

2022 Ohio Valley Conference Football Report

Eastern Illinois | Lindenwood | Murray State | Southeast Missouri | Tennessee State | Tennessee Tech | UT Martin

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OVC STANDINGS

(In games through August 29)

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

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 1

Western Illinois at #15 UT Martin, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN+)
Eastern Illinois at Northern Illinois, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Friday, September 2

Tennessee Tech at Kansas, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, September 3

Southeast Missouri at Iowa State, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee State at #12 Eastern Washington, 3:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Murray State at Texas Tech, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

* Indicates OVC Contest
ALL TIMES CENTRAL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

none

THIS WEEK'S OVC HIGHLIGHTS/STORYLINES

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the OVC, which was founded in 1948, making it the eighth-oldest Division I Conference ... The OVC is made up of seven football-playing schools in 2022, including Lindenwood which joined the league this season ... The league schedule is based around five Conference games this season (new member Lindenwood will play only four) ... Last season UT Martin topped Missouri State in the first round of the FCS Playoffs, marking its first-ever playoff victory; OVC teams have 13 playoff victories since 2013, including five Quarterfinal and one National Championship game appearance ... Since 2013, six different teams that have represented the OVC have won a playoff games; the only other conferences to accomplish that are the CAA, MVFC and Southern Conference ... UT Martin begins the season ranked No. 15 in the AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 18 in the Stats Perform Poll; every current OVC team (except newly Division I Lindenwood) has been ranked in the Top 25 polls for at least one week over the past six years (2016-21) ... SEMO's Geno Hess begins the season on the Walter Payton Watch List while UT Martin's John H. Ford II is on the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List ... In seven of the past 12 years (2010-21), an OVC team has defeated a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent ... Last academic year (2021-22), 103 football student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll for achieving a 3.25 GPA or better ... This season the OVC and Southland Conference begin a two-year (2022, 2023) non-conference scheduling alliance which filled open schedule dates with a focus toward competitive balance and reasonable travel ... The OVC and Big South have created an alliance which begins next season (2023), and combines the two conferences' football membership to ensure NCAA championship access and stability for the multisport conferences.

OVC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

The first set of Players of the Week will be released on Sunday, September 4.

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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.

2022 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

OFFENSIVE

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 13
Nov. 20

DEFENSIVE

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 13
Nov. 20

SPECIALIST

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 13
Nov. 20

NEWCOMER

Sept. 4
Sept. 11
Sept. 18
Sept. 25
Oct. 2
Oct. 9
Oct. 16
Oct. 23
Oct. 30
Nov. 6
Nov. 13
Nov. 20

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

NOTES FROM AROUND THE GRIDIRON

Let's Get It Started: The 75th season of Ohio Valley Conference football is scheduled to get underway on Thursday, September 1. The OVC is made up of seven football-playing schools in 2022. Since its beginning, 15 of the 19 total schools that have played football in the league have claimed at least one championship.

2022 Schedule: The 2022 OVC football schedule features the seven league members playing five Conference games apiece (the exception being new member Lindenwood who will play four). There is not a full round robin this year as most teams' non-conference schedules were full (including a previously announced non-conference scheduling partnership with the Southland Conference) when Lindenwood joined the league in February 2022. Eastern Illinois and Lindenwood will play on October 15 but will not count in the OVC standings.

Top 25 Polls: UT Martin begins the season ranked No. 15 in the AFCA Coaches Poll and No. 18 in the Stats Perform Poll. The Skyhawks finished last season ranked No. 12 in the Coaches Poll, its highest end-of-season finish in school history, and was ranked as high as No. 8 (matching its highest ranking). Murray State and Southeast Missouri are both among the others receiving votes in the Coaches Poll. Every current OVC team (except newly Division I Lindenwood) has been ranked in the Top 25 polls for at least one week over the past six years (2016-21).

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 11 automatic bids and 13 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 14th time in 2022, 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 7.

