

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 18)

	OVC					OVERALL								
	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	W	L	PCT.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Austin Peay	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	100	109	1-0	1-1	0-0	W1
UT Martin	0	0	.000	0	0	2	1	.667	89	96	1-0	1-1	0-0	W2
Murray State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	52	69	1-0	0-2	0-0	L2
Tennessee State	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	.333	67	61	1-0	0-0	0-2	W1
Southeast Missouri	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	.000	63	18	0-1	0-2	0-0	L3
Tennessee Tech	0	0	.000	0	0	0	3	.000	14	134	0-1	0-2	0-0	L3
Eastern Illinois	0	0	.000	0	0	0	4	.000	55	120	0-1	0-3	0-0	L4

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 25

*Eastern Illinois at Tennessee Tech, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Tennessee State at Southeast Missouri, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
#19 Austin Peay at Eastern Kentucky, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
UT Martin at #9 Jacksonville State, 3:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday, September 18

@Missouri 59, Southeast Missouri 28
@Tennessee 56, Tennessee Tech 0
@#19 Austin Peay 59, Morehead State 35
@Tennessee State 41, Kentucky State 7
@Bowling Green 27, Murray State 10
Illinois State 31, @Eastern Illinois 24
UT Martin 35, @Northwestern State 10

* Indicates OVC Contest
ALL TIMES CENTRAL

THIS WEEK'S OVC HIGHLIGHTS/STORYLINES

The first Conference games of the season will be played this week..UT Martin head coach Jason Simpson won his 92nd career game on September 18 at Northwestern State, moving him into a tie for fifth place in OVC career victories...Simpson is in his 16th season with the Skyhawks...UTM is 2-1 on the season after its second-straight FCS victory...Austin Peay is also 2-1 after a home win over Morehead State...Austin Peay is now ranked No. 19 in the Stats Perform poll and No. 20 in the FCS Coaches Top 25 while Murray State remained just outside both polls and UT Martin picked up a vote in the Coaches Poll for the first time this year...TSU redshirt junior kicker Antonio Zita connected on his 49th and 50th career field goals against Kentucky State on September 18; he now ranks fourth in OVC history in field goals made, nine away from the record (held by TSU's Jamin Godfrey)...Every current OVC team has been ranked at least one week in the Top 25 over the past five years (2016-20)...Eddie George picked up his first win as Tennessee State's head coach win a 41-7 win over Kentucky State on September 18...As of September 19, there are 15 former Ohio Valley Conference players on NFL rosters (8 active, 5 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

CO-OFFENSIVE

Draylen Ellis, QB • 6-0, 175, So. • Olive Branch, Miss. • Austin Peay

Ellis completed 21-of-36 passes for a career-high 350 yards and three touchdowns as Austin Peay topped Morehead State 59-35. He also rushed for 30 yards on seven carries and did not take a sack. Ellis also completed passes to eight different receivers before leaving the game early in the fourth quarter. Overall APSU finished the game with 381 passing yards, the fourth-highest total in school history. Ellis ranks seventh nationally in passing touchdowns (8), ninth in total passing yards (898), 11th in total offense (304.7 yards/game) and 12th in passing yards/game (299.3).

CO-OFFENSIVE

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

Logan won his second-straight Player of the Week honor after carrying the ball 14 times for a career-high 179 yards and a touchdown as UT Martin won 35-10 at Northwestern State to improve to 2-1 on the season. The senior averaged 12.3 yards/carry and scored on 53-yard carry in the fourth quarter to cement the game. He also had a 41-yard rush in the first quarter that setup a touchdown and was responsible for 88 of the team's 92 yards on the final drive of the game. Logan leads the OVC and also ranks fourth nationally in yards/carry (10.03), fifth in all-purpose yards (156.67/game) and 13th in rushing (100.3 yards/game).

Others Nominated: Otto Kuhns, Eastern Illinois; Shamenski Rucker, Southeast Missouri; Jeremy Hickbottom, Tennessee State.

CO-DEFENSIVE

Jack McDonald, LB • 6-0, 210, Grad. • Brentwood, Tenn. • Austin Peay

McDonald had three tackles, a quarterback hurry and returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown as Austin Peay defeated Morehead State 59-35 to improve to 2-1 on the season. The pick-six was part of a 20-point second quarter that saw the team open up a 28-6 halftime advantage.

CO-DEFENSIVE

John Ford, LB • 6-3, 230, Grad. • Nashville, Tenn. • UT Martin

Ford had five tackles and a key interception as UT Martin won 35-10 at Northwestern State to improve to 2-1. With his team leading 21-10 in the third quarter, he picked off a pass at the Skyhawks 1-yard line and returned it 66 yards which setup a UTM score six plays later as the team took a 28-10 lead. It marked his third career interception.

Others Nominated: Jason Johnson, Eastern Illinois; Eric Samuta, Murray State; Tyler Nelome, Southeast Missouri.

SPECIALIST

Zach Haynes, P • 6-1, 170, Jr. • Potosi, Mo. • Southeast Missouri

Haynes punted five times for 232 yards (46.4 yards/punt) in the team's game at FBS Missouri. The junior had two punts downed inside the 20-yard line, including a career-best 62-yarder that was downed at the one-yard line. Haynes ranks third in the OVC and 24th nationally averaging 41.8 yards/punt.

Others Nominated: Matthew Rigney, Austin Peay; Logen Neidhardt, Eastern Illinois; Antonio Zita, Tennessee State

NEWCOMER

Rodell Rahmaan, TE • 6-4, 230, Sr. • Columbus, Ohio • Tennessee State

Rahmaan, a transfer from Bowling Green, caught two first half touchdowns (10 yards and 46 yards) and partially blocked a punt as Tennessee State won its first game under head coach Eddie George. He caught a 10-yard touchdown with 45 seconds remaining in the first quarter. On the ensuing possession, after a three-and-out, KSU punted deep in its own territory, and Rahmaan got his hand on the ball, altering the punt that went only 16 yards. On the first play of its drive, Rahmaan caught a 46-yard touchdown to make the score 17-0 as TSU would go on to a 41-7 victory.

Others Nominated: Drae McCray, Austin Peay; Justin Growel, Eastern Illinois; Levi Metheny, Murray State; Keon Howard, UT Martin.

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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 Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay
Peyton Logan, UT Martin

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 Jack McDonald, Austin Peay
John Ford, UT Martin

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SPECIALIST

Sept. 6 Tyler Larco, UT Martin
Sept. 12 Logen Neidhardt, Eastern Illinois
Sept. 19 Zach Haynes, Southeast Missouri

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NEWCOMER

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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

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 remained at No. 19 in the Stats Perform poll and jumped up one spot to No. 20 in the FCS Coaches Poll. Murray State is just outside the Top 25 in both polls while UT Martin is receiving votes in the Coaches Poll for the first time this season. 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.

Simpson Moves Into Fifth Place in OVC Career Victories: With a 35-7 win at Northwestern State on September 18, UT Martin head coach **Jason Simpson** recorded his 92nd career victory, tying him for 5th place in OVC history.

- 315 - Roy Kidd, Eastern Kentucky (1964-2002)
- 154 - Boots Donnelly, Austin Peay & Middle Tennessee (1977-78, 79-98)
- 117 - Charles Murphy, Middle Tennessee (1952-68)
- 99 - Jimmy Feix, Western Kentucky (1968-81)
- 92 - Jason Simpson, UT Martin (2006-present)**
- 92 - Bob Spoo, Eastern Illinois (1996-2001)

Zita Moves Into Fourth Place in Career Field Goals: Tennessee State redshirt junior kicker **Antonio Zita** made his 50th career field goal on September 18 against Kentucky State, moving him into sole possession of fourth place in OVC history. Zita is nine away from the OVC record (held by TSU's Jamin Godfrey). His 50 made field goals is second among active FCS players.

OVC in NCAA Statistical Leaders: In the latest NCAA statistical leaders (Sept. 19), UT Martin ranks eighth in time of possession (35:40), ninth in sacks allowed (0.67/game), 12th in passes intercepted (5), 14th in net punting (41.36 yards/punt) and 15th in rushing offense (233.7 yards/game). Austin Peay ranks eighth in passing offense (321.0 yards/game) and 17th in total offense (463.3 yards/game) and passes intercepted (4). Tennessee State is 11th in total defense (243.0 yards/game) and 14th in rushing defense (89.3 yards/game) and punt returns (13.57 yards/return). Eastern Illinois ranks sixth in pass defense (115.0 yards/game) and fourth in blocked kicks (2). Tennessee Tech is first in fumbles lost (0) while Southeast Missouri is first in fourth down conversion percentage (100%) and first in red zone offense (100%). Individually, Murray State's **Preston Rice** and UT Martin's **Keon Howard** are tied for first in rushing touchdowns (5) and 13th in scoring (10.0 points/game). Howard is also 11th nationally in points responsible for (18.0/game). UTM running back **Peyton Logan** is fourth in rushing yards/carry (10.03), fifth in all-purpose yards (156.67/game) and sixth in total rushing yards (301). Tennessee State's **Dayron Johnson** is second in punt returns (20.0 yards/return), fourth in combined kick return yards (222) and 22nd in all-purpose yards (121.33/game). Austin Peay's **Draylen Ellis** is seventh in passing touchdowns (8), ninth in total passing yards (898) and 12th in passing yards/game (299.3 yards/game). APSU's **Johnathon Edwards** is third in interceptions (1.0/game) and fifth in passes defended (2.0/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 Players on NFL Rosters: As of September 19, there are 15 former Ohio Valley Conference players on NFL rosters (8 active, 5 practice squad, 2 injured reserve). Those players include former Eastern Illinois standout quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, who has won two Super Bowl Championships 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

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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Two OVC Players Named to FCS Punter of the Year Watch List: Two OVC players have been 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 92 overall victories in his career, fifth-most in OVC history.

