinois	135.3
26. Murray State	159.5

TOTAL DEFENSE

17. Murray State	274.0
22. Tennessee State	294.0
35. Eastern Illinois	316.7

SCORING DEFENSE

32. Murray State	21.0
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NET PUNTING

15. UT Martin	40.70
18. Southeast Missouri	40.58
30. Austin Peay	38.09
48. Murray State	36.43

PUNT RETURNS (YDS/RETURN)

3. Tennessee State	27.6
7. Tennessee Tech	18.00
47. Murray State	4.00

KICKOFF RETURNS (YDS/RETURN)

18. Southeast Missouri	24.22
27. Murray State	22.33
32. Tennessee State	21.71

TURNOVER MARGIN (PER GAME)

40. Southeast Missouri	0.50
40. Tennessee State	0.50

FUMBLES RECOVERED

13. Austin Peay	2
40. Eastern Illinois	1
40. Murray State	1
40. Southeast Missouri	1
40. Tennessee State	1

PASSES INTERCEPTED

15. Southeast Missouri	3
15. UT Martin	3
32. Murray State	2
32. Austin Peay	2

FUMBLES LOST

1. Tennessee Tech	0
35. Murray State	1
35. Tennessee State	1

INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

1. Tennessee State	0
33. Southeast Missouri	1

TURNOVERS GAINED

25. Austin Peay	4
25. Southeast Missouri	4
37. Murray State	3
37. UT Martin	3

TURNOVERS LOST

11. Tennessee State	1
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PASSING EFFICIENCY

31. Austin Peay	138.47
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PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

44. Eastern Illinois	121.47
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FEWEST PENALTIES PER GAME

26. Tennessee Tech	4.50
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FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED PER GAME

28. Tennessee Tech	38.00
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PUNT RETURN YARDAGE DEFENSE

28. Southeast Missouri	0.50
32. Murray State	0.6
33. Austin Peay	1.00

KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE DEFENSE

7. Tennessee Tech	11.00
26. Tennessee State	15.86
30. Eastern Illinois	16.25
49. UT Martin	18.67

SACKS/GAME

35. Austin Peay	2.00
35. Murray State	2.00

TACKLES FOR LOSS/GAME

30. Southeast Missouri	7.0
34. Tennessee Tech	6.5
40. Tennessee State	6.0
40. UT Martin	6.0

SACKS ALLOWED/GAME

7. UT Martin	0.50
36. Murray State	1.50

TACKLES FOR LOSS ALLOWED

33. UT Martin	5.00
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BLOCKED KICKS

7. Southeast Missouri	1
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BLOCKED PUNTS

none

3RD DOWN CONVERSION PERCENTAGE

9. UT Martin	50.0%
19. Murray State	48.3%
47. Austin Peay	38.9%

4TH DOWN CONVERSION PERCENTAGE

1. Southeast Missouri	100%
25. Murray State	66.7%
25. UT Martin	66.7%
42. Eastern Illinois	60.0%
47. Tennessee State	50.0%

3RD DOWN CONVERSION DEFENSE

14. Austin Peay	25.9%
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4TH DOWN CONVERSION DEFENSE

1. Southeast Missouri	0.0%
1. Tennessee State	0.0%
1. UT Martin	0.0%

TIME OF POSSESSION

4. UT Martin	38:27
19. Murray State	34:26
31. Tennessee State	32:30
49. Southeast Missouri	30:58

RED ZONE OFFENSE

1. Austin Peay	100%
1. Southeast Missouri	100%
1. Tennessee State	100%
1. Tennessee Tech	100%
45. Eastern Illinois	83.3%

RED ZONE DEFENSE

33. Austin Peay	80.0%
42. Southeast Missouri	81.8%
42. Tennessee Tech	81.8%
45. Murray State	83.3%

DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

4. Southeast Missouri	1
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2021 PRESEASON HONORS/AWARDS

OVC PRESEASON HONORS (COACHES/SID'S)

Preseason All-OVC Team

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year:

Draylen Ellis (QB), Austin Peay

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year:

Kordell Jackson (NB), Austin Peay

Offense

QB - Preston Rice, Murray State

QB - Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay

RB - Devon Starling, Tennessee State

RB - Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri

FB - Benjamin Johnson, Tennessee State

WR - Zack Smith, Southeast Missouri

WR - Colton Dowell, UT Martin

WR - LaMarte Brooks, Murray State

WR - Donnell Williams, UT Martin

WR - Cam Wyche, Tennessee State

WR - Jacob Bell, Murray State

TE - Rodney Williams II, UT Martin

OL - Cam Durley, Tennessee State

OL - Bucky Williams, Austin Peay

OL - Jaden Rosenthal, Southeast Missouri

OL - Levi Nesler, Murray State

OL - Jacob Vance, Murray State

OL - Shyron Rodgers, Southeast Missouri

OL - Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin

OL - Colby McKee, Austin Peay

OL - Seth Johnson, Austin Peay

Defense

DT - Bryson Donnell, Southeast Missouri

DT - Davaon Hawkins, Tennessee State

DE - Chris Tucker, Tennessee Tech

DE - Ethan Edmondson, Murray State

OLB - Omardrick Douglas, Southeast Missouri

OLB - Scotty Humpich, Murray State

OLB - James Green, Tennessee State

ILB - Eric Samuta, Murray State

ILB - Jason Johnson, Eastern Illinois

ILB - Jack McDonald, Austin Peay

CB - Marcis Floyd, Murray State

CB - Jay Woods, UT Martin

S - Deven Sims, UT Martin

S - Josh Reliford, Tennessee Tech

S - Josh Green, Tennessee State

NB - Kordell Jackson, Austin Peay

Specialists

K - Antonio Zita, Tennessee State

P - Zach Haynes, Southeast Missouri

KR - Matt Judd, Eastern Illinois

PR - Malik Honeycutt, Murray State

STATS PERFORM

Preseason All-American First-Team

DB Kordell Jackson, Austin Peay

Preseason All-American Second-Team

TE Rodney Williams II, UT Martin

PK Antonio Zita, Tennessee State

Preseason All-American Third-Team

RB Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri

DB Marcis Floyd, Murray State

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Preseason Top 25

23. Austin Peay

Preseason All-American

DB Kordell Jackson

PHIL STEELE

Preseason First-Team All-American

DB Kordell Jackson, Austin Peay

Preseason Third-Team All-American

K Antonio Zita, Tennessee State

HERO SPORTS

Top 25 Ranking

18. Austin Peay

22. Murray State

Preseason All-American

DB Kordell Jackson, Austin Peay

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>
Scotty Walden, Austin Peay	2	4	2	.667	5	3	.625	3	13	9	.591
Adam Cushing, Eastern Illinois	3	2	12	.143	2	19	.095	3	2	19	.095
Dean Hood, Murray State	10	49	21	.700	61	41	.598	10	61	41	.598
Tom Matukewicz, Southeast Missouri	8	29	25	.537	37	44	.457	9	38	44	.463
Eddie George, Tennessee State	1	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	1	0	2	.000
Dewayne Alexander, Tennessee Tech	4	6	17	.207	9	23	.281	10	50	56	.472
Jason Simpson, UT Martin	16	72	46	.610	91	78	.538	16	91	78	.538

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

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS (1-1, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 1-1, Neutral: 0-0

SEPTEMBER

2	at #18 Chattanooga (ESPN+)	W, 30-20	8,115
11	at #20 Ole Miss (ESPN+)	L, 17-54	47,848
18	Morehead State (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
25	at Eastern Kentucky	2:00 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	Tennessee State # (ESPN+)	7:00 pm.	
9	Southeast Missouri* (ESPN3)	3:00 p.m.	
23	at Murray State* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	
30	at UT Martin* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

6	Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
13	at Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
20	Tennessee Tech* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

- Does Not Count in Conference Standings

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



EASTERN ILLINOIS PANTHERS (0-3, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-3, Neutral: 0-0

AUGUST

28	at Indiana State (ESPN+)	L, 21-26	5,540
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SEPTEMBER

4	at South Carolina (ESPN+)	L, 0-46	64,868
11	at Dayton	L, 10-17	2,008
18	Illinois State (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.	
25	at Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	at Murray State # (ESPN3)	4:00 p.m.	
16	UT Martin* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	
23	Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
30	at Southeast Missouri* (ESPN3)	1:00 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

6	at Austin Peay* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
20	Murray State* (ESPN+)	12:00 p.m.	

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

- Does Not Count in Conference Standings

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



MURRAY STATE RACERS (1-1, 0-0)

Home: 1-0, Away: 0-1, Neutral: 0-0

SEPTEMBER

2	Mississippi Valley State (ESPN+)	W, 35-0	6,874
11	at #7 Cincinnati (ESPN+)	L, 7-42	33,498
18	at Bowling Green (ESPN3)	4:00 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	Eastern Illinois # (ESPN3)	4:00 p.m.	
9	at UT Martin* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
16	at Southeast Missouri # (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
23	Austin Peay* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	
30	at Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	5:00 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

6	Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.	
13	Southeast Missouri* (ESPN3)	1:00 p.m.	
20	at Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	12:00 p.m.	

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REDHAWKS (0-2, 0-0)

Home: 0-1, Away: 0-1, Neutral: 0-0

SEPTEMBER

2	#7 Southern Illinois (ESPN+)	L, 21-47	4,075
11	at #1 Sam Houston	L, 14-52	7,728
18	at Missouri (SEC Network+)	11:00 a.m.	
25	Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	at Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	
9	at Austin Peay* (ESPN3)	3:00 p.m.	
16	Murray State # (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
23	at UT Martin # (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
30	Eastern Illinois* (ESPN3)	1:00 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

13	at Murray State* (ESPN3)	1:00 p.m.	
20	UT Martin* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.	

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TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



TENNESSEE STATE TIGERS (0-2, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-0, Neutral: 0-2

SEPTEMBER

5	vs. Grambling % (NFL Network)	L, 10-16	14,682
11	vs. Jackson State \$ (ESPN3)	L, 16-38	46,171
18	Kentucky State (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
25	at Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	at Austin Peay # (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.	
16	Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
23	at Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
30	Murray State* (ESPN+)	5:00 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

6	at UT Martin* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	
13	Austin Peay* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
20	at Mississippi State	TBD	

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

- Does Not Count in Conference Standings

% - Black College Football Hall of Fame Classic (Canton, Ohio)

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

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES (0-2, 0-0)

Home: 0-0, Away: 0-2, Neutral: 0-0

SEPTEMBER

2	at Samford (ESPN+)	L, 14-52	3,177
11	Furman (ESPN+)	L, 0-26	8,911
18	at Tennessee (SEC Network+)	11:00 a.m.	
25	Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	
9	at North Carolina Central (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.	
16	at Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
23	Virginia-Lynchburg (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

6	at Murray State* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.	
13	UT Martin* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	
20	at Austin Peay* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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All Times Central/Subject to Change



UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (1-1, 0-0)

Home: 1-0, Away: 0-1, Neutral: 0-0

SEPTEMBER

2	at Western Kentucky (ESPN+)	L, 21-59	16,236
11	Samford (ESPN+)	W, 33-27	5,869
18	at Northwestern State (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.	
25	at Jacksonville State (ESPN+)	3:00 p.m.	

OCTOBER

9	Murray State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
16	at Eastern Illinois* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	
23	Southeast Missouri # (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	
30	Austin Peay* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.	

NOVEMBER

6	Tennessee State* (ESPN3)	2:00 p.m.	
13	at Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.	
20	at Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.	