Recent Playoff Success: Beginning with the 2001 season the OVC went until 2013 without a FCS Playoff victory. But over the past nine seasons OVC teams have performed well in the playoffs, winning 13 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 nine years six different teams that have represented the OVC have won a playoff game (Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Jacksonville State, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State and UT Martin).

Six Different OVC Teams With Playoff Wins Since 2013: The OVC is one of just four FCS Conferences to have six different teams win a playoff game over the past nine years (2013-2021). Over that time Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Jacksonville State, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State and UT Martin have all won at least one game while representing the OVC. The other conferences to have six different teams win over that period are the CAA, Missouri Valley and Southern Conferences.

Walter Payton Award Watch List: Southeast Missouri senior running back **Geno Hess** was one of 35 players nationally named to the Walter Payton Award Watch List by Stats Perform. The award is presented after the season to the national offensive player of the year in college football's Division I subdivision. More players can join the watch list during the regular season, and afterwards a national media panel will select the winner. First awarded in 1987, the Payton has been won by an OVC player twice, Tony Romo in 2002 and Jimmy Garoppolo in 2013.

Buck Buchanan Award Watch List: UT Martin graduate linebacker **John H. Ford II** is one of 35 players nationally named to the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List by Stats Perform. The award is presented to the national defensive player of the year in college football's Division I subdivision. More players can join the watch list during the regular season, and afterwards a national media panel will select the winner. First awarded in 1995, the Buchanan Award has twice been won by an OVC player, Jacksonville State's Darius Jackson (2017) and SEMO's Zach Hall (2018).

Deacon Jones Trophy Watch List: Three Tennessee State football players have been named to the Watch List for the Black College Football Player of the Year Award. The award, known as the Deacon Jones Trophy, is presented annually to the most outstanding college football player from a Historically Black College & University (HBCU). The players were quarterback **Draylen Ellis**, running back **Devon Starling** and linebacker **James Green**. Four finalists will be unveiled after the season. The winner of the Black College Football Player of the Year Award, which will be announced during halftime of the 2023 HBCU Legacy Bowl on Saturday, February 25, 2023 in New Orleans, Louisiana. TSU's Chris Rowland won the award in 2019.

Individual Awards Winners: 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.

Three OVC Players Named to FCS Punter of the Year Watch List: Three OVC players have been named to the 2022 FCS Punter of the Year Award Watch List by the Augusta Sports Council. The OVC picks, who were among the 22 nationally on the list, were Southeast Missouri's **Zach Haynes**, Tennessee State's **Kaleb Mosely** and Murray State's **Lewis Halton**. 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 regular season play commences.

Simpson Ranks Fourth in OVC Career Victories: UT Martin head coach **Jason Simpson** currently ranks fourth in OVC history for career victories. Simpson recorded his 100th victory in the Skyhawks FCS Playoff win over Missouri State in 2021. Including Simpson, only 22 active FCS coaches have 100 or more career wins.

- 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)
- 100 - Jason Simpson, UT Martin (2006-present)
- 99 - Jimmy Feix, Western Kentucky (1968-81)

OVC Teams Against FBS Opponents: In seven of the past 12 seasons (2010-21), 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.

OVC and Big South Association: In February 2022 the Big South Conference and Ohio Valley Conference announced the creation of an association of their football member institutions, to begin with the 2023 NCAA Division I football season and have an initial term of at least four years. The unique agreement combines the two conferences' football membership to ensure NCAA championship access and stability for the multisport conferences. In creating the association, presidents from each of the multisport conferences pointed to the similarities of the OVC and the Big South, with their complementary geographies and intercollegiate athletic philosophies, as key to making this association possible.