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 tackle **Raymond Horton** have been selected to participate in the Division I Football Oversight Committee

NATIONAL POLLS

STATS PERFORM

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Sam Houston (31)	2-0	1,210
2.	South Dakota State (8)	2-0	1,184
3.	James Madison (9)	3-0	1,197
4.	Montana (2)	2-0	1,100
5.	North Dakota State	3-0	1,071
6.	Eastern Washington	3-0	942
7.	Southern Illinois	2-1	870
8.	Delaware	2-1	837
9.	Jacksonville State	2-1	771
10.	North Dakota	2-1	753
11.	Villanova	3-0	747
12.	UC Davis	3-0	718
13.	Montana State	2-1	672
14.	Weber State	1-2	622
15.	ETSU	3-0	530
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	2-1	517
17.	UNI	2-1	414
18.	Missouri State	1-1	412
19.	Austin Peay	2-1	357
20.	Monmouth	2-1	319
21.	New Hampshire	3-0	198
22.	VMI	2-1	178
23.	Kennesaw State	2-1	135
24.	Richmond	2-1	115
25.	Central Arkansas	1-2	110

Others (OVC Only): Murray State (34).

FCS COACHES POLL

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	Sam Houston (24)	2-0	696
2.	James Madison (3)	3-0	667
3.	South Dakota State (1)	2-0	636
4.	Montana	2-0	586
5.	North Dakota State	3-0	583
6.	Eastern Washington	3-0	508
7.	Villanova	3-0	490
8.	Southern Illinois	2-1	455
9.	Jacksonville State	2-1	447
10.	UC Davis	3-0	403
11.	Delaware	2-1	399
12.	Montana State	2-1	385
13.	North Dakota	2-1	381
14.	UNI	2-1	354
15.	Weber State	1-2	313
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	2-1	295
17.	ETSU	3-0	290
18.	Missouri State	1-1	209
19.	Monmouth	2-1	199
20.	Austin Peay	2-1	143
21.	Richmond	2-1	126
22.	New Hampshire	3-0	105
23.	Chattanooga	1-2	99
24.	Central Arkansas	1-2	67
	Kennesaw State	2-1	67

Others (OVC Only): Murray State (13), UT Martin (1).

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	19/20	-/-	RV/RV	-/-	-/-	-/-	RV/-
Sept. 27							
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22							
Final							



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.

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 36-258-1 all-time against FBS opponents with eight total games (one remaining) on the 2021 schedule.

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.

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.

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	0-3
NEC	0-0
Patriot	0-0
Pioneer	1-1
Southern	2-2
Southland	1-0
SWAC	1-2
WAC	0-1
FCS Total	5-9
FBS Opponents	
American Athletic	0-1
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Conference USA	0-1
MAC	0-1
Mountain West	0-0
Pac-12	0-0
SEC	0-4
Sun Belt	0-0
FBS Total	0-7
Non-Division I	1-0
Total Non-Conference Record	6-16

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
80	Tennessee State	44-0 vs. Eastern Ky. (11/2/13)
21	Southeast Missouri	50-0 at Missouri (9/14/19)
20	UT Martin	45-0 at Florida (9/7/19)
19	Murray State	45-0 at Toledo (9/14/19)
11	Austin Peay	55-0 vs. Pittsburgh (9/12/20)
2	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
295	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 489 (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 3 of the 2021 season.

Active OVCer's With 100-Yard Rushing Games

Peyton Logan, UT Martin	5
Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri	4
Ahmaad Tanner, Austin Peay	4
Devon Starling, Tennessee State	4
David Gist, Tennessee Tech	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

179..... Peyton Logan, UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sept. 18)
 142..... Devon Starling, Tennessee State vs. Kentucky State (Sept. 18)
 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

331..... Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay vs. Morehead State (Sept. 18)
 320..... Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay at #18 Chattanooga (Sept. 2)

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

2..... Keon Howard, UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sept. 18)
 1..... Preston Rice, Murray State vs. Mississippi Valley State (Sept. 2)
 1..... Ahmaad Tanner, Austin Peay vs. Morehead State (Sept. 18)
 1..... Shamenski Rucker, Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sept. 18)

Multiple Receiving Touchdown Games

1..... Peyton Logan, UT Martin vs. Samford (Sept. 11)
 1..... Rodell Rahmaan, Tennessee State vs. Kentucky State (Sept. 19)
 1..... Eugene Minter, Austin Peay vs. Morehead State (Sept. 18)

Multiple Passing Touchdown Games

2..... Draylen Ellis, Austin Peay vs. Morehead State (Sept. 18)
 1..... Keon Howard, UT Martin vs. Samford (Sept. 11)
 1..... Jeremy Hickbottom, Tennessee State vs. Jackson State (Sept. 18)

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 (8 active, 5 practice squad, 2 injured reserve) on NFL rosters for the 2021 season.

Active Players (8)

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)
Anthony Levine, Baltimore Ravens (Tennessee State)
Siran Neal, Buffalo Bills (Jacksonville State)
Lachavious Simmons, Chicago Bears (Tennessee State)
Quincy Williams, New York Jets (Murray State)

Practice Squad (5)

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. Antonio Zita, TSU (2018-present)	50
5. 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
10. Ryan McCrum, SMO (2013-16)	47

OVC PLAYERS AMONG NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

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ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (YDS/GAME)

5. Peyton Logan, UTM	156.67
22. Dayron Johnson, TSU	121.33

RUSHING (YDS/GAME)

13. Peyton Logan, UTM	100.3
19. Devon Starling, TSU	88.3
21. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	86.0

RUSHING YARDS/CARRY

4. Peyton Logan, UTM	10.03
32. Devon Starling, TSU	5.10
44. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	4.78

TOTAL RUSHING YARDS

6. Peyton Logan, UTM	301
12. Devon Starling, TSU	265
14. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	258
36. Geno Hess, SEMO	196

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

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

PASSING EFFICIENCY

13. Jeremy Hickbottom, TSU	164.9
26. Draylen Ellis, APSU	148.5

TOTAL OFFENSE

11. Draylen Ellis, APSU	304.7
36. Keon Howard, UTM	248.3

PASSING YARDS/GAME

12. Draylen Ellis, APSU	299.3
47. Keon Howard, UTM	198.7

PASSING YARDS/COMPLETION

6. Otto Kuhns, EIU	14.77
9. Jeremy Hickbottom, TSU	14.59
19. Draylen Ellis, APSU	13.40

PASSING YARDS PER ATTEMPT

9. Jeremy Hickbottom, TSU	9.34
21. Draylen Ellis, APSU	8.09
47. Otto Kuhns, EIU	7.08

TOTAL PASSING YARDS

9. Draylen Ellis, APSU	898
33. Keon Howard, UTM	596
46. Otto Kuhns, EIU	517

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

7. Draylen Ellis, APSU	8
34. Jeremy Hickbottom, TSU	4
34. Keon Howard, UTM	4

COMPLETIONS/GAME

17. Draylen Ellis, APSU	22.33
39. Keon Howard, UTM	18.00

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

28. Jeremy Hickbottom, TSU	64.0%
47. Draylen Ellis, APSU	60.4%

RECEPTIONS PER GAME

50. Drae McCray, APSU	5.3
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RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

23. Baniko Harley, APSU	89.3
31. Drae McCray, APSU	86.7

TOTAL RECEIVING YARDS

14. Baniko Harley, APSU	268
19. Drae McCray, APSU	260
42. Colton Dowell, UTM	205

YARDS PER RECEPTION

29. Rodell Rahmaan, TSU	20.62
30. Baniko Harley, APSU	20.62

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

11. Baniko Harley, APSU	3
11. Rodell Rahmann, TSU	3
32. Robbie Lofton, EIU	2
32. Peyton Logan, UTM	2
32. Eugene Minter, APSU	2

SCORING (PTS/GAME)

13. Keon Howard, UTM	10.0
13. Preston Rice, MUR	10.0

TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

3. Keon Howard, UTM	5
3. Preston Rice, MUR	5
32. Baniko Harley, APSU	3
32. Peyton Logan, UTM	3
32. Rodell Rahmaan, TSU	3
32. Ahmaad Tanner, APSU	3

POINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR/GAME

11. Keon Howard, UTM	18.0
18. Draylen Ellis, APSU	16.0

PUNT RETURNS (YARDS/RETURN)

2. Dayron Johnson, TSU	20.0
17. Kam Thomas, APSU	10.2

KICKOFF RETURNS (YDS/RETURN)

28. Dayron Johnson, TSU	20.3
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COMBINED KICK RETURNS

4. Dayron Johnson, TSU	222
21. Kam Thomas, APSU	132

FIELD GOALS (MADE/GAME)

29. Maddux Trujillo, APSU	1.00
29. Antonio Zita, TSU	1.00

FIELD GOALS PERCENTAGE

25. Maddux Trujillo, APSU	75.0%
46. Antonio Zita, TSU	60.0%

PUNTING (YDS/PUNT)

15. Tyler Larco, UTM	44.1
19. Logen Neidhardt, EIU	42.5
24. Zach Haynes, SEMO	41.8
41. Matthew Rigney, APSU	40.1

INTERCEPTIONS (PER GAME)

3. Johnathon Edwards, APSU	1.0
20. DaVontae McKee, MUR	0.7

TACKLES/GAME

34. Josh Reliford, TTU	9.0
40. Koby Perry, APSU	8.7

SACKS/GAME

none

FORCED FUMBLES/GAME

none

PASSES DEFENDED/GAME

5. Johnathon Edwards, APSU	2.0
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TACKLES FOR LOSS/GAME

none

FUMBLES RECOVERED

14. 9 Players Tied With	1
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BLOCKED KICKS

none

OVC TEAMS AMONG NCAA STATISTICAL LEADERS

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RUSHING OFFENSE (YDS/GAME)

15. UT Martin	233.7
33. Southeast Missouri	179.7
43. Murray State	156.3
49. Tennessee State	151.0

PASSING OFFENSE (YDS/GAME)