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OVC NOTABLES

- Every current OVC team has been ranked in the Top 25 polls for at least one week over the past five years (2016-20).
- Last year three teams were ranked in the final Stats Perform Top 25, the first time since the 2013 season three OVC teams finished the season ranked in that poll.
- The OVC has placed multiple teams in the FCS Playoffs seven times in the past 11 years.
- OVC teams have 12 playoff wins since 2013, including five Quarterfinal appearances and one National Championship game appearance.
- Since 2013, the OVC has produced one Walter Payton Award Winner, two Buck Buchanan Award Winners, an Eddie Robinson Award Winner and a Deacon Jones Trophy winner. In addition, the league has had two Doris Robinson Award Winners, as the National Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- In 7 of the past 11 years, an OVC team has defeated a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent.
- The OVC has produced at least one NFL Draft Pick in 10 of the past 14 years.
- In January 2020, OVC alum Jimmy Garoppolo became just the eighth former FCS quarterback to start a Super Bowl, doing so with the San Francisco 49ers. Last season (2020) 11 former OVC players were on active rosters at the end of the season.
- Former EIU quarterback Tony Romo was selected to the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Class. He is the third former OVC player to be inducted (Jim Youngblood, George Floyd Jr.); in addition, there are also three former OVC coaches (Roy Kidd, Boots Donnelly, Frank Beamer) already enshrined.
- Over the previous 73 years, 15 of 18 teams that have competed have claimed at least one league championship.

2021 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Saturday, August 28

@Indiana State 26, **Eastern Illinois 21**

Thursday, September 2

@Samford 52, **Tennessee Tech 14**

#20 Austin Peay 30, @#18 Chattanooga 20

#7 Southern Illinois 47, **@Southeast Missouri 21**

@Western Kentucky 59, **UT Martin 21**

@Murray State 35, Mississippi Valley State 0

Saturday, September 4

@South Carolina 46, **Eastern Illinois 0**

Sunday, September 5

Grambling 16, **Tennessee State 10** (Canton, Ohio)

Saturday, September 11

@Dayton 17, **Eastern Illinois 10**

Furman 26, **@Tennessee Tech 0**

@#7 Cincinnati 42, **Murray State 7**

@#1 Sam Houston 52, **Southeast Missouri 14**

Jackson State 38, **Tennessee State 16** (Memphis, Tenn.)

@UT Martin 33, Samford 27

@#20 Ole Miss 54, **#17 Austin Peay 17**

Saturday, September 18

Southeast Missouri at Missouri, 11:00 a.m. (SEC Network+)

Tennessee Tech at Tennessee, 11:00 a.m. (SEC Network+)

Morehead State **at Austin Peay**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Kentucky State **at Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Murray State at Bowling Green, 4:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

Illinois State **at Eastern Illinois**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

UT Martin at Northwestern State, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, September 25

***Eastern Illinois at Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Tennessee State at Southeast Missouri**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky, 2:00 p.m.

UT Martin at Jacksonville State, 3:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 2

***Southeast Missouri at Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN+)

#Eastern Illinois at Murray State, 4:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

#Tennessee State at Austin Peay, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 9

Tennessee Tech at North Carolina Central, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Southeast Missouri at Austin Peay**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

***Murray State at UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 16

***UT Martin at Eastern Illinois**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

***Tennessee Tech at Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

#Murray State at Southeast Missouri, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 23

Virginia-Lynchburg **at Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Austin Peay at Murray State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

***Tennessee State at Eastern Illinois**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

#Southeast Missouri at UT Martin, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 30

***Eastern Illinois at Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

***Austin Peay at UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Murray State at Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 6

***Tennessee Tech at Murray State**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Eastern Illinois at Austin Peay**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Tennessee State at UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

Saturday, November 13

***Southeast Missouri at Murray State**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

***Austin Peay at Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***UT Martin at Tennessee Tech**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 20

***Murray State at Eastern Illinois**, 12:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***UT Martin at Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

***Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN3)

Tennessee State at Mississippi State, TBA

Saturday, November 27

FCS Playoffs First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, December 4

FCS Playoffs Second Round (campus sites)

Friday, December 10/Saturday, December 11

FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Friday, December 17/Saturday, December 18

FCS Playoffs Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, January 8

Division I National Championship, TBA (Frisco, Texas)

* - Denotes OVC contest

- Game Does NOT Count in OVC Standings

All Times CENTRAL; dates and times subject to change

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

APSU-EIU

EIU leads 15-5

1958	APSU, 21-6 (H)
1959	APSU, 12-8 (A)
1988	EIU, 44-0 (H)
1989	EIU, 36-0 (A)
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)
2012	EIU, 65-15 (H)
2013	EIU, 63-7 (A)
2014	EIU, 63-7 (H)
2015	EIU, 40-16 (A)
2016	EIU, 56-35 (H)
2017	APSU, 28-13 (H)
2018	EIU, 52-21 (H)
2019	APSU, 35-7 (H)

APSU-MUR

MUR leads 36-18

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)
2012	MUR, 52-14 (A)
2013	MUR, 31-3 (H)
2014	APSU, 20-13 (H)
2015	MUR, 34-18 (H)
2016	MUR, 45-17 (A)
2017	APSU, 27-7 (A)
2018	APSU, 48-23 (H)
2019	APSU, 42-7 (A)
2020	APSU, 34-31 (H)

APSU-SEMO

SEMO leads 16-9

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)
2012	SEMO, 48-27 (A)
2013	SEMO, 36-34 (A)
2014	SEMO, 42-7 (H)
2015	SEMO, 44-15 (A)
2016	SEMO, 41-21 (H)
2017	APSU, 38-31 (H)
2018	SEMO, 31-27 (H)
2019	APSU, 28-24 (H)
2020	APSU, 49-42 (2OT) (A)

APSU-TSU

TSU leads 14-9

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)
2012	TSU, 34-14 (H)
2013	TSU, 31-6 (H)
2014	TSU, 31-27 (A)
2015	TSU, 20-6 (H)
2016	TSU, 41-40 (A)
2017	APSU, 21-17 (A)
2018	APSU, 49-34 (H)
2019	TSU, 26-24 (H)
2020	APSU, 27-20 (H)

APSU-TTU

TTU leads 33-21

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 (H)
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)
2012	APSU, 38-31 (H)
2013	TTU, 34-0 (H)
2014	TTU, 41-15 (A)
2015	TTU, 42-24 (H)
2016	TTU, 41-7 (A)
2017	APSU, 35-28 (A)
2018	APSU, 41-10 (H)
2019	APSU, 58-21 (A)
2020	TTU, 27-21 (H)

APSU-UTM

UTM leads 40-27-2

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 (H)
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)
1988	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 (H)
2009	UTM, 48-38 (H)
2010	UTM, 28-12 (A)
2011	UTM, 61-23 (H)
2012	UTM, 31-6 (A)
2013	UTM, 38-14 (A)
2014	UTM, 37-7 (H)
2015	UTM, 44-14 (A)
2016	UTM, 45-31 (H)
2017	APSU, 7-0 (H)
2018	UTM, 37-7 (H)
2019	APSU, 38-24 (H)
2020	UTM, 37-34 (A)

EIU-MUR

EIU leads 19-17

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 (A)
2006	EIU, 20-10 (H)
2007	EIU, 27-24 (A)
2008	EIU, 34-6 (H)
2009	EIU, 16-10 (A)
2010	MUR, 38-28 (A)
2011	MUR, 36-27 (H)
2012	EIU, 50-49 (OT) (H)
2013	EIU, 37-17 (A)
2014	EIU, 48-26 (H)
2015	EIU, 34-20 (A)
2016	MUR, 40-38 (A)
2017	EIU, 27-24 (A) (2OT)
2018	MUR, 48-41 (A)
2019	MUR, 24-17 (H)
2020	MUR, 41-27 (H)

EIU-SEMO

EIU leads 18-10

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)

2012	EIU, 39-20 (H)
2013	EIU, 55-33 (H)
2014	EIU, 52-13 (H)
2015	EIU, 33-28 (H)
2016	SEMO, 21-14 (H)
2017	EIU, 19-16 (H)
2018	SEMO, 38-32 (H)
2019	SEMO, 26-12 (A)
2020	SEMO, 47-7 (A)

EIU-TSU

EIU leads 15-9

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)
2013	EIU, 34-16 (A)
	EIU, 51-10 (H)
2014	EIU, 28-3 (H)
2015	EIU, 25-22 (OT) (A)
2016	EIU, 35-34 (H)
2017	EIU, 19-16 (2OT) (A)
2018	TSU, 41-40 (A)
2019	EIU, 49-38 (A)
2020	TSU, 21-20 (H)

EIU-TTU

EIU leads 20-7

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)
2012	EIU, 31-24 (A)
2013	EIU, 56-21 (H)
2014	EIU, 41-10 (A)
2015	EIU, 51-20 (H)
2016	EIU, 30-24 (A)
2017	EIU, 24-23 (H)
2018	EIU, 52-38 (A)
2019	TTU, 40-29 (A)
2020	EIU, 28-20 (H)

EIU-UTM

EIU leads 15-11

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)
2012	UTM, 51-37 (H)
2013	EIU, 70-22 (A)
2014	UTM, 37-16 (A)
2015	EIU, 23-21 (A)
2016	UTM, 33-17 (A)
2017	UTM, 27-10 (H)
2018	EIU, 24-21 (OT)(H)
2019	UTM, 27-18 (H)
2020	UTM, 28-15 (H)

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

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)
 2012 UTM, 66-59 (A)
 2013 UTM, 45-17 (H)
 2014 UTM, 62-38 (A)
 2015 UTM, 52-45 (H)
 2016 UTM, 38-31 (A)
 2017 MUR, 13-10 (A)
 2018 MUR, 45-38 (H)
 2019 UTM 40-7 (H)
 2020 MUR, 14-10 (H)

SEMO-TSU

Series tied 14-14

1991 SEMO, 37-34 (H)
 1992 TSU, 37-27 (H)
 1993 SEMO, 14-13 (H)
 1994 SEMO, 17-12 (A)
 1995 SEMO, 41-24 (H)
 1996 SEMO, 24-21 (A)
 1997 TSU, 32-27 (A)
 1998 TSU, 38-7 (A)
 1999 TSU, 35-28 (A)
 2000 TSU, 51-33 (H)
 2001 TSU, 20-14 (H)
 2002 SEMO, 49-24 (H)
 2003 SEMO, 52-35 (H)
 2004 TSU, 38-36 (H)
 2005 SEMO, 32-24 (H)
 2006 TSU, 31-0 (H)
 2008 SEMO, 27-20 (OT)(H)
 2009 TSU, 23-17 (H)
 2010 SEMO, 19-17 (H)
 2011 TSU, 55-3 (H)
 2012 TSU, 40-28 (A)
 2013 TSU, 40-16 (H)
 2014 SEMO, 28-21 (H)
 2016 TSU, 32-31 (A)
 2017 TSU, 23-20 (H)
 2018 SEMO, 38-21 (H)
 2019 SEMO, 32-13 (A)
 2020 SEMO, 46-23 (A)