COACHES WEEKLY ZOOM

OVC coaches will hold a weekly video conference via Zoom. The sessions will be on Tuesday (beginning Aug. 30) 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 - Chris Wilkerson, Eastern Illinois
- 11:10 - Dewayne Alexander, Tennessee Tech
- 11:20 - Tom Matukewicz, Southeast Missouri
- 11:30 - Jed Stugart, Lindenwood
- 11:50 - Eddie George, Tennessee State

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**You won't believe it
until you  OVC it!**

OVC and Southland Conference Partner For Non-Conference Scheduling Alliance: In October 2021, the OVC and Southland Conference announced a football scheduling alliance for the 2022 and 2023 seasons. The collaboration will see institutions from each conference fill available non-conference dates on schedules in 2022 and 2023 with a focus toward competitive balance and reasonable travel. The alliance provides quality Division I FCS non-conference matchups, allows increased visibility, exposure and branding for each Conference.

Sgt. York Trophy Presented by Delta Dental: The Sgt. York Trophy (founded in 2007 by the Nashville Sports Council and sponsored by Delta Dental) goes to the winner of the season football series between the four OVC football-playing schools located in the state of Tennessee (originally it included four schools, but beginning in 2022 includes three schools: Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and UT Martin). 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. Last season UT Martin went 3-0 to claim the title.

Academic Success: During the past academic year (2021-22) there were 103 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, 10 student-athletes were awarded the OVC Academic Medal of Honor for achieving perfect 4.0 GPAs.

A Look at the Coaches: Five coaches from last season return to their respective teams in 2022. Among the newcomers is first-year Eastern Illinois head coach **Chris Wilkerson**, who played for the Panthers and was later an assistant coach. Also new to the league is **Jed Stugart**, who begins his fifth season at Lindenwood, who joined the OVC on July 1. In addition to Wilkerson, Tennessee Tech's **Dewayne Alexander** is also coaching at his alma mater. The longest tenured coach in the league is UT Martin's **Jason Simpson** who enters his 17th season with the Skyhawks in 2022; Simpson is the fourth-winningest coach in OVC history.

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.

UT Martin Tabbed Preseason OVC Favorite: Coming off an OVC Championship and its first FCS Playoff victory, UT Martin has been picked as the preseason football favorites in the Ohio Valley Conference for the 2022 season. The Skyhawks picked up 10 of a possible 14 first-place votes in a poll of league head coaches and communications directors. It marked the first time the Skyhawks have been picked the preseason favorites since joining the league prior to the 1992 season. UT Martin totaled 70 points to finish ahead of Southeast Missouri (59). Murray State (51) was tabbed third, just ahead of Tennessee State (46), who also picked up a first-place vote. The poll was rounded out by Tennessee Tech (29), Eastern Illinois (20) and Lindenwood (19).

Hess and Ford Headline Preseason All-OVC Team: Southeast Missouri senior running back **Geno Hess** and UT Martin graduate student linebacker **John H. Ford II** were named the 2022 OVC Preseason Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year in a vote of by the league's head football coaches and communications directors. Tennessee State and UT Martin led the way with eight selections apiece, while Eastern Illinois and Murray State had seven players apiece. Southeast Missouri had six selections, Tennessee Tech added three and newcomer Lindenwood had two players on the team. Returning players who were first- or second-team All-OVC selections last year were automatic selections to the preseason team this year.

NFL Connections: At the end of the 2021 NFL season, 10 former OVC players were on active rosters, with four of those playing for a team that earned a spot in the Playoffs. Overall the OVC has produced at least one NFL Draft Pick in 14 of the past 19 years (2003-21). In January 2020, Eastern Illinois alum Jimmy Garoppolo became just the eighth former FCS quarterback to start a Super Bowl, doing so with the San Francisco 49ers. For Super Bowl LV in February 2021, there were four participants with OVC connections including a player (Josh Pearson), a coach (Rick Christophel), an official (Jabir Walker) and a broadcaster (Tony Romo).