8. Austin Peay	321.0
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PASSING YARDS/COMPLETION

17. Tennessee State	13.79
18. Austin Peay	13.76

TOTAL OFFENSE (YDS/GAME)

17. Austin Peay	463.3
24. UT Martin	432.3

SCORING OFFENSE

21. Austin Peay	35.3
35. UT Martin	29.7

RUSHING DEFENSE

14. Tennessee State	89.3
29. UT Martin	106.7
33. Murray State	115.7

PASS DEFENSE

6. Eastern Illinois	115.0
18. Tennessee State	153.7
33. Murray State	180.0

TOTAL DEFENSE

11. Tennessee State	243.0
22. Murray State	295.7
26. Eastern Illinois	310.8

SCORING DEFENSE

32. Tennessee State	20.3
40. Murray State	23.0

NET PUNTING

12. Southeast Missouri	41.79
14. UT Martin	41.36
31. Austin Peay	38.75

PUNT RETURNS (YDS/RETURN)

14. Tennessee State	13.57
32. Eastern Illinois	9.25
34. Austin Peay	8.86
39. Tennessee Tech	8.50

KICKOFF RETURNS (YDS/RETURN)

23. Southeast Missouri	24.22
32. Murray State	22.33
50. Tennessee State	20.62

TURNOVER MARGIN (PER GAME)

34. Austin Peay	+0.67
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FUMBLES RECOVERED

34. Austin Peay	2
34. Eastern Illinois	2

PASSES INTERCEPTED

12. UT Martin	5
17. Austin Peay	4
26. Murray State	3
26. Southeast Missouri	3

FUMBLES LOST

1. Tennessee Tech	0
27. Murray State	1
27. Tennessee State	1

INTERCEPTIONS THROWN

22. Tennessee State	1
49. Austin Peay	2
49. Southeast Missouri	2

TURNOVERS GAINED

23. Austin Peay	6
23. UT Martin	6
49. Murray State	4
49. Southeast Missouri	4

TURNOVERS LOST

20. Tennessee State	2
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PASSING EFFICIENCY

23. Austin Peay	149.65
40. Tennessee State	137.62

PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

42. Austin Peay	118.77
43. Eastern Illinois	120.80

FEWEST PENALTIES PER GAME

none

FEWEST YARDS PENALIZED PER GAME

none

PUNT RETURN YARDAGE DEFENSE

23. Southeast Missouri	0.33
27. Austin Peay	1.00
39. Murray State	3.25

KICKOFF RETURN YARDAGE DEFENSE

18. Tennessee Tech	15.00
30. Eastern Illinois	16.60
38. Tennessee State	17.21

SACKS/GAME

44. Murray State	2.00
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TACKLES FOR LOSS/GAME

45. UT Martin	6.0
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SACKS ALLOWED/GAME

9. UT Martin	0.67
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TACKLES FOR LOSS ALLOWED

19. UT Martin	4.33
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BLOCKED KICKS

4. Eastern Illinois	2
11. Southeast Missouri	1
11. Tennessee State	1
11. UT Martin	1

BLOCKED PUNTS

4. Eastern Illinois	1
4. Tennessee State	1

3RD DOWN CONVERSION PERCENTAGE

14. Murray State	48.9%
18. Austin Peay	48.2%
19. UT Martin	48.0%
30. Tennessee State	45.0%

4TH DOWN CONVERSION PERCENTAGE

1. Southeast Missouri	100%
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3RD DOWN CONVERSION DEFENSE

35. Austin Peay	31.9%
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4TH DOWN CONVERSION DEFENSE

1. Tennessee State	0.0%
21. UT Martin	20.0%

TIME OF POSSESSION

8. UT Martin	35:40
17. Tennessee State	34:21
45. Murray State	31:31

RED ZONE OFFENSE

1. Southeast Missouri	100%
1. Tennessee Tech	100%
36. Tennessee State	90.0%
43. Austin Peay	87.5%

RED ZONE DEFENSE

15. UT Martin	64.3%
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DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS

11. Austin Peay	1
11. Southeast Missouri	1

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 - Omarick 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	6	3	.667	3	14	9	.609
Adam Cushing, Eastern Illinois	3	2	12	.143	2	20	.091	3	2	20	.091
Dean Hood, Murray State	10	49	21	.700	61	42	.592	10	61	42	.592
Tom Matukewicz, Southeast Missouri	8	29	25	.537	37	45	.451	9	38	45	.458
Eddie George, Tennessee State	1	0	0	.000	1	2	.333	1	1	2	.333
Dewayne Alexander, Tennessee Tech	4	6	17	.207	9	24	.273	10	50	57	.467
Jason Simpson, UT Martin	16	72	46	.610	92	78	.541	16	92	78	.541

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

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS (2-1, 0-0)

Home: 1-0, 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+)	W, 59-35	4,821
25	at Eastern Kentucky	2:00 p.m.	

OCTOBER

2	Tennessee State # (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.	
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 (0-4, 0-0)

Home: 0-1, 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+)	L, 24-31	6,424
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.	

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MURRAY STATE RACERS (1-2, 0-0)

Home: 1-0, Away: 0-2, 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)	L, 10-27	20,097

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 (0-3, 0-0)

Home: 0-1, Away: 0-2, 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+)	L, 28-59	46,598
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 (1-2, 0-0)

Home: 1-0, 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+)	W, 41-7	2,513
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.)

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TENNESSEE TECH GOLDEN EAGLES (0-3, 0-0)

Home: 0-1, 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+)	L, 0-56	80,053
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.	

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UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS (2-1, 0-0)

Home: 1-0, Away: 1-1, 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+)	W, 35-10	9,146
25	at #9 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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You've got to  *OVC it!*

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

@Missouri 59, **Southeast Missouri 28**

@Tennessee 56, **Tennessee Tech 0**

@#19 Austin Peay 59, Morehead State 35

@Tennessee State 41, Kentucky State 7

@Bowling Green 27, **Murray State 10**

Illinois State 31, **@Eastern Illinois 24**

UT Martin 35, @Northwestern State 10

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	EIU, 19-9 (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



**Eastern Illinois Panthers (0-4, 0-0 OVC)
at Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (0-3, 0-0 OVC)**

**Saturday, September 25 • 1:30 p.m. CT
Tucker Stadium (16,500) • Cookeville, Tenn.**

Video:<https://es.pn/3CmHEQa> (ESPN+)
Live Stats:<https://bit.ly/3EzATN8>
Series Record: Eastern Illinois leads 20-7
Last Meeting: EIU won 28-20 (3/21/21)
Adam Cushing at Eastern Illinois: 2-20 (3 yrs.)
Adam Cushing Overall: same
Dewayne Alexander at Tennessee Tech: 9-24 (4 yrs.)
Dewayne Alexander Overall: 50-57 (11 yrs.)
Eastern Illinois Last Week: L, 31-24 vs. Illinois State
Tennessee Tech Last Week: L, 56-0 at Tennessee

NOTEWORTHY

- Eastern Illinois and Tennessee Tech open OVC play with both seeking their first victories of the season.
- Saturday's matchup is the 28th all-time in the series. EIU has won eight of the last nine, with Tennessee Tech's lone win in that stretch coming in Charleston in 2019.
- Eastern Illinois fell to 0-4 with a 31-24 loss to Illinois State in the 109th Mid-America Classic. It marked the team's third loss by seven points or less this season.
- The game with Illinois State was tied at 24 in the fourth quarter and EIU drove to the ISU 27-yard line but came up short on fourth down. The Redbirds then took the ensuing possession and scored five plays later to account for the final margin.
- Otto Kuhns passed for 204 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 43 yards.
- EIU blocked a punt and field goal in the game, and now ranks fourth nationally in total block kicks in 2021 (2).
- The Panthers ranks first in the OVC and sixth nationally in pass defense (115.0 yards/game).
- Tennessee Tech suffered its second-straight shutout, this time 56-0 at FBS for Tennessee.
- The Golden Eagles played three quarterbacks, Willie Miller, Davis Shanley and Drew Martin. Martin completed 10-of-14 passes for 93 yards in his first action of the season.
- Josh Reliford had a team-high 11 tackles; he ranks first in the OVC and 34th nationally in tackles (9.0/game).
- Tennessee Tech is first in the OVC and 18th nationally in kick return defense (15.0 yards/return).



**Tennessee State Tigers (1-2, 0-0 OVC)
at Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (0-3, 0-0 OVC)**

**Saturday, September 25 • 2:00 p.m. CT
Houck Field (10,000) • Cape Girardeau, Mo.**

Video:<https://es.pn/2Xpqh2I> (ESPN+)
Live Stats:<https://bit.ly/3nBMiG4>
Series Record: Series tied 14-14
Last Meeting: SEMO won 46-23 (4/11/21)
Eddie George at Tennessee State: 2-1 (1 yr.)
Eddie George Overall: same
Tom Matukewicz at Southeast Missouri: 37-45 (8 yrs.)
Tom Matukewicz Overall: 38-45 (9 yrs.)
Tennessee State Last Week: W, 41-7 vs. Kentucky State
Southeast Missouri Last Week: L, 59-28 at Missouri

NOTEWORTHY

- Tennessee State and Southeast Missouri kick off OVC play on Saturday.
- The meeting is the 29th all-time between the teams. The all-time series is deadlocked at 14, and the teams are 5-5 against each other over the past 10 years.
- TSU picked up its first victory of the season, and first under head coach Eddie George, against Kentucky State in the John Merritt Classic.
- The Tigers gained a season-best 538 yards and held KSU to just 141 total yards. Newcomer quarterback Jeremy Hickbottom threw for three touchdowns and ran for another while second-year running back Devon Starling, last year's OVC Freshman of the Year, had a season-high 142 yards.
- Bowling Green transfer Rodell Rahmaan was named OVC Newcomer of the Week after making three catches, two of which went for touchdowns, and blocked a punt in the win.
- Kicker Antonio Zita made two field goals to increase his career total to 50, which ranks fourth in OVC history.
- TSU is 20th nationally in fewest turnovers this season (2). The Tigers also lead the OVC in total defense (243.0 yards/game)
- Southeast Missouri has played one of the toughest schedules nationally, playing a pair of Top 10 ranked FCS foes and FBS foe Missouri.
- The Redhawks trailed Missouri 38-0 at halftime but outscored the Tigers 28-21 in the final 30 minutes. It marked the second-most points the team has ever scored against a FBS opponent.
- Quarterback CJ Ogbonna passed for 53 yards and ran for a team-high 96 yards on 12 carries (8.0 ypc).
- Tyler Nelome recorded a career-best 10 tackles against the Tigers.
- Punter Zach Haynes was named OVC Specialist of the Week after averaging 46.4 yards/punt on five attempts, including a career-long punt of 62 yards.
- SEMO is first nationally in fourth down conversion percentage (100%) and red zone offense (100%).