SEMO-TTU

TTU leads 15-14

1991 SEMO, 34-31 (H)
 1992 TTU, 49-14 (H)
 1993 TTU, 24-3 (A)
 1994 SEMO, 19-14 (A)
 1995 SEMO, 33-12 (H)
 1996 TTU, 30-20 (H)
 1997 TTU, 17-14 (A)
 1998 SEMO, 29-24 (A)
 1999 TTU, 21-7 (A)
 2000 TTU, 31-6 (H)
 2001 TTU, 41-21 (H)
 2002 SEMO, 36-30 (H)
 2003 SEMO, 24-20 (A)
 2004 SEMO, 31-28 (OT)(H)
 2005 TTU, 31-24 (H)
 2006 TTU, 32-29 (A)
 2008 TTU, 29-27 (A)
 2009 TTU, 28-16 (H)
 2010 SEMO, 23-21 (H)
 2011 TTU, 38-21 (H)
 2012 SEMO, 41-38 (2OT)(H)
 2013 TTU, 41-16 (A)
 2014 TTU, 27-26 (H)
 2015 SEMO, 38-17 (H)
 2016 TTU, 21-20 (H)
 2017 SEMO, 31-3 (H)
 2018 SEMO, 70-38 (A)
 2019 SEMO, 43-37 (2OT)(H)
 2020 SEMO, 24-21 (H)

SEMO-UTM

Series tied 18-18

1966 UTM, 17-14 (A)
 1967 UTM, 39-0 (H)
 1984 UTM, 21-7 (H)
 1985 SEMO, 57-17 (H)
 1986 SEMO, 37-29 (A)
 1987 UTM, 25-13 (A)
 1991 UTM, 36-29 (H)
 1992 SEMO, 37-13 (H)
 1993 UTM, 17-14 (H)
 1994 SEMO, 10-0 (H)
 1995 SEMO, 38-17 (A)
 1996 UTM, 7-6 (A)
 1997 SEMO, 42-7 (A)
 1998 SEMO, 41-14 (H)
 1999 SEMO, 36-7 (A)
 2000 SEMO, 34-14 (H)
 2001 SEMO, 45-30 (H)
 2002 SEMO, 50-35 (A)
 2003 SEMO, 20-7 (A)
 2004 SEMO, 35-7 (H)
 2005 UTM, 24-21 (H)
 2006 UTM, 28-14 (A)
 2007 UTM, 55-20 (H)

2008 UTM, 31-21 (A)
 2009 UTM, 29-22 (H)
 2010 SEMO, 24-17 (H)
 2011 UTM, 38-30 (H)
 2012 UTM, 27-17 (A)
 2013 UTM, 17-7 (A)
 2014 SEMO, 31-27 (A)
 2015 UTM, 28-25 (A)
 2016 UTM, 24-10 (H)
 2017 UTM, 16-14 (A)
 2018 SEMO, 56-33 (A)
 2019 SEMO, 17-10 (H)
 2020 SEMO, 21-16 (A)

TSU-TTU

TSU leads 20-14

1984 TSU, 33-3 (A)
 1985 TSU, 26-13 (H)
 1988 TSU, 27-23 (H)
 1989 TSU, 21-19 (A)
 1990 TSU, 36-14 (H)
 1991 TSU, 14-10 (H)
 1992 TTU, 26-15 (H)
 1993 TTU, 24-21 (A)
 1994 TTU, 28-20 (H)
 1995 TTU, 28-24 (A)
 1996 TTU, 21-19 (H)
 1997 TSU, 28-21 (H)
 1998 TSU, 42-21 (A)
 1999 TSU, 25-19 (H)
 2000 TTU, 56-23 (H)
 2001 TTU, 63-13 (H)
 2002 TTU, 20-14 (A)
 2003 TSU, 27-23 (A)
 2005 TSU 31-20 (A)
 2006 TSU, 30-20 (H)
 2007 TSU, 45-28 (A)
 2008 TSU, 41-14 (H)
 2009 TTU, 20-13 (H)
 2010 TTU, 21-10 (A)
 2011 TSU, 42-40 (A)
 2012 TSU, 22-21 (H)
 2013 TSU, 41-21 (A)
 2014 TSU, 10-7 (H)
 2015 TTU, 30-24 (H)
 2016 TTU, 44-16 (A)
 2017 TTU, 30-26 (H)
 2018 TSU, 41-14 (H)
 2019 TSU, 37-27 (A)
 2020 TTU, 24-10 (H)

TSU-UTM

TSU leads 18-12

1976 UTM, 26-21 (H)
 1977 TSU, 55-7 (H)
 1992 TSU, 23-15 (H)
 1993 UTM, 21-14 (H)
 1994 TSU, 20-3 (H)
 1995 UTM, 28-7 (H)
 1996 TSU, 37-14 (H)
 1997 TSU, 27-20 (A)
 1998 TSU, 76-0 (H)
 1999 TSU, 43-7 (A)
 2000 TSU, 33-6 (H)
 2001 TSU, 55-7 (H)
 2002 TSU, 26-8 (H)
 2003 TSU, 41-10 (H)
 2004 TSU, 27-13 (A)
 2005 UTM, 42-20 (H)
 2007 UTM, 43-38 (H)
 2008 TSU, 30-27 (OT)(A)
 2009 UTM, 28-7 (A)
 2010 UTM, 37-0 (H)
 2011 TSU, 35-30 (H)
 2012 UTM, 35-26 (H)
 2013 TSU, 29-15 (A)
 2014 UTM, 21-16 (A)
 2015 UTM, 28-14 (H)
 2016 TSU, 34-30 (H)
 2017 UTM, 31-16 (H)
 2018 TSU, 31-28 (OT)(H)
 2019 UTM, 28-17 (H)
 2020 TSU, 26-24 (H)

TTU-UTM

TTU leads 22-18-2

1926 TTU, 12-0 (H)
 1927 Tie, 0-0 (at UTM)
 1928 TTU, 14-13 (H)
 1931 TTU, 26-7 (H)
 1932 Tie, 0-0 (at UTM)
 1970 TTU, 17-6 (A)
 1971 TTU, 10-7 (H)
 1972 TTU, 13-10 (A)
 1973 TTU, 16-9 (H)
 1980 TTU, 30-28 (A)
 1981 UTM, 24-21 (A)
 1982 UTM, 35-21 (H)
 1991 UTM, 24-16 (H)
 1992 TTU, 17-13 (H)
 1993 TTU, 20-3 (H)
 1994 UTM, 20-10 (H)
 1995 UTM, 36-31 (H)
 1996 TTU, 21-14 (2OT)(H)
 1997 TTU, 33-2 (H)
 1998 TTU, 31-24 (OT)(A)
 1999 TTU, 45-9 (A)
 2000 TTU, 46-6 (H)

2001 TTU, 41-7 (A)
 2002 TTU, 68-7 (H)
 2003 UTM, 30-23 (OT)(A)
 2004 TTU, 49-20 (H)
 2005 UTM, 46-16 (H)
 2006 UTM, 35-16 (A)
 2007 TTU, 13-10 (A)
 2008 UTM, 35-7 (A)
 2009 TTU, 35-28 (A)
 2010 UTM, 27-24 (A)
 2011 TTU, 34-31 (A)
 2012 TTU, 45-44 (OT)(H)
 2013 UTM, 28-17 (A)
 2014 UTM, 17-10 (H)
 2015 UTM, 31-17 (A)
 2016 UTM, 44-23 (H)
 2017 UTM, 24-0 (A)
 2018 UTM, 38-13 (H)
 2019 UTM, 55-14 (A)
 2020 UTM, 40-7 (H)

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (0-2, 0-0 OVC) at Missouri Tigers (1-1, 0-1 SEC)

Saturday, September 18 • 11:00 a.m.

Faurot Field at Memorial Stadium (62,621) • Columbia, Mo.

Video: <https://es.pn/3z9MAGt> (SEC Network+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/38Sdhoa>
Series Record: Missouri leads 4-0
Last Meeting: Missouri won 50-0 (9/14/19)
Tom Matukewicz at Southeast Missouri: 37-44 (8 yrs.)
Tom Matukewicz Overall: 38-4 (9 yrs.)
Elijah Drinkwitz at Missouri: 6-6 (2 yrs.)
Elijah Drinkwitz Overall: 18-7 (3 yrs.)
Southeast Missouri Last Week: L, 52-14 at #1 Sam Houston
Missouri Last Week: L, 35-28 at Kentucky

NOTEWORTHY

- After back-to-back Top 10 ranked FCS opponents, Southeast Missouri plays at in-state FBS foe Missouri on Saturday.
- The meeting is the fifth all-time between the squads who first met in 1936. The teams played most recently in 2015 and 2019; those two meetings have seen the Tigers outscore the Redhawks 84-3. The teams are also scheduled to play in 2028 and 2030.
- SEMO is 1-24 all-time against FBS opponents, with its lone win coming against Middle Tennessee in 2002. The Redhawks are 0-7 all-time against teams from the SEC.
- Southeast Missouri is coming off a loss to defending national champion and No. 1 ranked Sam Houston. It was the 17th game against a Top 10 FCS team for the program since 2004. SEMO is 0-5 all-time against No. 1 ranked teams.
- The Redhawks and Bearkats were tied at 14 in the second quarter when Geno Hess scored a 1-yard touchdown. SHSU would go on to score the final 38 points of the game. Hess finished the game with 42 rushing yards and ranks 32nd nationally in rushing (73.0 yards/game).
- Sophomore LB Jacob Morrissey had six tackles and two sacks in his first start of the season. Morrissey ranks 16th nationally in sacks (1.0/game) and 38th in tackles for loss (1.5/game).
- Zion Custis ranks first in the OVC and seventh nationally in kick returns (26.3 yards/return). Custis is 36th nationally in all-purpose yards (108.5/game).
- Missouri is 1-1 on the season after a win over Central Michigan and a road loss at Kentucky.
- Quarterback Connor Bazalak was 34-of-51 for 294 yards and four touchdowns against the Wildcats. It marked his fifth game of 250-plus passing yards as he went over the 3,000-yard career passing mark.
- Running back Tyler Badie had a career-high 10 receptions, the most by a Tiger since 2018. During the game he became the first Mizzou players to record 1,000 rushing and 1,000 receiving yards in a career.



Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (0-2, 0-0 OVC) at Tennessee Volunteers (1-1, 0-0 SEC)

Saturday, September 18 • 11:00 a.m.

Neyland Stadium (102,455) • Knoxville, Tenn.

Video: <https://es.pn/3tvpubZ> (SEC Network+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3hj1eEY>
Series Record: Tennessee leads 6-0
Last Meeting: Tennessee won 55-0 (11/5/16)
Dewayne Alexander at Tennessee Tech: 9-23 (4 yrs.)
Dewayne Alexander Overall: 50-56 (11 yrs.)
Josh Heupel at Tennessee: 1-1 (1 yr.)
Josh Heupel Overall: 29-9 (4 yrs.)
Tennessee Tech Last Week: L, 26-0 vs. Furman
Tennessee Last Week: L, 41-34 vs. Pittsburgh

NOTEWORTHY

- Tennessee Tech will take the roughly 100-mile trip East to challenge in-state foe Tennessee first the seventh time in program history and for just the second time since 1951 (the last coming in 2016).
- The Volunteers won by a 55-0 margin in the last meeting, outgaining the Golden Eagles 471 to 224.
- Tennessee Tech is 2-36 all-time against FBS opponents, with its last win coming over Western Carolina in 1980.
- Tennessee Tech saw a streak of scoring in 31-straight games come to an end with a 26-0 home loss to Furman. The win propelled Furman into the FCS Coaches Top 25 poll.
- TTU was held to just 23 net rushing yards, with David Gist finishing with 32 net yards on nine carries. Gist has 104 rushing yards on the season.
- Seth Carlisle led the defense with nine tackles and Jack Warwick added seven and a pass breakup.
- Quarterback Davis Shanley has completed 22 passes for 219 yards this year.
- Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel is in his first season with the Volunteers after three seasons at Central Florida. He took UCF to three bowl games and had a 12-1 season in 2018 and 10-3 campaign in 2019.
- Through two games, UT ranks second nationally in tackles for loss (10.5/game), 17th in rushing defense (64.0 yards/game) and 25th in rushing offense (231.5 yards/game).
- Tennessee has won 20 of its last 25 non-conference games and 28-straight against non-conference in-state opponents.
- This year marks the 100th of football at Neyland Stadium.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



Morehead State Eagles (1-1, 0-0 PFL) at #19 Austin Peay Governors (1-1, 0-0 OVC)

Saturday, September 18 • 2:00 p.m.
Fortera Stadium (8,000) • Clarksville, Tenn.