Romo Becomes Sixth College Football Hall of Famer With OVC Connections: In December 2021 former Eastern Illinois quarterback **Tony Romo** was inducted into the 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

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

	EIU	LIN	MUR	SEMO	TSU	TTU	UTM
Preseason	-/-	-/-	-/RV	-/RV	-/-	-/-	18/15
Sept. 5							
Sept. 12							
Sept. 19							
Sept. 26							
Oct. 3							
Oct. 10							
Oct. 17							
Oct. 24							
Oct. 31							
Nov. 7							
Nov. 14							
Nov. 21							
Final							

NATIONAL POLLS

STATS PERFORM

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	North Dakota State (52)	0-0	1348
2.	South Dakota State (2)	0-0	1285
3.	Montana	0-0	1218
4.	Montana State	0-0	1203
5.	Missouri State	0-0	1066
6.	Villanova	0-0	997
7.	Sacramento State	0-0	991
8.	Kennesaw State	0-0	959
9.	Southern Illinois	0-0	915
10.	Stephen F. Austin	0-0	813
11.	ETSU	0-0	750
12.	Chattanooga	0-0	562
13.	Eastern Washington	0-0	538
14.	UIW	0-0	533
15.	Jackson State	0-0	515
16.	Holy Cross	0-0	503
17.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-0	440
18.	UT Martin	0-0	404
19.	Delaware	0-0	401
20.	Weber State	0-0	391
21.	UNI	0-0	289
22.	Rhode Island	0-0	242
23.	Mercer	0-0	215
24.	Richmond	0-0	166
25.	UC Davis	0-0	153

Others (OVC Only): none.

FCS COACHES POLL

No.	Team	Record	Pts.
1.	North Dakota State (24)	0-0	624
2.	Montana	0-0	567
3.	South Dakota State (1)	0-0	566
4.	Montana State	0-0	560
5.	Villanova	0-0	493
6.	Kennesaw State	0-0	453
7.	Sacramento State	0-0	452
8.	Missouri State	0-0	405
9.	Southern Illinois	0-0	379
10.	Stephen F. Austin	0-0	362
11.	ETSU	0-0	352
12.	Eastern Washington	0-0	337
13.	Chattanooga	0-0	294
14.	UIW	0-0	277
15.	UT Martin	0-0	257
16.	Southeastern Louisiana	0-0	254
17.	Jackson State	0-0	245
18.	Holy Cross	0-0	184
19.	Delaware	0-0	172
20.	Weber State	0-0	141
21.	UNI	0-0	119
22.	UC Davis	0-0	101
23.	Mercer	0-0	78
24.	Rhode Island	0-0	66
	Richmond	0-0	66

Others (OVC Only): Murray State (5), Southeast Missouri (3)



analyst for CBS' NFL telecasts, working alongside Jim Nantz.

I-AA No More: Although some people may still refer to it as I-AA football, the term that represents the level of Division I football in which the Ohio Valley Conference competes has been long retired. Beginning with the 2006 National Championship game, the term Football Championship Subdivision (or FCS) is to be used. Teams who play at the FCS level can offer a maximum of 63 scholarships (Football Bowl Subdivision teams can offer 85) and compete in a playoff at the end of the season to determine the national champion.

FCS All-In: Each week during the 2022 football season, "FCS All-In" will debut a new episode on ESPN+ each Friday night at 6pm CT. The program is a collaborative effort of the NCAA's 15 Division I FCS Conferences..

ESPN+: This season every Conference football game (and select non-conference contests) will be broadcast on ESPN+. This marks the fifth 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 \$9.99 a month (or \$99.99 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	0-0
NEC	0-0
Patriot	0-0
Pioneer	0-0
Southern	0-0
Southland	0-0
SWAC	0-0
<u>WAC</u>	<u>0-0</u>
FCS Total	0-0
FBS Opponents	
American Athletic	0-0
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Conference USA	0-0
MAC	0-0
Mountain West	0-0
Pac-12	0-0
SEC	0-0
<u>Sun Belt</u>	<u>0-0</u>
FBS Total	0-0
Non-Division I	0-0
Total Non-Conference Record	0-0

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
87	Tennessee State	44-0 vs. Eastern Ky. (11/2/13)
39	Lindenwood	19-0 vs. Northwest Mo. (10/21/17)
30	UT Martin	45-0 at Florida (9/7/19)
29	Southeast Missouri	50-0 at Missouri (9/14/19)
27	Murray State	45-0 at Toledo (9/14/19)
8	Tennessee Tech	26-0 vs. Furman (9/11/21)
3	Eastern Illinois	28-0 vs. Tennessee St. (10/23/21)

Longest All-Time FCS Streaks Without Being Shutout

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

* Active Streak

% Overall streak is 497 (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 the end of the 2021 season.