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**#19 Austin Peay Governors (2-1, 0-0 OVC)
at Eastern Kentucky Colonels (1-2, 0-0 AQ7)**

**Saturday, September 25 • 2:00 p.m. CT
Roy Kidd Stadium (20,000) • Richmond, Ky.**

Video: <https://es.pn/3lz4P2X> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <http://bit.ly/2MNudC4>
Series Record: Eastern Kentucky leads 45-7
Last Meeting: Austin Peay won 28-21 in OT (11/2/19)
Scotty Walden at Austin Peay: 6-3 (2 yrs.)
Scotty Walden Overall: 14-9 (3 yrs.)
Walt Wells at Eastern Kentucky: 4-8 (2 yrs.)
Walt Wells Overall: same
Austin Peay Last Week: W, 59-35 vs. Morehead State
Eastern Kentucky Last Week: L, 23-21 vs. Indiana State

NOTEWORTHY

- Saturday marks the 53rd all-time meeting between the two schools and first since 2019.
- EKU has dominated the series, however, Austin Peay has won two of the past three meetings, including a 2017 win in Richmond, its first since 1977.
- Austin Peay improved to 2-1 on the season with a 59-35 win over Morehead State in its home opener. It was the most points the team had scored since the 2018 season (when they scored 78 points against the Eagles).
- The Govs finished the game with 580 yards of total offense, the seventh-most in program history. The team's 381 passing yards, was the fourth-most in APSU single-game history.
- Quarterback Draylen Ellis passed for a career-high 350 yards and three touchdowns. Ellis ranks seventh nationally in passing touchdowns (8), ninth in total passing yards (898), 11th in total offense (304.7 yards/game) and 12th in passing yards/game (299.3).
- Jack McDonald returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown against MSU. It marked his third career interception.
- Defensive back Koby Perry is second in the OVC and 40th nationally in tackles (8.7/game).
- Austin Peay leads the OVC in scoring offense (35.3 points/game), total offense (463.3 yards/game) and turnovers gained (6).
- Eastern Kentucky is off to a 1-2 start after a road win over Western Carolina, a loss to FBS foe Louisville and a last-second loss at home to Indiana State.
- The Colonels took a 2117 lead with 49 seconds to play on a four-yard score by Da'Joun Hewitt. But ISU went 48 yards in seven plays, scoring on a 24-yard pass as time expired.
- Quarterback Parker McKinney has passed for 567 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 103 yards this season.
- EKU has intercepted four passes this season, which ranked 17th nationally.



**UT Martin Skyhawks (2-1, 0-0 OVC)
at #9 Jacksonville State Gamecocks (2-1, 0-0 AQ7)**

**Saturday, September 25 • 3:00 p.m. CT
Burgess-Snow Field at JSU Stadium (24,000) • Jacksonville, Ala.**

Video: <https://es.pn/3EsL0TY> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3tJzM5>
Series Record: Jacksonville State leads 33-8
Last Meeting: JSU won 37-20 (3/14/21)
Jason Simpson at UT Martin: 92-78 (16 yrs.)
Jason Simpson Overall: same
John Grass at Jacksonville State: 70-22 (8 yrs.)
John Grass Overall: same
UT Martin Last Week: W, 35-10 at Northwestern State
Jacksonville State Last Week: W, 27-24 vs. North Alabama

NOTEWORTHY

- UT Martin and Jacksonville State are playing for the 19th-straight year. The series dates back to 1967 and this year will be the 42nd all-time meeting.
- Jacksonville State has won seven of the past eight meetings, with the Skyhawks lone win in that stretch coming in 2019 (22-17 at home).
- UTM head coach Jason Simpson won his 92nd career game last Saturday, moving him into fifth place in OVC history.
- The Skyhawks defeated its second-straight FCS opponent; it marked the team's first back-to-back non-conference victories since 2008. The team has outscored its two OVC opponents by an average of 15.5 points/game this year.
- Quarterback Keon Howard scored three total touchdowns for the third-straight game (2 rushing, 1 passing). Howard has four passing and five rushing scores this season; the five rushing touchdowns is tied for the most nationally (with Murray State QB Preston Rice).
- Senior RB Peyton Logan was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for the second-straight week. He ran for a career-high 179 yards on 14 carries against Northwestern State. Logan ranks fourth nationally in rushing yards/carry (10.03) and fifth in all-purpose yards (156.67/game).
- Linebacker John Ford was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week after making five tackles and returning an interception 66 yards to setup a touchdown.
- UT Martin is first in the OVC and 15th nationally in rushing offense (233.7 yards/game).
- Jacksonville State, who won the 2020 OVC Championship before departing the league, is 2-1 after a win over FBS Florida State and FCS North Alabama.
- Quarterback Zerrick Cooper, who was instrumental in the FSU win, did not play this past week. In his place Matthew Caldwell passed for 98 yards.
- Junior Malik Feaster returned a fumble 100 yards for a touchdown against UNA.

2021 Ohio Valley Conference Team Statistics Through games of Sep 19, 2021

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	3	14	3	11	1	0	0	106	35.3
2. UT Martin	3	12	1	12	0	0	1	89	29.7
3. Tennessee State	3	8	4	7	0	0	0	67	22.3
4. Southeast Missouri	3	9	0	9	0	0	0	63	21.0
5. Murray State	3	7	1	7	0	0	0	52	17.3
6. Eastern Illinois	4	7	2	7	0	0	0	55	13.8
7. Tennessee Tech	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	14	4.7

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	DXP	Saf	Pts	Avg/G
1. Tennessee State	3	8	2	7	0	0	0	61	20.3
2. Murray State	3	9	2	9	0	0	0	69	23.0
3. Eastern Illinois	4	15	4	14	1	0	1	120	30.0
4. UT Martin	3	12	4	12	0	0	0	96	32.0
5. Austin Peay	3	15	2	11	0	0	1	109	36.3
6. Tennessee Tech	3	17	5	17	0	0	0	134	44.7
7. Southeast Missouri	3	21	4	20	0	0	0	158	52.7

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	3	449	963	235	1412	6.0	13	470.7
2. UT Martin	3	701	596	229	1297	5.7	12	432.3
3. Tennessee State	3	453	579	189	1032	5.5	8	344.0
4. Southeast Missouri	3	539	383	176	922	5.2	8	307.3
5. Murray State	3	460	413	195	873	4.5	7	291.0
6. Eastern Illinois	4	379	724	244	1103	4.5	6	275.8
7. Tennessee Tech	3	127	404	182	531	2.9	2	177.0

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Avg/G
1. Tennessee State	3	268	461	157	729	4.6	7	243.0
2. Murray State	3	338	529	177	867	4.9	9	289.0
3. Eastern Illinois	4	783	449	260	1232	4.7	12	308.0
4. Tennessee Tech	3	474	789	235	1263	5.4	15	421.0
5. UT Martin	3	320	944	199	1264	6.4	11	421.3
6. Austin Peay	3	554	771	232	1325	5.7	14	441.7
7. Southeast Missouri	3	625	1164	213	1789	8.4	20	596.3

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att.	Yards	Avg/A	Long	TD	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	3	133	701	5.3	53	8	233.7
2. Southeast Missouri	3	105	539	5.1	75	5	179.7
3. Murray State	3	120	460	3.8	69	7	153.3
4. Tennessee State	3	115	453	3.9	25	4	151.0
5. Austin Peay	3	119	449	3.8	40	4	149.7
6. Eastern Illinois	4	120	379	3.2	39	4	94.8
7. Tennessee Tech	3	79	127	1.6	28	1	42.3

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Att.	Yards	Avg/A	Long	TD	Avg/G
1. Tennessee State	3	96	268	2.8	18	3	89.3
2. UT Martin	3	76	320	4.2	24	1	106.7
3. Murray State	3	106	338	3.2	20	5	112.7
4. Tennessee Tech	3	127	474	3.7	42	8	158.0
5. Austin Peay	3	108	554	5.1	34	5	184.7
6. Eastern Illinois	4	168	783	4.7	63	7	195.8
7. Southeast Missouri	3	106	625	5.9	77	8	208.3

PASS OFFENSE	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/A	TD	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	3	70-116-2	60.3	963	8.3	9	321.0
2. UT Martin	3	54-96-4	56.2	596	6.2	4	198.7
3. Tennessee State	3	42-74-1	56.8	579	7.8	4	193.0
4. Eastern Illinois	4	60-124-6	48.4	724	5.8	2	181.0
5. Murray State	3	42-75-6	56.0	413	5.5	0	137.7
6. Tennessee Tech	3	48-103-8	46.6	404	3.9	1	134.7
7. Southeast Missouri	3	35-71-2	49.3	383	5.4	3	127.7

PASS DEFENSE	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/A	TD	Avg/G
1. Eastern Illinois	4	56-92-0	60.9	449	4.9	5	112.2
2. Tennessee State	3	38-61-1	62.3	461	7.6	4	153.7
3. Murray State	3	46-71-3	64.8	529	7.5	4	176.3
4. Austin Peay	3	62-124-4	50.0	771	6.2	9	257.0
5. Tennessee Tech	3	73-108-0	67.6	789	7.3	7	263.0
6. UT Martin	3	79-123-5	64.2	944	7.7	10	314.7
7. Southeast Missouri	3	71-107-3	66.4	1164	10.9	12	388.0