Video:<https://es.pn/2YI02om> (ESPN+)
Live Stats:.....<https://bit.ly/38Sdd7U>
Series Record:..... Morehead State leads 27-19
Last Meeting:..... Austin Peay won 78-40 (9/15/18)
Rob Tenyer at Morehead State:.....35-54 (9 yrs.)
Rob Tenyer Overall:..... same
Scotty Walden at Austin Peay:5-3 (2 yrs.)
Scotty Walden Overall:13-9 (3 yrs.)
Morehead State Last Week:W, 62-9 vs. Point (Ga.)
Austin Peay Last Week:L, 54-17 at #20 Ole Miss

NOTEWORTHY

- Austin Peay and Morehead State are meeting for the 47th time on Saturday. The teams played in back-to-back years in 2017 and 2018. The two teams played all but one season from 1962 to 2006. After losing 10-straight in the series, Austin Peay has won three-straight in the series.
- In the last meeting, Austin Peay tallied 758 yards of total offense in a 78-40 victory. In that game Kentel Williams rushed for 181 yards and three touchdowns while Jeremiah Oatsvall passed for 121 yards and two scores and rushed for 117 yards and an additional score.
- Austin Peay enters this week ranked No. 19 in the Stats Perform Top 25 and No. 21 in the FCS Coaches Top 25 poll.
- The Govs finished with 374 yards of total offense in the team's game against nationally-ranked FBS opponent Ole Miss. The team scored 17 points, the fourth time in the last nine games against a FBS foe they have scored at least 17 points.
- Draylen Ellis passed for 226 yards and a touchdown. He ranks 11th nationally in passing touchdowns (5), 16th in total passing yards (548), 17th in completions/game (23.0), 18th in passing yards/game (274.0) and 25th in total offense (267.0 yards/game).
- Baniko Harley had a receiving touchdown for the second-straight game; he ranks 10th nationally in receiving touchdowns (2).
- APSU ranks 14th nationally in passing offense (291.0 yards/game).
- After a loss to Top 5 ranked James Madison in the season opener, Morehead State picked up its first win of the season this past week, topping Point (Ga.) University 62-9.
- It was the most points scored by the team since 2012.
- Eagles quarterback Mark Pappas was named Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Week after completing 29-of-45 passes for 286 yards and five touchdowns. Pappas completed passes to 11 different receivers and upped his career totals to 4,082 yards and 35 touchdowns.
- Senior Vaughn Taylor Jr. set a program single-game mark with six tackles for loss against Point; overall the MSU team finished the game with 18 TFLs.



Kentucky State Thorobreds (1-1, 0-0 SIAC) at Tennessee State Tigers (0-2, 0-0 OVC)

Saturday, September 18 • 2:00 p.m.
Nissan Stadium (69,143) • Nashville, Tenn.

Video:<https://es.pn/3k058nS> (ESPN+)
Live Stats:..... <http://www.TSUTigers.com>
Series Record:..... Tennessee State leads 28-5-1
Last Meeting:.....TSU won 71-0 (1984)
Charlie Jackson at Kentucky State:.....8-4 (2 yrs.)
Charlie Jackson Overall:..... same
Eddie George at Tennessee State:.....0-2 (1 yr.)
Eddie George Overall:..... same
Kentucky State Last Week:L, 26-25 vs. Kentucky Wesleyan
Tennessee State Last Week:.....L, 38-16 vs. Jackson State

NOTEWORTHY

- After not taking place last year, the John Merritt Classic returns for its 22nd year in 2021 (the first Classic was held in 1999).
- This marks the first time TSU has hosted Kentucky State in the event. TSU is 15-6 all-time in the event, having won two in a row and five of its last six JMC games. That includes topping Mississippi Valley State 26-20 in 2019.
- TSU and KSU have played 34 previous times dating back to 1922, but not since 1984 when Tennessee State won 71-0. TSU has won 25-straight in the series with Kentucky State last winning in 1948.
- This is the third-straight Classic of the 2021 season for Tennessee State, who played Grambling in the Black College Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio and Jackson State in the Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis.
- The Southern Heritage Classic was played in front of 46,171 fans at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis. Jackson State led 10-7 at halftime but pulled away for the 38-16 win.
- Jeremy Hickbottom passed for 138 yards and a touchdown for TSU. He connected with Rodell Rahman four times for 94 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown with six seconds to play.
- Dayron Johnson finished the game with 160 all-purpose yards, including 92 on kick returns. Johnson is first in the OVC and ninth nationally in all-purpose yards (148.5/game) and fourth in total kick return yardage (192).
- TSU is 1 of 32 schools nationally that has not thrown an interceptions this season.
- Kentucky State did not compete in the 2020 season but returned his fall and has compiled a 1-1 record, topping Central State before falling in the final two minutes against Kentucky Wesleyan.
- Through two games, KSU has three rushers with 90 or more total yards, with Brett Sylve leading the way with 111 yards. Jaylen Myers has 152 passing yards and two touchdowns under center.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



Murray State Racers (1-1, 0-0 OVC) at Bowling Green Falcons (0-2, 0-0 MAC)

Saturday, September 18 • 4:00 p.m.
Doyt Perry Stadium (24,000) • Bowling Green, Ohio

Video: <https://es.pn/3ttZvI3> (ESPN3)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3tstfPg>
Series Record: Bowling Green leads 1-0
Last Meeting: BGSU won 48-7 (9/21/13)
Dean Hood at Murray State: 6-3 (2 yrs.)
Dean Hood Overall: 61-41 (10 yrs.)
Scott Loeffler at Bowling Green: 3-16 (3 yrs.)
Scott Loeffler Overall: same
Murray State Last Week: L, 42-7 at #7 Cincinnati
Bowling Green Last Week: L, 22-19 vs. South Alabama

NOTEWORTHY

- Murray State will play its second-straight FBS opponent on Saturday when it squares off with Bowling Green for the second time in program history.
- The two teams previously met in the 2013 season, a 48-7 BGSU victory.
- Murray State is 3-32-1 all-time against FBS opponents. All three of the wins and the tie came between 1978 and 1985. Since then they have lost 31 in a row to FBS foes.
- After a season-opening shutout of Mississippi Valley State, Murray State suffered his first loss to the season, 42-7 at No. 7 ranked Cincinnati. The game was tied at 7-7 at halftime, but MSU was shutout in the second half.
- Quarterback Preston Rice has five rushing touchdowns on the season, which is first nationally in the FCS. He scored on a 1-yard run in the first half against Cincinnati.
- In two games this season, Rice has completed 27-of-46 passes for 297 yards and ran for 102 yards (second-most on the team).
- Murray State ranks second in the OVC and 23rd nationally in rushing offense (200.0 yards/game).
- The Racers lead the OVC and rank 17th nationally in total defense (274.0 yards/game).
- MSU has forced at least one turnover in eight of nine games under head coach Dean Hood.
- Bowling Green is 0-2 on the season after a 38-6 loss to Tennessee to open the season and a 22-19 loss against South Alabama last week.
- The Falcons held a 19-12 lead late in the fourth quarter before USA scored a touchdown with 1:39 to tie the game, and then kicked a game-winning 26-yard field goal after a BGSU fumble on 3rd and 11.
- BGSU scored on a safety and a 27-yard interception return by Darren Anders in the first quarter.
- QB Matt McDonald threw for a career-best 308 yards last week.



Illinois State Redbirds (1-1, 0-0 MVFC) at Eastern Illinois Panthers (0-3, 0-0 OVC)

Saturday, September 18 • 6:00 p.m.
O'Brien Field (10,000) • Charleston, Ill.

Video: <https://es.pn/3A0XEh4> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <http://bit.ly/2oWwWzR>
Series Record: Illinois State leads 57-42-9
Last Meeting: Illinois State won 21-3 (9/14/19)
Brock Spack at Eastern Illinois: 86-54 (13 yrs.)
Brock Spack Overall: same
Adam Cushing at Eastern Illinois: 2-19 (3 yrs.)
Adam Cushing Overall: same
Illinois State Last Week: L, 28-0 vs. Western Michigan
Eastern Illinois Last Week: L, 17-10 at Dayton

NOTEWORTHY

- After not getting to play last year, the Mid-American Classic returns for 109th meeting between Eastern Illinois and Illinois State on Saturday.
- The rivalry began in 1901 and 10 years ago was re-branded with the Mid-American Classic moniker. Illinois State has won three in a row and five of the last six in the series.
- Illinois State head coach Brock Spack was an assistant at Eastern Illinois under Hall of Fame coach Bob Spoo from 1987-90.
- Two of EIU's three losses this season has come by seven points or less.
- The Panthers fell behind 17-3 against Dayton before a late touchdown pulled them within seven points but were not able to secure the ensuing onside kick.
- Otto Kuhns passed for 60 yards and ran for a team-best 42 yards against Dayton.
- Punter Logen Neidhardt was named OVC Specialist of the Week after averaging 52.0 yards on six punts, including a long of 72 yards. It marked the third-longest punt in the FCS this season. Neidhardt ranks 23rd nationally in punting (41.4 yards/punt).
- EIU ranks 10th nationally in pass defense (135.3 yards/game allowed).
- Illinois State played four games last spring before opting out of its final four contests. This season the team was predicted seventh in the MVFC Preseason Poll.
- The Redbirds opened this season with a win over Butler and last week were shutout (28-0) against FBS opponent Western Michigan, the first of three-straight road games for the team.
- Illinois State was limited to just 28 net rushing yards (after 25 yards of loss due to sacks) and 29 yards passing against WMU.
- Quarterback Bryce Jefferson has passed for 232 yards and two touchdowns this season and also rushed for a pair of touchdowns.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



UT Martin Skyhawks (1-1, 0-0 OVC) at Northwestern State Demons (0-2, 0-0 Southland)

**Saturday, September 18 • 6:00 p.m.
Turpin Stadium (15,971) • Natchitoches, La.**

Video: <https://es.pn/3hjhgFv> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3jVsllM>
Series Record: UT Martin leads 2-1
Last Meeting: UTM won 42-20 (8/29/19)
Brad Laird at Northwestern State: 9-22 (4 yrs.)
Brad Laird Overall: same
Jason Simpson at UT Martin: 91-78 (16 yrs.)
Jason Simpson Overall: same
Northwestern State Last Week: L, 13-10 at Alcorn
UT Martin Last Week: W, 33-27 vs. Samford

NOTEWORTHY

- UT Martin and Northwestern State are meeting for the fourth time and second in three years. The teams played in back-to-back years in 1965 and 1966 and then met in 2019 in Martin.