Active OVCer's With 100-Yard Rushing Games

Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri	10
David Gist, Tennessee Tech	7
Devon Starling, Tennessee State	6
Damonta Witherspoon, Murray State	5
Zak Wallace, UT Martin	3
Jaelin Benefield, Eastern Illinois	2
Willie Miller, Tennessee Tech	1
Cortez Jones, Murray State	1
DJ Williams, Murray State	1
Shamenski Rucker, Southeast Missouri	1

2022 SUPERLATIVES

100-Yard Rushing Games

none

300-Yard Passing Games

none

100-Yard Receiving Games

none

10-Reception Games

none

200-Yard All-Purpose Games

none

50-Yard Field Goals

none

15-Tackle Games

none

Multiple Defensive Interception Games

none

Multiple Rushing Touchdown Games

none

Multiple Receiving Touchdown Games

none

Multiple Passing Touchdown Games

none

SGT. YORK TROPHY

The 2022 season marks the 16th 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 OVC football-playing schools in the state of Tennessee - 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
2021 - UT Martin
2022 - TBD

**Took home the trophy due to winning the tiebreaker*

2022 Sgt. York Trophy Contests

Oct. 1 - Tennessee Tech at UT Martin

Oct. 15 - Tennessee State at Tennessee Tech

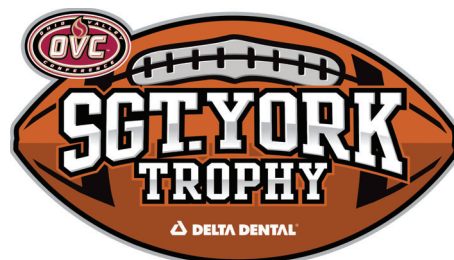
Nov. 12 - UT Martin at Tennessee State

2022 Sgt. York Trophy Standings

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

All-Time Record in Sgt. York Games

Tennessee State	23-22
Tennessee Tech	18-27
UT Martin	32-13



2022 PRESEASON HONORS/AWARDS

OVC PRESEASON HONORS (COACHES/SID'S)

Preseason All-OVC Team

Preseason Offensive Player of the Year:

Geno Hess (RB), Southeast Missouri

Preseason Defensive Player of the Year:

John H. Ford II (LB), UT Martin

Offense

QB - Draylen Ellis, Tennessee State
 QB - Cade Brister, Lindenwood
 QB - DJ Williams, Murray State
 RB - Devon Starling, Tennessee State
 RB - Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri
 RB - Zak Wallace, UT Martin
 RB - David Gist, Tennessee Tech
 RB - Damonta Witherspoon, Murray State
 WR - Johnny King, Southeast Missouri
 WR - Zaire Thornton, Tennessee State
 WR - Quintin Cross, Tennessee Tech
 WR - Isaiah Hill, Eastern Illinois
 WR - LaMarte Brooks, Murray State
 WR - Colton Dowell, UT Martin
 TE - Jay Vallie, Eastern Illinois
 OL - Levi Nesler, Murray State
 OL - Zack Gieg, Southeast Missouri
 OL - Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin
 OL - Robert Lacey, Tennessee State
 OL - Nate Korte, Southeast Missouri
 OL - Gavin Olson, UT Martin
 OL - Lamar Morgan, UT Martin