PASS EFFICIENCY	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/G	TD	Effic.
1. Austin Peay	3	70-116-2	60.3	963	321.0	9	152.2
2. Tennessee State	3	42-74-1	56.8	579	193.0	4	137.6
3. UT Martin	3	54-96-4	56.2	596	198.7	4	113.8
4. Southeast Missouri	3	35-71-2	49.3	383	127.7	3	102.9
5. Eastern Illinois	4	60-124-6	48.4	724	181.0	2	93.1
6. Murray State	3	42-75-6	56.0	413	137.7	0	86.3
7. Tennessee Tech	3	48-103-8	46.6	404	134.7	1	67.2

PASS DEFENSE EFFIC.	G	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg/G	TD	Effic.
1. Austin Peay	3	62-124-4	50.0	771	257.0	9	119.7
2. Eastern Illinois	4	56-92-0	60.9	449	112.2	5	119.8
3. Murray State	3	46-71-3	64.8	529	176.3	4	137.5
4. Tennessee State	3	38-61-1	62.3	461	153.7	4	144.1
5. UT Martin	3	79-123-5	64.2	944	314.7	10	147.4
6. Tennessee Tech	3	73-108-0	67.6	789	263.0	7	150.3
7. Southeast Missouri	3	71-107-3	66.4	1164	388.0	12	189.1

KICKOFF RETURNS	G	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
1. Murray State	3	5	115	0	36	23.0
2. Southeast Missouri	3	10	229	0	35	22.9
3. Tennessee State	3	8	165	0	38	20.6
4. UT Martin	3	6	95	0	27	15.8
5. Austin Peay	3	12	189	0	60	15.8
Eastern Illinois	4	4	63	0	21	15.8
7. Tennessee Tech	3	8	115	0	21	14.4

PUNT RETURN AVG	G	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
1. Tennessee State	3	7	95	0	47	13.6
2. Eastern Illinois	4	4	37	1	7	9.2
3. Tennessee Tech	3	2	17	0	18	8.5
4. Austin Peay	3	9	75	0	41	8.3
5. Southeast Missouri	3	2	7	0	8	3.5
6. Murray State	3	5	6	0	9	1.2
7. UT Martin	3	3	-17	0	3	-5.7

INTERCEPTIONS	G	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Avg.
1. UT Martin	3	5	120	0	66	24.0
2. Austin Peay	3	4	32	1	32	8.0
3. Southeast Missouri	3	3	49	1	31	16.3
Murray State	3	3	49	0	28	16.3
5. Tennessee State	3	1	0	0	0	0.0
Eastern Illinois	4	0	0	0	0	0.0
Tennessee Tech	3	0	0	0	0	0.0

PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Avg/P	Ret.	Avg/R	TB	Net/P
1. Southeast Missouri	3	24	1004	41.8	1	0.0	0	41.8
2. UT Martin	3	14	618	44.1	39	2.8	0	41.4
3. Austin Peay	3	16	642	40.1	2	0.1	1	38.8
4. Eastern Illinois	4	20	839	42.0	68	3.4	3	35.5
5. Tennessee Tech	3	23	888	38.6	108	4.7	0	33.9
6. Murray State	3	11	362	32.9	2	0.2	0	32.7
7. Tennessee State	3	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	3	15	896	59.7	241	1	42.0
2. Austin Peay	3	21	1219	58.0	139	9	40.7
3. Murray State	3	11	630	57.3	76	6	36.7
4. Eastern Illinois	4	13	702	54.0	83	6	36.1
5. UT Martin	3	15	776	51.7	190	2	35.7
6. Southeast Missouri	3	11	494	44.9	105	1	33.1
7. Tennessee Tech	3	6	262	43.7	45	1	32.0

FIELD GOALS	G	Made	Att	Pct.
1. Austin Peay	3	3	4	.750
2. Tennessee State	3	4	6	.667
Eastern Illinois	4	2	3	.667
4. UT Martin	3	1	3	.333
5. Murray State	3	1	4	.250
6. Tennessee Tech	3	0	1	.000
Southeast Missouri	3	0	2	.000

PAT KICKING	G	Made	Att	Pct.
1. UT Martin	3	12	12	1.000
Austin Peay	3	11	11	1.000
Southeast Missouri	3	9	9	1.000
Tennessee State	3	7	7	1.000
Murray State	3	7	7	1.000
Eastern Illinois	4	7	7	1.000
Tennessee Tech	3	2	2	1.000

SACKS BY	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. Murray State	3	6	38	2.00
2. UT Martin	3	5	34	1.67
3. Austin Peay	3	4	30	1.33
4. Southeast Missouri	3	3	31	1.00
Tennessee State	3	3	23	1.00
6. Tennessee Tech	3	2	12	0.67
7. Eastern Illinois	4	1	11	0.25

SACKS AGAINST	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	3	2	11	0.67
2. Murray State	3	6	36	2.00
3. Southeast Missouri	3	7	26	2.33
4. Austin Peay	3	9	34	3.00
5. Eastern Illinois	4	10	60	2.50
Tennessee Tech	3	10	89	3.33
7. Tennessee State	3	11	71	3.67

FIRST DOWNS	G	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total	Avg/G
1. Austin Peay	3	26	33	11	70	23.3
2. UT Martin	3	36	22	5	64	21.3
3. Eastern Illinois	4	24	29	10	63	15.8
4. Tennessee State	3	33	23	6	62	20.7
5. Murray State	3	24	21	9	54	18.0
6. Southeast Missouri	3	25	16	4	45	15.0
7. Tennessee Tech	3	10	18	2	30	10.0

OPPONENT 1ST DOWNS	G	Rush	Pass	Pen	Total	Avg/G
1. Tennessee State	3	18	18	2	38	12.7
2. Murray State	3	21	25	1	47	15.7
3. UT Martin	3	15	43	4	62	20.7
4. Tennessee Tech	3	29	34	5	68	22.7
5. Austin Peay	3	30	34	9	73	24.3
6. Eastern Illinois	4	39	26	9	74	18.5
7. Southeast Missouri	3	24	50	4	78	26.0

3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Austin Peay	3	27	56	48.2
2. UT Martin	3	24	50	48.0
3. Murray State	3	20	44	45.5
4. Tennessee State	3	18	40	45.0
5. Southeast Missouri	3	12	41	29.3
6. Eastern Illinois	4	13	51	25.5
7. Tennessee Tech	3	11	46	23.9

OPP 3RD-DN CONVERT	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Austin Peay	3	15	47	31.9
2. Tennessee Tech	3	17	47	36.2
3. Tennessee State	3	12	32	37.5
4. Eastern Illinois	4	22	54	40.7
5. UT Martin	3	14	33	42.4
6. Murray State	3	16	36	44.4
7. Southeast Missouri	3	19	37	51.4

4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Southeast Missouri	3	2	2	100.0
2. UT Martin	3	3	6	50.0
Tennessee State	3	1	2	50.0
4. Eastern Illinois	4	5	11	45.5
5. Austin Peay	3	3	7	42.9
6. Murray State	3	2	6	33.3
7. Tennessee Tech	3	0	3	0.0

OPP 4TH-DN CONVERT	G	Conv.	Att.	Pct.
1. Tennessee State	3	0	1	0.0
2. UT Martin	3	1	5	20.0
3. Southeast Missouri	3	2	3	66.7
4. Austin Peay	3	7	9	77.8
5. Tennessee Tech	3	9	11	81.8
6. Murray State	3	1	1	100.0
Eastern Illinois	4	6	6	100.0

PENALTIES	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. Murray State	3	21	160	53.3
2. UT Martin	3	21	182	60.7
3. Tennessee Tech	3	19	183	61.0
4. Eastern Illinois	4	28	259	64.8
5. Southeast Missouri	3	23	220	73.3
6. Austin Peay	3	25	228	76.0
7. Tennessee State	3	30	255	85.0

OPPONENT PENALTIES	G	No.	Yards	Avg/G
1. Murray State	3	26	276	92.0
2. Austin Peay	3	28	260	86.7
3. Eastern Illinois	4	27	233	58.2
4. Southeast Missouri	3	17	171	57.0
5. Tennessee State	3	14	137	45.7
6. UT Martin	3	15	130	43.3
7. Tennessee Tech	3	10	100	33.3

TIME OF POSSESSION	G	Total possession	Avg/G
1. UT Martin	3	107:00	35:40
2. Tennessee State	3	103:04	34:21
3. Murray State	3	97:16	32:25
4. Tennessee Tech	3	92:10	30:43
5. Southeast Missouri	3	89:16	29:45
6. Austin Peay	3	88:00	29:20
7. Eastern Illinois	4	112:07	28:01

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TURNOVER MARGIN		Gained			Lost			Margin	Per/G
		Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot		
1. Austin Peay	3	1	4	5	2	2	4	+1	0.33
2. Tennessee State	3	1	1	2	1	1	2	+0	0.00
Southeast Missouri	3	1	3	4	2	2	4	+0	0.00
4. UT Martin	3	1	5	6	5	4	9	-3	-1.00
5. Murray State	3	1	3	4	2	6	8	-4	-1.33
6. Eastern Illinois	4	2	0	2	2	6	8	-6	-1.50
7. Tennessee Tech	3	1	0	1	0	8	8	-7	-2.33

RED ZONE OFFENSE	G	Scores	Pct.	TDs	(R-P)	FGs	TurnO
1. Southeast Missouri	3	6-6	100.0	6	4-2	0-0	0
Tennessee Tech	3	2-2	100.0	2	1-1	0-0	0
3. Tennessee State	3	9-10	90.0	6	4-2	3-4	0
4. Austin Peay	3	7-8	87.5	5	2-3	2-3	0
5. UT Martin	3	9-12	75.0	8	7-1	1-2	2
Eastern Illinois	4	6-8	75.0	6	4-2	0-0	0
7. Murray State	3	6-10	60.0	6	6-0	0-2	1