- In the 2019 season opener, UTM outscored NSU 28-0 in the second half to pull away for the 42-20 victory. The Skyhawks rushed for 179 yards, 149 from Peyton Logan who also scored two rushing touchdowns. Terry Williams finished the game with 199 all-purpose yards, including a 55-yard punt return for a score in the third quarter.

- UT Martin committed five first quarter turnovers (two fumbles, three interceptions) in falling behind 17-0 after 15 minutes. But the Skyhawks scored 24 second quarter points, and held Samford to only three points over the next two and a half quarters until a late touchdown by the Bulldogs.

- UTM rushed for 240 yards, its highest total since the 2018 season. Six different players had at least 20 yards on the ground with quarterback Keon Howard leading the way with 66 yards.

- Howard rushed for a touchdown and threw a pair of touchdowns to finish with three scores for the second-straight week (that earned him his second-straight Newcomer of the Week award). Howard ranks 14th nationally in points responsible for per game (18.0).

- Peyton Logan caught touchdown passes of 60 and 51 yards and finished the victory with 169 all-purpose yards on just 13 touches. He earned OVC Offensive Player of the Week honors for his performance. Logan ranks second in the OVC and 13th nationally in all-purpose yards (144.0/game).

- UTM posted its first comeback win of 14 or more points since the 2015 season.

- UTM leads the league in scoring offense (27.0 ppg), total offense (432.5), rushing offense (220.5), rushing defense (73.0), interceptions (three), punting (40.7), third-down conversions (50.0), first downs (23.5), time of possession (38:26), PAT kicking (1.000) and sacks against (1).

- Northwestern State lost to FBS foe North Texas (44-14) in the opener before being edged by Alcorn (13-10) a week ago.

- Kaleb Fletcher completed 22-of-31 passes for 192 yards and a touchdown (which went to Kendrick Price). In two games this year, Fletcher has completed 66 percent of his passes.

- Scooter Adams led the team with 61 rushing yards against Alcorn; he is averaging 4.8 yards per carry this season. He ranks 31st nationally in rushing yards per game (74.5).

2021 Ohio Valley Conference Team Statistics Through games of Sep 13, 2021

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	7	1	7	0	0	1	54	27.0
2. Austin Peay	2	6	2	5	0	0	0	47	23.5
3. Murray State	2	6	0	6	0	0	0	42	21.0
4. Southeast Missouri	2	5	0	5	0	0	0	35	17.5
5. Tennessee State	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	26	13.0
6. Eastern Illinois	3	4	1	4	0	0	0	31	10.3
7. Tennessee Tech	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	14	7.0

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg/G
1. Murray State	2	6	0	6	0	0	0	42	21.0
2. Tennessee State	2	7	2	6	0	0	0	54	27.0
3. Eastern Illinois	3	11	3	10	1	0	1	89	29.7
4. Austin Peay	2	10	1	9	0	0	1	74	37.0
5. Tennessee Tech	2	9	5	9	0	0	0	78	39.0
6. UT Martin	2	11	3	11	0	0	0	86	43.0
7. Southeast Missouri	2	13	3	12	0	0	0	99	49.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	441	424	164	865	5.3	7	432.5
2. Austin Peay	2	250	582	157	832	5.3	6	416.0
3. Murray State	2	400	297	132	697	5.3	6	348.5
4. Southeast Missouri	2	245	304	126	549	4.4	4	274.5
5. Eastern Illinois	3	268	520	174	788	4.5	4	262.7
6. Tennessee State	2	182	312	119	494	4.2	3	247.0
7. Tennessee Tech	2	92	260	118	352	3.0	2	176.0

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Avg/G
1. Murray State	2	229	324	109	553	5.1	6	276.5
2. Tennessee State	2	183	405	116	588	5.1	6	294.0
3. Eastern Illinois	3	544	395	205	939	4.6	9	313.0
4. UT Martin	2	146	695	117	841	7.2	10	420.5
5. Tennessee Tech	2	272	574	156	846	5.4	8	423.0
6. Austin Peay	2	433	426	141	859	6.1	9	429.5
7. Southeast Missouri	2	390	724	141	1114	7.9	12	557.0

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att.	Yards	Avg/A	Long	TD	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	91	441	4.8	31	4	220.5
2. Murray State	2	85	400	4.7	69	6	200.0
3. Austin Peay	2	79	250	3.2	40	1	125.0
4. Southeast Missouri	2	70	245	3.5	35	1	122.5
5. Tennessee State	2	72	182	2.5	25	2	91.0
6. Eastern Illinois	3	85	268	3.2	39	3	89.3
7. Tennessee Tech	2	51	92	1.8	28	1	46.0

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Att.	Yards	Avg/A	Long	TD	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	43	146	3.4	21	1	73.0
2. Tennessee State	2	65	183	2.8	18	2	91.5
3. Murray State	2	65	229	3.5	20	3	114.5
4. Tennessee Tech	2	80	272	3.4	42	4	136.0
5. Eastern Illinois	3	123	544	4.4	63	4	181.3
6. Southeast Missouri	2	72	390	5.4	77	5	195.0
7. Austin Peay	2	76	433	5.7	34	3	216.5

PASS OFFENSE	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/A	TD	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	2	48-78-2	61.5	582	7.5	5	291.0
2. UT Martin	2	38-73-4	52.1	424	5.8	3	212.0
3. Eastern Illinois	3	44-89-5	49.4	520	5.8	1	173.3
4. Tennessee State	2	26-47-0	55.3	312	6.6	1	156.0
5. Southeast Missouri	2	27-56-1	48.2	304	5.4	3	152.0
6. Murray State	2	27-47-4	57.4	297	6.3	0	148.5
7. Tennessee Tech	2	31-67-4	46.3	260	3.9	1	130.0

PASS DEFENSE	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/A	TD	Avg/G
1. Eastern Illinois	3	49-82-0	59.8	395	4.8	5	131.7
2. Murray State	2	26-44-2	59.1	324	7.4	3	162.0
3. Tennessee State	2	34-51-1	66.7	405	7.9	4	202.5
4. Austin Peay	2	35-65-2	53.8	426	6.6	6	213.0
5. Tennessee Tech	2	53-76-0	69.7	574	7.6	4	287.0
6. UT Martin	2	51-74-3	68.9	695	9.4	9	347.5
7. Southeast Missouri	2	43-69-3	62.3	724	10.5	7	362.0

PASS EFFICIENCY	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/G	TD	Effic.
1. Austin Peay	2	48-78-2	61.5	582	291.0	5	140.2
2. Tennessee State	2	26-47-0	55.3	312	156.0	1	118.1
3. Southeast Missouri	2	27-56-1	48.2	304	152.0	3	107.9
4. UT Martin	2	38-73-4	52.1	424	212.0	3	103.4
5. Murray State	2	27-47-4	57.4	297	148.5	0	93.5
6. Eastern Illinois	3	44-89-5	49.4	520	173.3	1	91.0
7. Tennessee Tech	2	31-67-4	46.3	260	130.0	1	71.9

PASS DEFENSE EFFIC.	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/G	TD	Effic.
1. Eastern Illinois	3	49-82-0	59.8	395	131.7	5	120.3
2. Austin Peay	2	35-65-2	53.8	426	213.0	6	133.2
3. Murray State	2	26-44-2	59.1	324	162.0	3	134.4
4. Tennessee Tech	2	53-76-0	69.7	574	287.0	4	150.5
5. Tennessee State	2	34-51-1	66.7	405	202.5	4	155.3
6. Southeast Missouri	2	43-69-3	62.3	724	362.0	7	175.2
7. UT Martin	2	51-74-3	68.9	695	347.5	9	179.8

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
1. Southeast Missouri	2	9	218	0	35	24.2
2. Murray State	2	3	67	0	36	22.3
3. Tennessee State	2	7	152	0	38	21.7
4. Austin Peay	2	10	186	0	60	18.6
5. Eastern Illinois	3	3	54	0	21	18.0
6. Tennessee Tech	2	5	85	0	21	17.0
7. UT Martin	2	6	95	0	27	15.8

PUNT RETURN AVG	G	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
1. Tennessee State	2	3	83	0	47	27.7
2. Tennessee Tech	2	1	18	0	18	18.0
3. Eastern Illinois	3	3	11	0	5	3.7
4. Austin Peay	2	4	11	0	12	2.8
5. Murray State	2	3	8	0	4	2.7
6. Southeast Missouri	2	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
7. UT Martin	2	2	-7	0	0	-3.5

INTERCEPTIONS	G	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
1. UT Martin	2	3	24	0	24	8.0
2. Southeast Missouri	2	3	49	1	31	16.3
3. Murray State	2	2	28	0	28	14.0
4. Austin Peay	2	2	0	0	0	0.0
Tennessee State	2	1	0	0	0	0.0
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	0	0	0.0
Tennessee Tech	2	0	0	0	0	0.0

PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Avg/P	Ret.	Avg/R	TB	Net/P
1. UT Martin	2	10	446	44.6	39	3.9	0	40.7
2. Southeast Missouri	2	19	772	40.6	1	0.1	0	40.6
3. Austin Peay	2	11	441	40.1	2	0.2	1	38.1
4. Murray State	2	7	257	36.7	2	0.3	0	36.4
5. Eastern Illinois	3	18	735	40.8	68	3.8	3	33.7
6. Tennessee Tech	2	15	579	38.6	76	5.1	0	33.5
7. Tennessee State	2	15	548	36.5	100	6.7	2	27.2

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KICKOFF COVERAGE	G	No.	Yards	Avg.	Ret.	TB	NetAvg
1. Tennessee State	2	7	422	60.3	111	0	44.4
2. Austin Peay	2	11	617	56.1	88	4	39.0
3. UT Martin	2	9	489	54.3	112	2	36.3
4. Murray State	2	8	464	58.0	76	4	36.0
5. Southeast Missouri	2	6	304	50.7	66	1	35.5
6. Eastern Illinois	3	8	421	52.6	65	3	35.1
7. Tennessee Tech	2	5	206	41.2	22	1	31.8

FIELD GOALS	G	Made	Att	Pct.
1. Austin Peay	2	2	2	1.000
2. Tennessee State	2	2	3	.667
3. Eastern Illinois	3	1	2	.500
4. UT Martin	2	1	3	.333
5. Tennessee Tech	2	0	0	.000
Southeast Missouri	2	0	2	.000
Murray State	2	0	3	.000

PAT KICKING	G	Made	Att	Pct.
1. UT Martin	2	7	7	1.000
Murray State	2	6	6	1.000
Austin Peay	2	5	5	1.000
Southeast Missouri	2	5	5	1.000
Eastern Illinois	3	4	4	1.000
Tennessee State	2	2	2	1.000
Tennessee Tech	2	2	2	1.000

SACKS BY	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	2	4	30	2.00
Murray State	2	4	24	2.00
3. Tennessee State	2	3	23	1.50
Southeast Missouri	2	3	31	1.50
UT Martin	2	3	18	1.50
6. Eastern Illinois	3	1	11	0.33
Tennessee Tech	2	1	10	0.50

SACKS AGAINST	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	1	7	0.50
2. Murray State	2	3	16	1.50
3. Southeast Missouri	2	6	23	3.00
Tennessee Tech	2	6	57	3.00
5. Eastern Illinois	3	8	53	2.67
Austin Peay	2	8	30	4.00
7. Tennessee State	2	10	60	5.00

FIRST DOWNS	G	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	25	16	5	47	23.5
2. Austin Peay	2	15	21	8	44	22.0
3. Eastern Illinois	3	17	19	7	43	14.3
4. Murray State	2	19	15	2	36	18.0
5. Tennessee State	2	14	13	4	31	15.5
6. Southeast Missouri	2	12	12	2	26	13.0
7. Tennessee Tech	2	6	13	1	20	10.0