Defense

DE - Jordan Miles, Eastern Illinois
 DT - Teray Jones, Tennessee State
 DT - Tadarrius Patterson, Tennessee State
 DE - Tim Varga, Eastern Illinois
 OLB - Darnel Victor, Murray State
 ILB - John H. Ford II, UT Martin
 ILB - Eric Samuta, Murray State
 ILB - Bryce Norman, Southeast Missouri
 OLB - James Green, Tennessee State
 CB - Oshae Baker, UT Martin
 CB - Russell Dandy, Eastern Illinois
 SAF - Josh Reliford, Tennessee Tech
 SAF - Deven Sims, UT Martin
 SAF - Kai Ross, Lindenwood
 NB - Jordan Vincent, Eastern Illinois

Specialists

K - Aaron Baum, Murray State
 P - Zach Haynes, Southeast Missouri
 KR/PR - Dayron Johnson, Tennessee State

Newcomers to Watch

LB - Foday Jalloh, Eastern Illinois
 WR - Kobe Smith, Lindenwood
 DL - Nate Chambers, Murray State
 WR - Ryan Flournoy, Southeast Missouri
 LB - K'Vaughn Pope, Tennessee State
 QB - Jeremiah Oatsvall, Tennessee Tech
 DB - Shaun Lewis, UT Martin

STATS PERFORM

Preseason All-American First-Team

OL Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin

Preseason All-American Third-Team

RB Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri
 OL Levi Nesler, Murray State
 LB John Ford II, UT Martin
 DB Deven Sims, UT Martin

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Preseason All-American

OL Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin

LINDYS

Preseason All-American First-Team

OL Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin

Preseason All-American Second-Team

RB Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri
 OL Levi Nesler, Murray State

PHIL STEELE

Preseason Second-Team All-American

OL Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin

Preseason Fourth-Team All-American

LB John H. Ford II, UT Martin

HERO SPORTS

Preseason All-American

OL Matthan Hatchie, UT Martin
 RB Geno Hess, Southeast Missouri

BOXTOROW HBCU

Preseason All-American

OL Robert Lacey, Tennessee State
 RS Dayron Johnson, Tennessee State

OVC COACHING RECORDS

Coach, School

Chris Wilkerson, Eastern Illinois
 Jed Stugart, Lindenwood
 Dean Hood, Murray State %
 Tom Matukewicz, Southeast Missouri
 Eddie George, Tennessee State
 Dewayne Alexander, Tennessee Tech
 Jason Simpson, UT Martin

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>
1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	9	51	27	.654
1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	15	117	45	.722
11	52	24	.684	66	45	.595	11	66	45	.594
9	33	27	.550	41	49	.456	10	42	49	.462
2	3	3	.500	5	6	.455	2	5	6	.455
5	7	22	.241	12	29	.293	11	53	62	.461
17	77	47	.621	100	80	.556	17	100	80	.556

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

% Dean Hood was 55-38 overall (44-19 OVC) in eight seasons at Eastern Kentucky (2008-15) before coaching at Murray State.

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



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

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

SEPTEMBER

1	at Northern Illinois (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.
10	Chattanooga (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
17	at Illinois State (ESPN+)	6:30 p.m.
24	at Murray State* (ESPN+)	4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

8	Northwestern State (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
15	Lindenwood # (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
22	at Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
29	Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	at McNeese (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.
12	Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
19	at UT Martin* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

- Does Not Count in Conference Standings

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



LINDENWOOD LIONS (0-0, 0-0)

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

SEPTEMBER

10	at Houston Baptist (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
17	Keiser (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
24	at UT Martin* (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
8	at Central Arkansas	4:00 p.m.
15	at Eastern Illinois # (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
22	Murray State* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
29	William Jewell (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	at Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
12	McKendree (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

- Does Not Count in Conference Standings

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



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

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

SEPTEMBER

3	at Texas Tech (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.
10	Jacksonville State (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
17	at Ball State (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
24	Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	4:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	at Southeastern Louisiana (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
8	UT Martin* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
15	at Austin Peay* (ESPN+)	3:00 p.m.
22	at Lindenwood* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
29	Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

12	Robert Morris (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
19	at Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