RED ZONE DEFENSE	G	Scores	Pct.	TDs	(R-P)	FGs	TurnO
1. UT Martin	3	9-14	64.3	5	1-4	4-6	1
2. Austin Peay	3	12-14	85.7	10	5-5	2-2	1
Southeast Missouri	3	12-14	85.7	10	3-7	2-3	1
4. Eastern Illinois	4	13-15	86.7	10	5-5	3-5	0
5. Tennessee Tech	3	14-16	87.5	11	7-4	3-4	0
6. Tennessee State	3	8-9	88.9	6	3-3	2-3	0
7. Murray State	3	9-10	90.0	8	5-3	1-2	0

ON-SIDE KICKS BY	G	Recovered	Attempts	Success%
1. Southeast Missouri	3	1	1	100.0
2. Austin Peay	3	0	0	0.0
Eastern Illinois	4	0	0	0.0
Tennessee Tech	3	0	0	0.0
Tennessee State	3	0	0	0.0
Murray State	3	0	0	0.0
UT Martin	3	0	0	0.0

ON-SIDE KICKS AGAINST	G	Recovered	Attempts	Success%
1. Southeast Missouri	3	0	0	0.0
Austin Peay	3	0	0	0.0
Eastern Illinois	4	0	0	0.0
Tennessee Tech	3	0	0	0.0
Tennessee State	3	0	0	0.0
Murray State	3	0	0	0.0
UT Martin	3	0	0	0.0

ATTENDANCE	Home	Away	Neutral	Total
Austin Peay	1-4821	2-27982	0-0	3-20261
Eastern Illinois	1-6424	3-24139	0-0	4-19710
Murray State	1-6874	2-26798	0-0	3-20156
Southeast Missouri	1-4075	2-27163	0-0	3-19467
Tennessee State	1-2513	0-0	2-30426	3-21122
Tennessee Tech	1-8911	2-41615	0-0	3-30714
UT Martin	1-5869	2-12691	0-0	3-10417
Totals	7-5641	13-26532	2-30426	22-20239

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RUSHING	Cl	G	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Lg	Avg/G
1. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	3	30	301	10.0	1	53	100.3
2. STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	3	52	265	5.1	1	25	88.3
3. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	3	54	258	4.8	2	31	86.0
4. HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	3	46	196	4.3	2	35	65.3
5. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	3	37	149	4.0	5	19	49.7
6. WITHERSPOON, Damonta-MU	Fr	3	43	139	3.2	1	20	46.3
7. GIST, David-TTU	Jr	3	33	119	3.6	1	28	39.7
8. EVANS JR, CJ-APSU	Fr	3	17	117	6.9	1	40	39.0
9. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	3	27	115	4.3	0	24	38.3
10. JONES, Cortez-MUR	Fr	3	14	108	7.7	1	69	36.0

PASSING AVG/GAME	Cl	G	Comp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Avg/G
1. ELLIS, Draylen-APSU	So	3	67-109-2	898	8	299.3
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	3	54-96-4	596	4	198.7
3. KUHNS, Otto-EIU	Fr	3	35-73-3	517	2	172.3
4. HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy-TSU	Sr	3	32-50-1	467	4	155.7
5. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	3	40-72-6	429	0	143.0
6. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	3	29-60-2	268	2	89.3
7. SHANLEY, Davis-TTU	Sr	3	30-65-6	252	1	84.0
8. BRYANT, Deveon-TSU	So	3	9-22-0	81	0	27.0
9. MILLER, Willie-TTU	So	3	8-22-1	59	0	19.7
10. PEREZ, Christian-SEMO	Jr	3	4-7-0	54	1	18.0

PASS EFFICIENCY	Cl	G	Comp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Eff.
1. PEREZ, Christian-SEMO	Jr	3	4-7-0	54	1	169.1
2. HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy-TSU	Sr	3	32-50-1	467	4	164.9
3. ELLIS, Draylen-APSU	So	3	67-109-2	898	8	151.2
4. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	3	54-96-4	596	4	113.8
5. KUHNS, Otto-EIU	Fr	3	35-73-3	517	2	108.3
6. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	3	29-60-2	268	2	90.2
7. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	3	40-72-6	429	0	88.9
8. BRYANT, Deveon-TSU	So	3	9-22-0	81	0	71.8
9. SHANLEY, Davis-TTU	Sr	3	30-65-6	252	1	65.3
10. MILLER, Willie-TTU	So	3	8-22-1	59	0	49.8

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Yds/G	Rec/G
1. McCRAE, Drae-APSU	Fr	3	16	260	1	57	86.7	5.3
2. CROSS, Quinton-TTU	So	3	15	167	0	39	55.7	5.0
3. RENDER, DJ-APSU	Sr	3	15	149	1	36	49.7	5.0
4. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	3	13	268	3	48	89.3	4.3
5. DOWELL, Colton-UTM	Jr	3	12	205	1	56	68.3	4.0
6. BROOKS, LaMartez-MUR	Jr	3	12	151	0	29	50.3	4.0
7. EVANS JR, CJ-APSU	Fr	3	11	75	0	27	25.0	3.7
8. GIST, David-TTU	Jr	3	10	67	0	14	22.3	3.3
9. LOFTON, Robbie-EIU	Sr	4	13	150	2	40	37.5	3.2
10. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	3	9	139	1	36	46.3	3.0

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/G	Yds/G
1. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	3	13	268	3	48	20.6	89.3
2. McCRAE, Drae-APSU	Fr	3	16	260	1	57	16.2	86.7
3. DOWELL, Colton-UTM	Jr	3	12	205	1	56	17.1	68.3
4. CROSS, Quinton-TTU	So	3	15	167	0	39	11.1	55.7
5. RAHMAAN, Rodell-TSU	Sr	3	8	165	3	47	20.6	55.0
6. BROOKS, LaMartez-MUR	Jr	3	12	151	0	29	12.6	50.3
7. RENDER, DJ-APSU	Sr	3	15	149	1	36	9.9	49.7
8. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	3	9	139	1	36	15.4	46.3
9. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	3	8	125	2	60	15.6	41.7
10. LOFTON, Robbie-EIU	Sr	4	13	150	2	40	11.5	37.5

TOTAL OFFENSE	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
1. ELLIS, Draylen-APSU	So	3	30	898	134	928	309.3
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	3	149	596	133	745	248.3
3. KUHNS, Otto-EIU	Fr	3	75	517	101	592	197.3
4. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	3	100	429	97	529	176.3
5. HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy-TSU	Sr	3	27	467	68	494	164.7
6. OGBONNA, CJ-SEMO	Jr	3	115	268	87	383	127.7
7. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	3	301	0	30	301	100.3
8. STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	3	265	0	52	265	88.3
9. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	3	258	0	54	258	86.0
10. SHANLEY, Davis-TTU	Sr	3	-24	252	73	228	76.0

SCORING	Cl	G	TD	FG	XPT	2XP	Pts	Pts/G
1. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	3	5	0	0	0	30	10.0
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	3	5	0	0	0	30	10.0
3. TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	3	0	3	11	0	20	6.7
4. ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	3	0	4	7	0	19	6.3
5. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	3	3	0	0	0	18	6.0
6. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	3	3	0	0	0	18	6.0
7. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	3	3	0	0	0	18	6.0
8. RAHMAAN, Rodell-TSU	Sr	3	3	0	0	0	18	6.0
9. LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	3	0	1	12	0	15	5.0
10. RUCKER, Shamenski-SEMO	So	3	2	0	0	0	12	4.0

SCORING (TDs)	Cl	G	TD	Run	Pass	Ret	Pat	Pts	Avg/G
1. RICE, Preston-MUR	Jr	3	5	5	0	0	0	30	10.0
2. HOWARD, Keon-UTM	Sr	3	5	5	0	0	0	30	10.0
3. RAHMAAN, Rodell-TSU	Sr	3	3	0	3	0	0	18	6.0
4. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	3	3	2	1	0	0	18	6.0
5. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	3	3	1	2	0	0	18	6.0
6. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	3	3	0	3	0	0	18	6.0
7. HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	3	2	2	0	0	0	12	4.0
8. WALLACE, Zak-UTM	Fr	3	2	2	0	0	0	12	4.0
9. RUCKER, Shamenski-SEMO	So	3	2	2	0	0	0	12	4.0
10. MINTER, Eugene-APSU	Jr	3	2	0	2	0	0	12	4.0

SCORING (KICK)	Cl	G	PAT	FG	Pts	Avg/G
1. TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	3	11-11	3-4	20	6.7
2. ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	3	7-7	4-6	19	6.3
3. LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	3	12-12	1-3	15	5.0
4. BAUM, Aaron-MUR	Jr	3	7-7	1-4	10	3.3
5. GALLOWAY, Stone-EIU	So	4	7-7	2-3	13	3.2
6. OLSEN, Hayden-TTU	Fr	3	2-2	0-0	2	0.7

PUNT RETURN AVG	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
1. THOMAS, Kam-APSU	Fr	3	6	61	0	41	10.2

KICK RETURN AVG	Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
1. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	3	6	122	0	38	20.3

ALL PURPOSE	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
1. LOGAN, Peyton-UTM	Sr	3	301	125	0	44	470	156.7
2. JOHNSON, Dayron-TSU	So	3	3	139	100	122	364	121.3
3. STARLING, Devon-TSU	Fr	3	265	24	0	0	289	96.3
4. TANNER, Ahmaad-APSU	Sr	3	258	30	0	0	288	96.0
5. HARLEY, Baniko-APSU	Sr	3	0	268	14	0	282	94.0
6. McCRAE, Drae-APSU	Fr	3	0	260	0	0	260	86.7
7. HESS, Geno-SEMO	Sr	3	196	37	0	0	233	77.7
8. DOWELL, Colton-UTM	Jr	3	0	205	0	0	205	68.3
9. GIST, David-TTU	Jr	3	119	67	0	18	204	68.0
10. EVANS JR, CJ-APSU	Fr	3	117	75	0	0	192	64.0