OPPONENT 1ST DOWNS	G	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total	Avg/G
1. Murray State	2	13	14	0	27	13.5
2. Tennessee State	2	14	16	1	31	15.5
3. UT Martin	2	7	27	2	36	18.0
4. Tennessee Tech	2	19	24	1	44	22.0
5. Austin Peay	2	24	17	5	46	23.0
6. Southeast Missouri	2	16	32	4	52	26.0
7. Eastern Illinois	3	28	21	4	53	17.7

3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. UT Martin	2	18	36	50.0
2. Murray State	2	14	29	48.3
3. Austin Peay	2	14	36	38.9
4. Tennessee State	2	8	27	29.6
5. Southeast Missouri	2	8	32	25.0
6. Eastern Illinois	3	9	37	24.3
7. Tennessee Tech	2	7	29	24.1

OPP 3RD-DN CONVERT	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Austin Peay	2	7	27	25.9
2. Tennessee Tech	2	13	34	38.2
3. Southeast Missouri	2	9	23	39.1
Murray State	2	9	23	39.1
5. Eastern Illinois	3	20	46	43.5
Tennessee State	2	10	23	43.5
7. UT Martin	2	8	18	44.4

4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Southeast Missouri	2	2	2	100.0
2. Murray State	2	2	3	66.7
UT Martin	2	2	3	66.7
4. Eastern Illinois	3	3	5	60.0
5. Tennessee State	2	1	2	50.0
6. Austin Peay	2	2	6	33.3
7. Tennessee Tech	2	0	2	0.0

OPP 4TH-DN CONVERT	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Tennessee State	2	0	1	0.0
Southeast Missouri	2	0	1	0.0
UT Martin	2	0	2	0.0
4. Austin Peay	2	4	6	66.7
5. Tennessee Tech	2	5	6	83.3
6. Murray State	2	1	1	100.0
Eastern Illinois	3	5	5	100.0

PENALTIES	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. Tennessee Tech	2	9	76	38.0
2. Murray State	2	16	110	55.0
3. UT Martin	2	14	119	59.5
4. Eastern Illinois	3	21	187	62.3
5. Austin Peay	2	14	125	62.5
6. Tennessee State	2	23	193	96.5
7. Southeast Missouri	2	21	195	97.5

OPPONENT PENALTIES	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	2	18	176	88.0
2. Southeast Missouri	2	12	116	58.0
3. Eastern Illinois	3	21	173	57.7
4. UT Martin	2	14	115	57.5
Murray State	2	14	115	57.5
6. Tennessee State	2	10	92	46.0
7. Tennessee Tech	2	7	65	32.5

TIME OF POSSESSION	G	Total possession	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	2	76:53	38:26
2. Murray State	2	68:10	34:05
3. Tennessee State	2	65:00	32:30
4. Southeast Missouri	2	61:55	30:57
5. Austin Peay	2	61:23	30:41
6. Tennessee Tech	2	57:44	28:52
7. Eastern Illinois	3	79:58	26:39

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TURNOVER MARGIN		Gained			Lost			Margin	Per/G
		Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot		
1. Tennessee State	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	+1	0.50
Southeast Missouri	2	1	3	4	2	1	3	+1	0.50
3. Austin Peay	2	1	2	3	2	2	4	-1	-0.50
4. Murray State	2	1	2	3	2	4	6	-3	-1.50
5. Eastern Illinois	3	1	0	1	2	5	7	-6	-2.00
Tennessee Tech	2	0	0	0	0	4	4	-4	-2.00
UT Martin	2	0	3	3	3	4	7	-4	-2.00

RED ZONE OFFENSE	G	Scores	Pct.	TDs	(R-P)	FGs	TurnO
1. Austin Peay	2	4-4	100.0	2	0-2	2-2	0
Tennessee State	2	3-3	100.0	2	2-0	1-1	0
Southeast Missouri	2	3-3	100.0	3	1-2	0-0	0
Tennessee Tech	2	2-2	100.0	2	1-1	0-0	0
5. Eastern Illinois	3	4-5	80.0	4	3-1	0-0	0
6. UT Martin	2	5-7	71.4	4	4-0	1-2	1
7. Murray State	2	5-8	62.5	5	5-0	0-2	1

RED ZONE DEFENSE	G	Scores	Pct.	TDs	(R-P)	FGs	TurnO
1. Austin Peay	2	8-10	80.0	7	3-4	1-1	1
2. Southeast Missouri	2	9-11	81.8	7	2-5	2-3	1
Tennessee Tech	2	9-11	81.8	6	3-3	3-4	0
4. Murray State	2	5-6	83.3	5	3-2	0-1	0
5. Tennessee State	2	7-8	87.5	5	2-3	2-3	0
6. Eastern Illinois	3	9-10	90.0	7	2-5	2-3	0
7. UT Martin	2	8-8	100.0	5	1-4	3-3	0

ON-SIDE KICKS BY	G	Recovered	Attempts	Success%
1. Southeast Missouri	2	1	1	100.0
2. Tennessee Tech	2	0	0	0.0
Murray State	2	0	0	0.0
Tennessee State	2	0	0	0.0
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	0.0
UT Martin	2	0	0	0.0
Austin Peay	2	0	0	0.0

ON-SIDE KICKS AGAINST	G	Recovered	Attempts	Success%
1. Southeast Missouri	2	0	0	0.0
Tennessee Tech	2	0	0	0.0
Murray State	2	0	0	0.0
Tennessee State	2	0	0	0.0
Eastern Illinois	3	0	0	0.0
UT Martin	2	0	0	0.0
Austin Peay	2	0	0	0.0

ATTENDANCE	Home	Away	Neutral	Total
Austin Peay	0-0	2-27982	0-0	2-27982
Eastern Illinois	0-0	3-24139	0-0	3-24139
Murray State	1-6874	1-33498	0-0	2-20186
Southeast Missouri	1-4075	1-7728	0-0	2-5902
Tennessee State	0-0	0-0	2-30426	2-30426
Tennessee Tech	1-8911	1-3177	0-0	2-6044
UT Martin	1-5869	1-16236	0-0	2-11052
Totals	4-6432	9-21002	2-30426	15-18373

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RUSHING	Cl	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Lg	Avg/G
1. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	2	37	174	4.7	0	31	87.0
2. HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	2	33	146	4.4	1	35	73.0
3. STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	2	29	123	4.2	1	25	61.5
4. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	2	16	122	7.6	0	31	61.0
5. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	2	28	110	3.9	3	11	55.0
6. JONES, Cortez-MUR	Fr	2	12	109	9.1	1	69	54.5
7. GIST, David-TTU	Jr	2	26	104	4.0	1	28	52.0
8. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	2	18	102	5.7	5	28	51.0
9. WITHERSPOON, Damonta-MU	Fr	2	30	101	3.4	0	20	50.5
10. EVANS JR, CJ-APSU	Fr	2	9	75	8.3	1	40	37.5

PASSING AVG/GAME	Cl	G	Comp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Avg/G
1. ELLIS, Draylen-APSU	So	2	46-74-2	548	5	274.0
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	2	38-73-4	424	3	212.0
3. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	2	27-46-4	297	0	148.5
4. SHANLEY, Davis-TTU	Sr	2	25-55-4	219	1	109.5
5. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	2	22-46-1	215	2	107.5
6. HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy-TSU	Sr	2	17-25-0	203	1	101.5
7. BRYANT, Deveon-TSU	So	2	8-20-0	78	0	39.0
8. PEREZ, Christian-SEMO	Jr	2	4-7-0	54	1	27.0
9. MILLER, Willie-TTU	So	2	6-12-0	41	0	20.5
10. HAYNES, Zach-SEMO	Jr	2	1-1-0	35	0	17.5

PASS EFFICIENCY	Cl	G	Comp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Eff.
1. PEREZ, Christian-SEMO	Jr	2	4-7-0	54	1	169.1
2. HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy-TSU	Sr	2	17-25-0	203	1	149.4
3. ELLIS, Draylen-APSU	So	2	46-74-2	548	5	141.3
4. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	2	38-73-4	424	3	103.4
5. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	2	22-46-1	215	2	97.1
6. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	2	27-46-4	297	0	95.5
7. MILLER, Willie-TTU	So	2	6-12-0	41	0	78.7
8. BRYANT, Deveon-TSU	So	2	8-20-0	78	0	72.8
9. SHANLEY, Davis-TTU	Sr	2	25-55-4	219	1	70.4

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Yds/G	Rec/G
1. RENDER, DJ-APSU	Sr	2	13	88	1	30	44.0	6.5
2. McCRAY, Drae-APSU	Fr	2	11	174	1	57	87.0	5.5
3. CROSS, Quinton-TTU	So	2	10	94	0	23	47.0	5.0
4. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	2	9	185	2	48	92.5	4.5
5. DOWELL, Colton-UTM	Jr	2	8	121	1	27	60.5	4.0
BROOKS, LaMartez-MUR	Jr	2	8	101	0	29	50.5	4.0
EVANS JR, CJ-APSU	Fr	2	8	68	0	27	34.0	4.0
8. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	2	7	102	0	36	51.0	3.5
GIST, David-TTU	Jr	2	7	50	0	14	25.0	3.5
10. LOFTON, Robbie-EIU	Sr	3	10	89	1	23	29.7	3.3

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Yds/G
1. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	2	9	185	2	48	20.6	92.5
2. McCRAY, Drae-APSU	Fr	2	11	174	1	57	15.8	87.0
3. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	2	6	122	2	60	20.3	61.0
4. DOWELL, Colton-UTM	Jr	2	8	121	1	27	15.1	60.5
5. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	2	7	102	0	36	14.6	51.0
6. BROOKS, LaMartez-MUR	Jr	2	8	101	0	29	12.6	50.5
7. RAHMAAN, Rodell-TSU	Sr	2	5	100	1	47	20.0	50.0
8. ALSTON, Aaron-SEMO	Sr	2	6	99	1	43	16.5	49.5
9. CROSS, Quinton-TTU	So	2	10	94	0	23	9.4	47.0
10. RENDER, DJ-APSU	Sr	2	13	88	1	30	6.8	44.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
1. ELLIS, Draylen-APSU	So	2	0	548	92	548	274.0
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	2	110	424	101	534	267.0
3. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	2	102	297	64	399	199.5
4. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	2	19	215	61	234	117.0
5. HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy-TSU	Sr	2	3	203	38	206	103.0
6. SHANLEY, Davis-TTU	Sr	2	-24	219	62	195	97.5
7. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	2	174	0	37	174	87.0
8. HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	2	146	0	33	146	73.0
9. STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	2	123	0	29	123	61.5
10. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	2	122	0	16	122	61.0

SCORING	Cl	G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	Pts	Pts/G
1. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	2	5	0	0	0	30	15.0
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	2	3	0	0	0	18	9.0
3. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	2	2	0	0	0	12	6.0
HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	2	2	0	0	0	12	6.0
5. TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	2	0	2	5	0	11	5.5
6. LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	2	0	1	7	0	10	5.0
7. McCRAY, Drae-APSU	Fr	2	1	0	0	0	6	3.0
TODD, Garrett-SEMO	Jr	2	1	0	0	0	6	3.0
DOWELL, Colton-UTM	Jr	2	1	0	0	0	6	3.0
RAHMAAN, Rodell-TSU	Sr	2	1	0	0	0	6	3.0