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

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

SEPTEMBER

3	at Iowa State (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
10	at Southern Illinois (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
17	Nicholls (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
24	Central Arkansas (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	at Lindenwood* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
8	Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
22	at Northwestern State (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
29	Eastern Kentucky (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	at Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	5:00 p.m.
12	at Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
19	Murray State* (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change

TEAM COMPOSITE SCHEDULES



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

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

SEPTEMBER

3	at #12 Eastern Washington (ESPN+)	3:00 p.m.
10	vs. Jackson State \$	6:00 p.m.
17	at Middle Tennessee (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	Lane # (ESPN+)	1:00 p.m.
8	Bethune-Cookman (ESPN+)	5:00 p.m.
15	at Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
22	Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
29	at Murray State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	5:00 p.m.
12	UT Martin* (ESPN+)	4:00 p.m.
19	at Texas A&M-Commerce (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

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

- John Merritt Classic (Hale Stadium - Nashville, Tenn.)

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



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

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

SEPTEMBER

2	at Kansas (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.
10	Texas A&M-Commerce (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
17	Samford (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	at UT Martin* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
8	at Southeast Missouri* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
15	Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.
22	at Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
29	at Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	Lindenwood (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.
12	at North Alabama (ESPN+)	4:00 p.m.
19	North Carolina Central (ESPN+)	1:30 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change



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

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

SEPTEMBER

1	Western Illinois (ESPN+)	6:30 p.m.
8	at Missouri State (ESPN+)	7:00 p.m.
17	at Boise State (FS1)	3:00 p.m.
24	Lindenwood* (ESPN+)	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	Tennessee Tech* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
8	at Murray State* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.
22	at Tennessee	TBA
29	at Houston Baptist (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5	Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	12:00 p.m.
12	at Tennessee State* (ESPN+)	4:00 p.m.
19	Eastern Illinois* (ESPN+)	2:00 p.m.

* Ohio Valley Conference Game

Home Games in Bold

All Times Central/Subject to Change

You've got to  **OVC** it!

OVC NOTABLES

- Every current OVC team (except newly Division I Lindenwood) has been ranked in the Top 25 polls for at least one week over the past six years (2016-21).
- The OVC has placed multiple teams in the FCS Playoffs seven times in the past 12 years (2010-21).
- The OVC is one of just four FCS Conferences to have six different teams win a playoff game over the past nine years (2013-2021). Over that time Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Jacksonville State, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State and UT Martin have all won at least one game while representing the OVC. The other conferences to have six different teams win over that period are the CAA, Missouri Valley and Southern Conferences.
- OVC teams have 13 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 12 years (2006-21), an OVC team has defeated a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent.
- The OVC has produced at least one NFL Draft Pick in 14 of the last 19 years (2003-21).
- In January 2020, OVC alum Jimmy Garoppolo became just the eighth former FCS quarterback to start in a Super Bowl, doing so with the San Francisco 49ers. Last season 11 former OVC players were on active rosters at the end of the year.
- 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 74 years, 15 of 18 teams that have competed have claimed at least one league championship.

2022 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Thursday, September 1

Western Illinois **at UT Martin**, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN+)
Eastern Illinois **at** Northern Illinois, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Friday, September 2

Tennessee Tech **at** Kansas, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, September 3

Southeast Missouri **at** Iowa State, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee State **at** Eastern Washington, 3:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Murray State **at** Texas Tech, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Thursday, September 8

UT Martin **at** Missouri State, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 10

Chattanooga **at Eastern Illinois**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Jacksonville State **at Murray State**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee State **vs.** Jackson State, 6:00 p.m. (Memphis, TN)
Texas A&M-Commerce **at Tennessee Tech**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Southeast Missouri **at** Southern Illinois, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Lindenwood **at** Houston Baptist, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, September 17

Murray State **at** Ball State, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Nicholls **at Southeast Missouri**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
UT Martin **at** Boise State, 3:00 p.m. (FS1)
Samford **at Tennessee Tech**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee State **at** Middle Tennessee, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Keiser **at Lindenwood**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Eastern Illinois **at** Illinois State, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, September 24