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PUNTING		Cl	G	No.	Yds	Lg	I20	50+	TB	Avg.
1.	NEIDHARDT, Logen-EIU	Fr	4	18	839	72	7	7	3	46.6
2.	LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	3	14	618	67	4	4	0	44.1
3.	HAYNES, Zach-SEMO	Jr	3	24	1004	62	9	3	0	41.8
4.	MOSLEY, Kaleb-TSU	Jr	3	13	542	53	3	3	2	41.7
5.	RIGNEY, Matt-APSU	So	3	16	642	56	6	2	1	40.1
6.	OLSEN, Hayden-TTU	Fr	3	23	888	52	4	1	0	38.6
7.	HALTON, Lewis-MUR	So	3	10	362	45	2	0	0	36.2

FIELD GOALS		Cl	G	Made	Att.	Long	Pct.	FG/G
1.	ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	3	4	6	39	66.7	1.33
2.	TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	3	3	4	45	75.0	1.00
3.	GALLOWAY, Stone-EIU	So	4	2	3	44	66.7	0.50
4.	LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	3	1	3	31	33.3	0.33
	BAUM, Aaron-MUR	Jr	3	1	4	47	25.0	0.33

FIELD GOAL PCT		Cl	G	Made	Att.	Long	Pct.
1.	ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	3	4	6	39	66.7

PAT KICKING PCT		Cl	G	Made	Att.	Pct.
1.	LARCO, Tyler-UTM	Fr	3	12	12	100.0
	TRUJILLO, Maddux-APSU	Fr	3	11	11	100.0
	BAUM, Aaron-MUR	Jr	3	7	7	100.0
	ZITA, Antonio-TSU	Jr	3	7	7	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. RELIFORD, Josh-TTU	Jr	3	DB	12	15	27	9.0	1. MORRISSEY, Jacob-SEMO	So	3	LB	2	0	2.0	0.67
2. PERRY, Koby-APSU	Jr	3	DB	18	8	26	8.7	HUMPICH, Scott-MUR	Jr	3	LB	2	0	2.0	0.67
3. CARLISLE, Seth-TTU	Jr	3	LB	7	16	23	7.7	AKINS, JaQuez-UTM	Sr	3	SAF	2	0	2.0	0.67
4. VINCENT, Jordan-EIU	Fr	4	DB	21	8	29	7.2	4. PATTERSON, Tadarious-TSU	Jr	3	DL	0	1	1.5	0.50
5. JOHNSON, Jason-EIU	So	4	LB	15	13	28	7.0	5. DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	4	SAF	1	0	1.0	0.25
BOHANEK, Colin-EIU	Fr	4	LB	10	18	28	7.0	6. SQUIRES, Devin-TTU	Fr	3	DL	1	0	1.0	0.33
BOYD, Jamal-TTU	So	3	DB	8	13	21	7.0	PERRY, Koby-APSU	Jr	3	DB	1	0	1.0	0.33
8. SIMS, Deven-UTM	Jr	3	SAF	10	10	20	6.7	PICKETT, Austin-UTM	Sr	3	DT	1	0	1.0	0.33
9. JOHNSON, Lawrence-SEMO	Sr	3	DB	12	7	19	6.3	METHENY, Levi-MUR	Sr	3	LB	1	0	1.0	0.33
BRYANT, Jahsun-TSU	Jr	3	LB	16	3	19	6.3	WALKER, Chris-TSU	Fr	3	DL	1	0	1.0	0.33
11. SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	3	DB	10	8	18	6.0	McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	3	CB	1	0	1.0	0.33
STEPHENS, D'Carrious-UTM	Sr	3	LB	11	7	18	6.0	REED, Izaiah-MUR	So	3	DL	1	0	1.0	0.33
HENDERSON JR, Troy-APSU	Sr	3	LB	11	7	18	6.0	PHILLIPS, K.J.-TTU	Sr	3	LB	1	0	1.0	0.33
14. MORRISSEY, Jacob-SEMO	So	3	LB	11	6	17	5.7	14. McDONALD, Maurice-TSU	So	3	LB	0	1	0.5	0.17
15. SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	3	LB	4	12	16	5.3	TACKLES FOR LOSS							
16. WARWICK, Jack-TTU	So	3	LB	8	7	15	5.0		Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G
FORD, John-UTM	Sr	3	LB	8	7	15	5.0	1. MILES, Jordan-EIU	Fr	4	DL	4	1	4.5	1.12
18. DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	4	SAF	12	7	19	4.8	2. WALKER, Chris-TSU	Fr	3	DL	3	1	3.5	1.17
19. PHILLIPS, K.J.-TTU	Sr	3	LB	5	9	14	4.7	3. HUMPICH, Scott-MUR	Jr	3	LB	3	0	3.0	1.00
GREEN, James-TSU	Jr	3	LB	9	5	14	4.7	ALLEN, Terrell-APSU	So	3	DL	2	2	3.0	1.00
McDONALD, Maurice-TSU	So	3	LB	8	6	14	4.7	PERRY, Koby-APSU	Jr	3	DB	2	2	3.0	1.00
22. METHENY, Levi-MUR	Sr	3	LB	8	5	13	4.3	MORRISSEY, Jacob-SEMO	So	3	LB	3	0	3.0	1.00
ROBERTS, Cortez-MUR	Jr	3	DB	8	5	13	4.3	7. WOODS, Jay-UTM	Sr	3	DB	2	1	2.5	0.83
EVANS, Carson-UTM	Fr	3	SAF	6	7	13	4.3	NORMAN, Bryce-SEMO	Fr	3	LB	2	1	2.5	0.83
RAINES, Aidan-TTU	Jr	3	LB	7	6	13	4.3	9. DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	4	SAF	1	3	2.5	0.62
26. MILES, Jordan-EIU	Fr	4	DL	6	10	16	4.0	JOHNSON, Jason-EIU	So	4	LB	1	3	2.5	0.62
RAHMAN, Cory-TSU	Sr	3	DB	11	1	12	4.0	GROWEL, Justin-EIU	Sr	4	DL	2	1	2.5	0.62
GILMORE, Jyron-TTU	Fr	3	DB	5	7	12	4.0	12. GREENE, Maurice-MUR	Sr	3	DL	2	1	2.5	0.83
PARKER, Don-MUR	Sr	3	DB	6	6	12	4.0	13. BOHANEK, Colin-EIU	Fr	4	LB	2	1	2.5	0.62
WASHINGTON, Nyquan-TTU	Fr	3	DB	10	2	12	4.0	14. SQUIRES, Devin-TTU	Fr	3	DL	2	1	2.5	0.83
McDONALD, Jack-APSU	Sr	3	LB	6	6	12	4.0	15. PHILLIPS, K.J.-TTU	Sr	3	LB	1	2	2.0	0.67
NORMAN, Bryce-SEMO	Fr	3	LB	5	7	12	4.0	AKINS, JaQuez-UTM	Sr	3	SAF	2	0	2.0	0.67
FORD, Demetries-APSU	Jr	3	DB	6	6	12	4.0	BOOKER, Keandre-SEMO	Jr	3	LB	2	0	2.0	0.67
34. HARPER, Nick-TSU	Sr	3	DB	8	3	11	3.7	SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	3	LB	0	4	2.0	0.67
HUNTER, Chris-UTM	Fr	3	LB	6	5	11	3.7	19. PICKETT, Austin-UTM	Sr	3	DT	1	1	1.5	0.50
WASHINGTON, Xavier-TTU	So	3	LB	6	5	11	3.7	RAHMAN, Cory-TSU	Sr	3	DB	1	1	1.5	0.50
37. LEONARD, Ty-SEMO	Jr	3	DB	8	2	10	3.3	PASSES DEFENDED							
REED, Izaiah-MUR	So	3	DL	3	7	10	3.3		Cl	G	BrUp	Int.	Total	Avg/G	
GREEN, Joshua-TSU	So	3	DB	9	1	10	3.3	1. EDWARDS, Johnathan-APSU	Sr	3	3	3	6	2.00	
McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	3	CB	9	1	10	3.3	2. WOODS, Jay-UTM	Sr	3	2	1	3	1.00	
41. VARGA, Tim-EIU	So	4	DL	8	5	13	3.2	EVANS, Carson-UTM	Fr	3	3	0	3	1.00	
42. DANDY, Russell-EIU	Jr	3	DB	8	1	9	3.0	SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	3	3	0	3	1.00	
BAKER, Oshae-UTM	Fr	3	DB	6	3	9	3.0	RELIFORD, Josh-TTU	Jr	3	3	0	3	1.00	
YOUNG, Michael-EIU	Fr	3	DL	7	2	9	3.0	STEPHENS, D'Carrious-UTM	Sr	3	2	1	3	1.00	
PICKETT, Austin-UTM	Sr	3	DT	5	4	9	3.0	7. GUY, Vincent-UTM	Fr	3	1	1	2	0.67	
BENOIT, Elijah-EIU	Jr	3	DB	3	6	9	3.0	FORD, John-UTM	Sr	3	1	1	2	0.67	
HUDSON, Cameron-TTU	So	3	DB	7	2	9	3.0	McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	3	0	2	2	0.67	
SQUIRES, Devin-TTU	Fr	3	DL	4	5	9	3.0	HARMON, Korbin-UTM	Sr	3	2	0	2	0.67	
GREENE, Maurice-MUR	Sr	3	DL	6	3	9	3.0	GRAHAM, Eddie-TSU	Sr	3	2	0	2	0.67	
MATTHEWS, Mike-SEMO	Jr	3	LB	4	5	9	3.0	FORD, Demetries-APSU	Jr	3	2	0	2	0.67	
								HODGES, Trai-SEMO	Sr	3	1	1	2	0.67	
								14. RUFFIN, Blake-EIU	Fr	4	2	0	2	0.50	
								VINCENT, Jordan-EIU	Fr	4	2	0	2	0.50	
								16. BENTLEY, Eric-APSU	Jr	3	1	0	1	0.33	
								SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	3	1	0	1	0.33	
								HUDSON, Cameron-TTU	So	3	1	0	1	0.33	
								WASHINGTON, Nyquan-TTU	Fr	3	1	0	1	0.33	
								BENOIT, Elijah-EIU	Jr	3	1	0	1	0.33	