SCORING (TDs)	Cl	G	TD	Run	Pass	Ret	Pat	Pts	Avg/G
1. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	2	5	5	0	0	0	30	15.0
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	2	3	3	0	0	0	18	9.0
3. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	2	2	0	2	0	0	12	6.0
LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	2	2	0	2	0	0	12	6.0
5. RENDER, DJ-APSU	Sr	2	1	0	1	0	0	6	3.0
TODD, Garrett-SEMO	Jr	2	1	0	1	0	0	6	3.0
McCRAY, Drae-APSU	Fr	2	1	0	1	0	0	6	3.0
BRYANT, Deveon-TSU	So	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	3.0
STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	3.0
HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	3.0

SCORING (KICK)	Cl	G	PAT	FG	Pts	Avg/G
1. TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	2	5-5	2-2	11	5.5
2. LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	2	7-7	1-3	10	5.0
3. BAUM, Aaron-MUR	Jr	2	6-6	0-3	6	3.0
4. ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	2	2-2	1-2	5	2.5
5. GALLOWAY, Stone-EIU	So	3	4-4	1-2	7	2.3
6. OLSEN, Hayden-TTU	Fr	2	2-2	0-0	2	1.0

PUNT RETURN AVG	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
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KICK RETURN AVG	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
1. CUSTIS, Zion-SEMO	Sr	2	6	158	0	35	26.3
2. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	2	5	109	0	38	21.8
3. PARKER, Jay-APSU	So	2	7	115	0	19	16.4

ALL PURPOSE	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
1. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	2	3	102	83	109	297	148.5
2. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	2	122	122	0	44	288	144.0
3. CUSTIS, Zion-SEMO	Sr	2	48	11	0	158	217	108.5
4. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	2	0	185	13	0	198	99.0
5. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	2	174	18	0	0	192	96.0
6. McCRAY, Drae-APSU	Fr	2	0	174	0	0	174	87.0
7. GIST, David-TTU	Jr	2	104	50	0	18	172	86.0
8. HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	2	146	6	0	0	152	76.0
9. WITHERSPOON, Damonta-MU	Fr	2	101	50	0	0	151	75.5
10. STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	2	123	24	0	0	147	73.5

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PUNTING		Cl	G	No.	Yds	Lg	I20	50+	TB	Avg.
1.	NEIDHARDT, Logen-EIU	Fr	3	16	735	72	6	5	3	45.9
2.	LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	2	10	446	67	3	3	0	44.6
3.	MOSLEY, Kaleb-TSU	Jr	2	13	542	53	3	3	2	41.7
4.	HAYNES, Zach-SEMO	Jr	2	19	772	58	7	2	0	40.6
5.	RIGNEY, Matt-APSU	So	2	11	441	55	3	1	1	40.1
6.	OLSEN, Hayden-TTU	Fr	2	15	579	52	1	1	0	38.6
7.	HALTON, Lewis-MUR	So	2	7	257	45	1	0	0	36.7

FIELD GOALS		Cl	G	Made	Att.	Long	Pct.	FG/G
1.	TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	2	2	2	30	100.0	1.00
2.	ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	2	1	2	39	50.0	0.50
	LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	2	1	3	31	33.3	0.50
4.	GALLOWAY, Stone-EIU	So	3	1	2	37	50.0	0.33

FIELD GOAL PCT		Cl	G	Made	Att.	Long	Pct.
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PAT KICKING PCT		Cl	G	Made	Att.	Pct.
1.	LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	2	7	7	100.0
	BAUM, Aaron-MUR	Jr	2	6	6	100.0
	TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	2	5	5	100.0

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TACKLES (All positions)							SACKS								
	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G		Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G
1. PERRY, Koby-APSU	Jr	2	DB	13	5	18	9.0	1. JACKSON, Kordell-APSU	Sr	2	DB	3	0	3.0	1.50
2. CARLISLE, Seth-TTU	Jr	2	LB	5	12	17	8.5	2. MORRISSEY, Jacob-SEMO	So	2	LB	2	0	2.0	1.00
3. VINCENT, Jordan-EIU	Fr	3	DB	17	7	24	8.0	HUMPICH, Scott-MUR	Jr	2	LB	2	0	2.0	1.00
BOYD, Jamal-TTU	So	2	DB	5	11	16	8.0	AKINS, JaQuez-UTM	Sr	2	SAF	2	0	2.0	1.00
RELIFORD, Josh-TTU	Jr	2	DB	6	10	16	8.0	5. PATTERSON, Tadarius-TSU	Jr	2	DL	0	1	1.5	0.75
JACKSON, Kordell-APSU	Sr	2	DB	10	6	16	8.0	6. DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	3	SAF	1	0	1.0	0.33
7. SIMS, Deven-UTM	Jr	2	SAF	8	7	15	7.5	7. SQUIRES, Devin-TTU	Fr	2	DL	1	0	1.0	0.50
8. BOHANEK, Colin-EIU	Fr	3	LB	7	15	22	7.3	PERRY, Koby-APSU	Jr	2	DB	1	0	1.0	0.50
9. BRYANT, Jahsun-TSU	Jr	2	LB	12	2	14	7.0	ANOMA, Eyabi-UTM	So	2	DE	1	0	1.0	0.50
MORRISSEY, Jacob-SEMO	So	2	LB	9	5	14	7.0	DOUGLAS, Omarkdrick-SEMO	Sr	2	LB	1	0	1.0	0.50
11. JOHNSON, Jason-EIU	So	3	LB	10	10	20	6.7	WALKER, Chris-TSU	Fr	2	DL	1	0	1.0	0.50
12. STEPHENS, D'Carrious-UTM	Sr	2	LB	8	5	13	6.5	McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	2	CB	1	0	1.0	0.50
WARWICK, Jack-TTU	So	2	LB	6	7	13	6.5	REED, Izaiiah-MUR	So	2	DL	1	0	1.0	0.50
SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	2	DB	8	5	13	6.5	14. McDONALD, Maurice-TSU	So	2	LB	0	1	0.5	0.25
15. WASHINGTON, Nyquan-TTU	Fr	2	DB	9	2	11	5.5	TACKLES FOR LOSS							
GREEN, James-TSU	Jr	2	LB	8	3	11	5.5		Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G
RAHMAN, Cory-TSU	Sr	2	DB	10	1	11	5.5	1. JACKSON, Kordell-APSU	Sr	2	DB	4	1	4.5	2.25
JOHNSON, Lawrence-SEMO	Sr	2	DB	6	5	11	5.5	2. WALKER, Chris-TSU	Fr	2	DL	3	1	3.5	1.75
19. DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	3	SAF	11	4	15	5.0	3. MORRISSEY, Jacob-SEMO	So	2	LB	3	0	3.0	1.50
McDONALD, Maurice-TSU	So	2	LB	5	5	10	5.0	HUMPICH, Scott-MUR	Jr	2	LB	3	0	3.0	1.50
NORMAN, Bryce-SEMO	Fr	2	LB	3	7	10	5.0	5. MILES, Jordan-EIU	Fr	3	DL	3	0	3.0	1.00
FORD, John-UTM	Sr	2	LB	5	5	10	5.0	6. SQUIRES, Devin-TTU	Fr	2	DL	2	1	2.5	1.25
23. HICKS, Robert-UTM	Sr	2	LB	4	5	9	4.5	7. JOHNSON, Jason-EIU	So	3	LB	1	3	2.5	0.83
MCDONALD, Jack-APSU	Sr	2	LB	5	4	9	4.5	GROWEL, Justin-EIU	Sr	3	DL	2	1	2.5	0.83
EVANS, Carson-UTM	Fr	2	SAF	4	5	9	4.5	9. NORMAN, Bryce-SEMO	Fr	2	LB	2	1	2.5	1.25
McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	2	CB	8	1	9	4.5	10. BOOKER, Keandre-SEMO	Jr	2	LB	2	0	2.0	1.00
GILMORE, Jyron-TTU	Fr	2	DB	3	6	9	4.5	AKINS, JaQuez-UTM	Sr	2	SAF	2	0	2.0	1.00
HENDERSON JR, Troy-APSU	Sr	2	LB	7	2	9	4.5	CARTER, Tai-TTU	Jr	2	DB	2	0	2.0	1.00
MINCEY, Brandon-SEMO	Sr	2	LB	3	6	9	4.5	13. PATTERSON, Tadarius-TSU	Jr	2	DL	1	1	1.5	0.75
30. GREEN, Joshua-TSU	So	2	DB	7	1	8	4.0	DuBOSE, David-UTM	Sr	2	DE	1	1	1.5	0.75
SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	2	LB	3	5	8	4.0	FORD, John-UTM	Sr	2	LB	1	1	1.5	0.75
METHENY, Levi-MUR	Sr	2	LB	6	2	8	4.0	RAHMAN, Cory-TSU	Sr	2	DB	1	1	1.5	0.75
PHILLIPS, K.J.-TTU	Sr	2	LB	1	7	8	4.0	STEPHENS, D'Carrious-UTM	Sr	2	LB	1	1	1.5	0.75
BOOKER, Keandre-SEMO	Jr	2	LB	8	0	8	4.0	18. BOHANEK, Colin-EIU	Fr	3	LB	1	1	1.5	0.50
35. VARGA, Tim-EIU	So	3	DL	7	4	11	3.7	19. McDONALD, Maurice-TSU	So	2	LB	1	1	1.5	0.75
MILES, Jordan-EIU	Fr	3	DL	4	7	11	3.7	DAVA, Kail-TTU	So	2	DL	0	3	1.5	0.75
37. HARPER, Nick-TSU	Sr	2	DB	6	1	7	3.5	PASSES DEFENDED							
LOPES, Brandon-APSU	Jr	2	LB	5	2	7	3.5		Cl	G	BrUp	Int.	Total	Avg/G	
BENSON, Jalon-SEMO	So	2	DB	3	4	7	3.5	1. EDWARDS, Johnathan-APSU	Sr	2	2	2	4	2.00	
HUDSON, Cameron-TTU	So	2	DB	5	2	7	3.5	2. RELIFORD, Josh-TTU	Jr	2	3	0	3	1.50	
CARTER, Tai-TTU	Jr	2	DB	4	3	7	3.5	SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	2	3	0	3	1.50	
NORMAN, Isaiah-APSU	Sr	2	DB	4	3	7	3.5	4. GRAHAM, Eddie-TSU	Sr	2	2	0	2	1.00	
43. HARVEY, Tyris-EIU	Fr	3	DB	5	4	9	3.0	DOUGLAS, Omarkdrick-SEMO	Sr	2	2	0	2	1.00	
YOUNG, Michael-EIU	Fr	3	DL	7	2	9	3.0	GUY, Vincent-UTM	Fr	2	1	1	2	1.00	
BENOIT, Elijah-EIU	Jr	3	DB	3	6	9	3.0	HODGES, Trai-SEMO	Sr	2	1	1	2	1.00	
ROBERTS, Cortez-MUR	Jr	2	DB	5	1	6	3.0	WOODS, Jay-UTM	Sr	2	1	1	2	1.00	
RAINES, Aidan-TTU	Jr	2	LB	3	3	6	3.0	HARMON, Korbin-UTM	Sr	2	2	0	2	1.00	
MATTHEWS, Mike-SEMO	Jr	2	LB	3	3	6	3.0	STEPHENS, D'Carrious-UTM	Sr	2	1	1	2	1.00	
DOUGLAS, Omarkdrick-SEMO	Sr	2	LB	4	2	6	3.0	11. RUFFIN, Blake-EIU	Fr	3	2	0	2	0.67	
SQUIRES, Devin-TTU	Fr	2	DL	3	3	6	3.0	12. FORD, Demetries-APSU	Jr	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								LEONARD, Ty-SEMO	Jr	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								CARTER, Tai-TTU	Jr	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								BENSON, Jalon-SEMO	So	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								RAHMAN, Cory-TSU	Sr	2	0	1	1	0.50	
								WARWICK, Jack-TTU	So	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								FORD, John-UTM	Sr	2	1	0	1	0.50	
								BOOKER, Keandre-SEMO	Jr	2	0	1	1	0.50	

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INTERCEPTIONS		Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
1.	EDWARDS, Johnathan-APSU	Sr	2	2	0	0	0	1.00
2.	BOOKER, Keandre-SEMO	Jr	2	1	31	0	31	0.50
	TURNER, Quinaz-MUR	Jr	2	1	28	0	28	0.50
	GUY, Vincent-UTM	Fr	2	1	24	0	24	0.50
	MATTHEWS, Mike-SEMO	Jr	2	1	10	1	10	0.50
	HODGES, Trai-SEMO	Sr	2	1	8	0	8	0.50
	WOODS, Jay-UTM	Sr	2	1	0	0	0	0.50
	RAHMAN, Cory-TSU	Sr	2	1	0	0	0	0.50
	McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	2	1	0	0	0	0.50
	STEPHENS, D'Carrious-UTM	Sr	2	1	0	0	0	0.50

FUMBLES FORCED		Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	CARTER, Tai-TTU	Jr	2	1	0.50
	AKINS, JaQuez-UTM	Sr	2	1	0.50
	SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	2	1	0.50
	SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	2	1	0.50
5.	DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	3	1	0.33

FUMBLES RECOVERED		Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	2	1	0.50
	JOHNSON, Lawrence-SEMO	Sr	2	1	0.50
	METHENY, Levi-MUR	Sr	2	1	0.50
	HORTON, Raymond-TSU	Jr	2	1	0.50
5.	RUFFIN, Blake-EIU	Fr	3	1	0.33

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TEAM HIGHS (highest totals made by)

Points	35	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	33	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Points scored kicking	7	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [1fg,4pat]
	6	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [1fg,3pat]
Touchdowns	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Total offense yards	469	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [240r,229p]
	458	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [136r,322p]
Total offense plays	87	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [57r,30p]
	82	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [38r,44p]
Total offense yards/play	6.9	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [66-455]
	6.1	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [75-458]
Rushing yards	307	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	240	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Rushing attempts	57	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	48	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Yards per rush	6.4	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [48-307]
	5.9	UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [34-201]
Rushing TDs	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	3	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
Longest rush	69	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	40	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Passing yards	322	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	260	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Passing attempts	44	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	43	UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
Passing TDs	4	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest pass	61	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	60	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Passes completed	24	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	24	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Had intercepted	3	Tennessee Tech vs FURMAN (Sep 11, 2021)
	3	Murray State at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	3	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass completion pct	70.6	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [24-34]
	61.9	Eastern Illinois at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021) [13-21]
Passing yards/attempt	9.5	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [34-322]
	8.7	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021) [29-253]
Yards per catch	18.1	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021) [14-253]
	14.9	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021) [13-194]
Field goal attempts	2	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	2	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
Field goals made	1	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	1	Eastern Illinois at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest field goal	39	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	37	Eastern Illinois at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)

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	37	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Field goal pct	50.0	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [1-2]
	50.0	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [1-2]
PAT kicks attempted	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
PAT kicks made	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
PAT kicks pct	100.0	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [4-4]
	100.0	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	Tennessee Tech at Samford (Sep 02, 2021) [2-2]
	100.0	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [2-2]
	100.0	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [2-2]
2-point PAT attempts	1	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Punts	10	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	9	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest punt	72	Eastern Illinois at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	67	UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
Yards punted	418	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [10-418]
	354	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [9-354]
Punting avg	52.0	Eastern Illinois at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021) [6-312]
	46.3	UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [6-278]
Punt returns	4	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	2	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	2	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Punt return yards	83	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	18	Tennessee Tech vs FURMAN (Sep 11, 2021)
Punt return avg	41.5	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [2-83]
	4.5	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021) [2-9]
Longest punt return	47	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	18	Tennessee Tech vs FURMAN (Sep 11, 2021)
Kick returns	6	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	5	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	5	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
Kick return yards	123	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	117	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Kick return avg	30.8	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [4-123]
	23.4	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021) [5-117]
Longest kick return	60	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	38	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Interceptions	2	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Interception return yds	31	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	28	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Interception return avg	14.0	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [2-28]
	12.0	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [2-24]
Longest interception rtn	31	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	28	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)

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Interception return TDs	1	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
Fumbles lost	2	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Murray State at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Fumbles recovered	1	Eastern Illinois at South Carolina (Sep 04, 2021)
	1	Murray State at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Sacked by opp	8	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	5	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	5	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
QB sacks	3	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Murray State at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Turnovers committed	5	Murray State at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	5	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Turnovers caused	2	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
Kicks blocked	1	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
First downs	26	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	25	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
1st downs rushing	16	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	14	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
1st downs passing	11	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	10	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
1st downs by penalty	7	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	4	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	4	UT Martin at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
Penalties	18	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	15	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
Penalties yards	150	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	133	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)

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INDIVIDUAL PLAYER GAME HIGHS

Points scored	24	RICE, Preston (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	12	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
	12	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Touchdowns	4	RICE, Preston (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
TD responsibility	4	RICE, Preston (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [4r,0p]
	4	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [0r,4p]
Points scored kicking	7	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [1fg,4pat]
	6	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [1fg,3pat]
Total offense yards	326	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [4r,322p]
	295	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [66r,229p]
Total offense plays	55	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [12r,43p]
	46	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [12r,34p]
	46	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [16r,30p]
	46	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [6r,40p]
Total offense yards/play	11.3	LAYMAN, Sheldon (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [3-34]
	10.8	CASTLEBERRY, Jordan (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [4-43]
Rushing yards	107	JONES, Cortez (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	104	HESS, Geno (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	104	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
Rushing attempts	19	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	18	HESS, Geno (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	18	STARLING, Devon (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	18	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards per rush	10.8	CASTLEBERRY, Jordan (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [4-43]
	10.7	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [7-75]
Rushing TDs	4	RICE, Preston (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
Longest rush	69	JONES, Cortez (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	40	EVANS JR, CJ (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Passing yards	322	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	253	KUHNS, Otto (Eastern Illinois) at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
Passing attempts	43	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
	40	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Passing TDs	4	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest pass	61	KUHNS, Otto (Eastern Illinois) at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	60	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Passes completed	24	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	22	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Had intercepted	3	SHANLEY, Davis (Tennessee Tech) vs FURMAN (Sep 11, 2021)
	3	RICE, Preston (Murray State) at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	3	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Pass completion pct	80.0	HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [8-10]
	70.6	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [24-34]
Pass yards/attempt	15.5	POPE, Tucker (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [2-31]
	11.3	LAYMAN, Sheldon (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [3-34]
Pass yards/catch	31.0	POPE, Tucker (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [1-31]
	17.0	LAYMAN, Sheldon (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [2-34]
Receiving yards	128	HARLEY, Baniko (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	122	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Receptions	8	CROSS, Quinton (Tennessee Tech) at Samford (Sep 02, 2021)
	8	RENDER, DJ (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)

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Yards per catch	30.5	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [4-122]
	23.5	RAHMAAN, Rodell (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021) [4-94]
Receiving TDs	2	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	ODEN, Justin (Tennessee Tech) at Samford (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	TODD, Garrett (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	SMITH, Zack (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	DOWELL, Colton (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	McCRAE, Drae (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	HARLEY, Baniko (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	RENDER, DJ (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	LOFTON, Robbie (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	RAHMAAN, Rodell (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	ALSTON, Aaron (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	HARLEY, Baniko (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest reception	61	RINGWOOD, Tyler (Eastern Illinois) at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	60	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Field goal attempts	2	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	2	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Field goals made	2	DOAK, Kenny (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	1	GALLOWAY, Stone (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	GARNETT, Chayil (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest field goal	1	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	39	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	37	GALLOWAY, Stone (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	37	GARNETT, Chayil (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Field goal pct	50.0	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [1-2]
	50.0	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [1-2]
PAT kicks attempted	5	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
PAT kicks made	5	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
PAT kicks pct	100.0	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [4-4]
	100.0	GALLOWAY, Stone (Eastern Illinois) at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [3-3]
	100.0	OLSEN, Hayden (Tennessee Tech) at Samford (Sep 02, 2021) [2-2]
	100.0	PIPPIN, DC (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [2-2]
	100.0	DOAK, Kenny (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [2-2]
Punts	100.0	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [2-2]
	10	HAYNES, Zach (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	9	HAYNES, Zach (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
Yards punted	418	HAYNES, Zach (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [10-354]
	354	HAYNES, Zach (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [9-354]
Longest punt	72	NEIDHARDT, Logen (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)
	67	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
Punting avg	52.0	NEIDHARDT, Logen (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021) [6-312]
	46.3	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021) [6-278]

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Punt returns	2	WILLMAN, Cooper (Eastern Illinois) at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021)
	2	HONEYCUTT, Malik (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	HARLEY, Baniko (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	2	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
Punt return yards	83	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	18	GILMORE, Jyron (Tennessee Tech) vs FURMAN (Sep 11, 2021)
Longest punt return	47	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	18	GILMORE, Jyron (Tennessee Tech) vs FURMAN (Sep 11, 2021)
Punt return avg	41.5	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [2-83]
	6.5	HARLEY, Baniko (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [2-13]
Kick returns	6	PARKER, Jay (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	4	CUSTIS, Zion (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Kick return yards	123	CUSTIS, Zion (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	97	PARKER, Jay (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
Kick return avg	30.8	CUSTIS, Zion (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [4-1
	23.7	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [3-71]
Longest kick return	60	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	38	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Combined PR/KR yards	123	CUSTIS, Zion (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021) [0pr-
	100	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [83pr-17kr]
Interceptions	2	EDWARDS, Johnathan (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	McKEE, Davontae (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	TURNER, Quinaz (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	MATTHEWS, Mike (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	HODGES, Trai (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	WOODS, Jay (UT Martin) at Western Kentucky (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	RAHMAN, Cory (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	1	STEPHENS, D'Carrious (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	GUY, Vincent (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	BOOKER, Keandre (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
Interception return yds	31	BOOKER, Keandre (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	28	TURNER, Quinaz (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Interception return avg	0.0	EDWARDS, Johnathan (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [2-0]
Longest interception rtn	31	BOOKER, Keandre (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	28	TURNER, Quinaz (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Interception return TDs	1	MATTHEWS, Mike (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
All-purpose yards	169	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	160	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
Tackles	14.0	BOHANEK, Colin (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021) [4-10]
	12.0	VINCENT, Jordan (Eastern Illinois) at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021) [10-2]
Sacks	2.0	AKINS, JaQuez (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	MORRISSEY, Jacob (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	JACKSON, Kordell (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
Tackles for loss	2.5	JACKSON, Kordell (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [2-1]
	2.0	HUMPICH, Scott (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	WALKER, Chris (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	AKINS, JaQuez (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	MORRISSEY, Jacob (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	NORMAN, Bryce (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]
	2.0	JACKSON, Kordell (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [2-0]