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INTERCEPTIONS		Cl	G	No.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
1.	EDWARDS, Johnathan-APSU	Sr	3	3	0	0	0	1.00
2.	McKEE, Davontae-MUR	So	3	2	21	0	21	0.67
3.	FORD, John-UTM	Sr	3	1	66	0	66	0.33
	MCDONALD, Jack-APSU	Sr	3	1	32	1	32	0.33
	BOOKER, Keandre-SEMO	Jr	3	1	31	0	31	0.33
	BAKER, Oshae-UTM	Fr	3	1	30	0	30	0.33
	GUY, Vincent-UTM	Fr	3	1	24	0	24	0.33
	MATTHEWS, Mike-SEMO	Jr	3	1	10	1	10	0.33
	HODGES, Trai-SEMO	Sr	3	1	8	0	8	0.33
	WOODS, Jay-UTM	Sr	3	1	0	0	0	0.33

FUMBLES FORCED		Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	3	1	0.33
	SAMUTA, Eric-MUR	Jr	3	1	0.33
	PICKETT, Austin-UTM	Sr	3	1	0.33
	ALLEN, Jayvian-TTU	Fr	3	1	0.33
	AKINS, JaQuez-UTM	Sr	3	1	0.33
6.	DRAKEFORD, Kaelin-EIU	Fr	4	1	0.25

FUMBLES RECOVERED		Cl	G	No.	Avg/G
1.	SIMMONS, Shamari-APSU	Jr	3	1	0.33
	HUDSON, Cameron-TTU	So	3	1	0.33
	JOHNSON, Lawrence-SEMO	Sr	3	1	0.33
	HORTON, Raymond-TSU	Jr	3	1	0.33
	METHENY, Levi-MUR	Sr	3	1	0.33
6.	RUFFIN, Blake-EIU	Fr	4	1	0.25
	JOHNSON, Jason-EIU	So	4	1	0.25

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TEAM HIGHS (highest totals made by)

Points	59	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	41	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Points scored kicking	11	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2fg,5pat]
	9	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [1fg,6pat]
Touchdowns	8	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	5	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
Total offense yards	580	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [199r,381p]
	538	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [271r,267p]
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	7.7	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [70-538]
	7.5	Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021) [50-373]
Rushing yards	307	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	294	Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
Rushing attempts	57	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	48	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Yards per rush	8.4	Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021) [35-294]
	6.4	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [48-307]
Rushing TDs	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
	4	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
Longest rush	75	Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
	69	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Passing yards	381	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	322	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 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)
	4	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 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	4	Tennessee Tech at Tennessee (Sep 18, 2021)
	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]
	69.6	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021) [16-23]
Passing yards/attempt	10.0	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [38-381]
	9.9	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [27-267]
Yards per catch	18.1	Eastern Illinois at Indiana State (Aug 28, 2021) [14-253]
	17.3	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [22-381]
Field goal attempts	3	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 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)
	2	Southeast Missouri at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Field goals made	2	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	1	Eastern Illinois at Dayton (Sep 11, 2021)

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	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)
	1	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	Murray State at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	Eastern Illinois vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Longest field goal	47	Murray State at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021)
	45	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Field goal pct	66.7	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-3]
	50.0	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [1-2]
	50.0	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [1-2]
	50.0	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [1-2]
PAT kicks attempted	6	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	5	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
PAT kicks made	6	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	5	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
PAT kicks pct	100.0	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [6-6]
	100.0	Murray State vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [4-4]
	100.0	Southeast Missouri at Missouri (Sep 18, 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	Eastern Illinois vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 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	2	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
2-point PATs made	1	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 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]
	52.0	Eastern Illinois vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-104]
Punt returns	5	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	4	Austin Peay at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
	4	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Punt return yards	83	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	64	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Punt return avg	41.5	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [2-83]
	12.8	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [5-64]
Punt return TDs	1	Eastern Illinois vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Longest punt return	47	Tennessee State vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	41	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)

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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]
	24.0	Murray State at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021) [2-48]
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)
	2	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
Interception return yds	96	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	32	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Interception return avg	48.0	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021) [2-96]
	16.0	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-32]
Longest interception rtn	66	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	32	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Interception return TDs	1	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 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)
	2	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 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)
	1	Tennessee Tech at Tennessee (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	Eastern Illinois vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 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)
	2	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	Murray State at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021)
Turnovers committed	5	Murray State at Cincinnati (Sep 11, 2021)
	5	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
Turnovers caused	3	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	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)

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	2	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Kicks blocked	2	Eastern Illinois vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	Southeast Missouri vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	UT Martin at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
First downs	31	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	26	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	26	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
1st downs rushing	19	Tennessee State vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	16	UT Martin vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
1st downs passing	12	Austin Peay vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	11	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
1st downs by penalty	7	Austin Peay at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	7	Murray State at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 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)
	12	RUCKER, Shamenski (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
	12	MINTER, Eugene (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	12	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	12	RAHMAAN, Rodell (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	12	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 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)
	2	RUCKER, Shamenski (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	MINTER, Eugene (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	RAHMAAN, Rodell (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 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]
	4	HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [
Points scored kicking	11	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2fg,5pat]
	9	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [1fg,6pat]
Total offense yards	380	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [30r,350p]
	326	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [4r,322p]
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	17.0	WILLIAMS, Jalyn (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021) [3-51]
	12.8	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021) [14-179]
Rushing yards	179	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	142	STARLING, Devon (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Rushing attempts	23	STARLING, Devon (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	19	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021)
Yards per rush	12.8	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021) [14-179]
	12.5	WILLIAMS, Jalyn (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021) [2-25]
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)
	2	RUCKER, Shamenski (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	TANNER, Ahmaad (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	HOWARD, Keon (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
Longest rush	75	ANDERSON, O'Nairies (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 2021)
	69	JONES, Cortez (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
Passing yards	350	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	322	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 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)
	3	ELLIS, Draylen (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	3	HICKBOTTOM, Jeremy (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 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)

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	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]
	71.4	MARTIN, Drew (Tennessee Tech) at Tennessee (Sep 18, 2021) [10-14]
Pass yards/attempt	15.5	POPE, Tucker (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [2-31]
	15.5	JEAN, Neyland (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-31]
Pass yards/catch	31.0	POPE, Tucker (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [1-31]
	31.0	JEAN, Neyland (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [1-31]
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)
Yards per catch	30.5	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [4-122]
	30.5	RENDER, DJ (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-61]
Receiving TDs	2	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	MINTER, Eugene (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	2	RAHMAAN, Rodell (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 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	3	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	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)
	2	DOAK, Kenny (Southeast Missouri) at Sam Houston (Sep 11, 2021)
	2	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Field goals made	2	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 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	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs Jackson State (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021)
	1	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	GALLOWAY, Stone (Eastern Illinois) vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Longest field goal	47	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021)
	45	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Field goal pct	66.7	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-3]
	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]
	50.0	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [1-2]
PAT kicks attempted	6	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	5	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
PAT kicks made	6	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	5	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	5	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
PAT kicks pct	100.0	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [6-6]
	100.0	BAUM, Aaron (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	ZITA, Antonio (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [5-5]
	100.0	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021) [5-5]

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	100.0	LARCO, Tyler (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (Sep 11, 2021) [4-4]
	100.0	DOAK, Kenny (Southeast Missouri) at Missouri (Sep 18, 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	GALLOWAY, Stone (Eastern Illinois) vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 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]
	100.0	TRUJILLO, Maddux (Austin Peay) at Ole Miss (Sep 11, 2021) [2-2]
Punts	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	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]
	52.0	NEIDHARDT, Logen (Eastern Illinois) vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-104]
Punt returns	4	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	3	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs KENTUCKY STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Punt return yards	83	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	63	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Longest punt return	47	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021)
	41	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Punt return TDs	1	SMITH, DeAirious (Eastern Illinois) vs ILLINOIS STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Punt return avg	41.5	JOHNSON, Dayron (Tennessee State) vs Grambling (Sep 05, 2021) [2-83]
	15.8	THOMAS, Kam (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [4-63]
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
	24.0	THOMPSON, Ethan (Murray State) at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021) [2-48]
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	TURNER, Quinaz (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	McKEE, Davontae (Murray State) vs MISS. VALLEY STATE (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	HODGES, Trai (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	MATTHEWS, Mike (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)
	1	EDWARDS, Johnathan (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	MCDONALD, Jack (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	BAKER, Oshae (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	FORD, John (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	1	McKEE, Davontae (Murray State) at Bowling Green (Sep 18, 2021)

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Interception return yds	66	FORD, John (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	32	MCDONALD, Jack (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Interception return avg	0.0	EDWARDS, Johnathan (Austin Peay) at Chattanooga (Sep 02, 2021) [2-0]
Longest interception rtn	66	FORD, John (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	32	MCDONALD, Jack (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
Interception return TDs	1	MATTHEWS, Mike (Southeast Missouri) vs SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Sep 02, 2021)
	1	MCDONALD, Jack (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021)
All-purpose yards	182	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) at Northwestern State (Sep 18, 2021)
	169	LOGAN, Peyton (UT Martin) vs SAMFORD (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]
	2.5	ALLEN, Terrell (Austin Peay) vs MOREHEAD STATE (Sep 18, 2021) [2-1]