Central Arkansas **at Southeast Missouri**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Eastern Illinois **at Murray State**, 4:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Lindenwood **at UT Martin**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 1

Lane College **at Tennessee State**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Southeast Missouri **at Lindenwood**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Tennessee Tech **at UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Murray State **at** Southeastern Louisiana, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 8

Northwestern State **at Eastern Illinois**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Tennessee Tech **at Southeast Missouri**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*UT Martin **at Murray State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Lindenwood **at** Central Arkansas, 4:00 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman **at Tennessee State**, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 15

Murray State **at** Austin Peay, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
(#) Lindenwood **at Eastern Illinois**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Tennessee State **at Tennessee Tech**, 6:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, October 22

*Murray State **at Lindenwood**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Southeast Missouri **at** Northwestern State, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee Tech **at** Kennesaw State, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Eastern Illinois **at Tennessee State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
UT Martin **at** Tennessee, TBA

Saturday, October 29

Eastern Kentucky **at Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
William Jewell **at Lindenwood**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Tennessee Tech **at Eastern Illinois**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Tennessee State **at Murray State**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
UT Martin **at** Houston Baptist, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 5

Kennesaw State **at UT Martin**, 12:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Lindenwood **at Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Southeast Missouri **at Tennessee State**, 5:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Eastern Illinois **at** McNeese, 7:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 12

*Southeast Missouri **at Eastern Illinois**, 12:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
McKendree **at Lindenwood**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Robert Morris **at Murray State**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee Tech **at** North Alabama, 4:00 p.m.
*UT Martin **at Tennessee State**, 4:00 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 19

*Murray State **at Southeast Missouri**, 1:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
N. Carolina Central **at Tennessee Tech**, 1:30 p.m. (ESPN+)
*Eastern Illinois **at UT Martin**, 2:00 p.m. (ESPN+)
Tennessee State **at** Texas A&M-Commerce, 2 p.m. (ESPN+)

Saturday, November 26

FCS Playoffs First Round (campus sites)

Saturday, December 3

FCS Playoffs Second Round (campus sites)

Friday, December 9/Saturday, December 10

FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals (campus sites)

Friday, December 16/Saturday, December 17

FCS Playoffs Semifinals (campus sites)

Saturday, January 7

Division I National Championship (Frisco, Texas)

* - Denotes OVC contest

- Does Not Count in OVC Standings

All Times CENTRAL; dates and times subject to change

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

EUI-LIN

Series tied 0-0
No Meetings

EUI-MUR

Series tied 19-19

1946	MUR, 38-13 (H)
1974	MUR, 13-0 (H)
1975	EUI, 14-6 (H)
1977	MUR, 35-7 (H)
1978	EUI, 35-14 (H)
1986	EUI, 28-21 (H)
1990	MUR, 14-10 (H)
1991	MUR, 28-27 (H)
1992	EUI, 48-9 (H)
1993	EUI, 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	EUI, 48-7 (H)
2001	EUI, 37-6 (H)
2002	MUR, 37-35 (H)
2003	EUI, 27-17 (A)
2004	EUI, 24-9 (H)
2005	EUI, 35-28 (A)
2006	EUI, 20-10 (H)
2007	EUI, 27-24 (A)
2008	EUI, 34-6 (H)
2009	EUI, 16-10 (A)
2010	MUR, 38-28 (A)
2011	MUR, 36-27 (H)
2012	EUI, 50-49 (OT)(H)
2013	EUI, 37-17 (A)
2014	EUI, 48-26 (H)
2015	EUI, 34-20 (A)
2016	MUR, 40-38 (A)
2017	EUI, 27-24 (A)(2OT)
2018	MUR, 48-41 (A)
2019	MUR, 24-17 (H)
2020	MUR, 41-27 (H)
2021	MUR, 22-6 (H)
	MUR, 20-13 (A)

EUI-SEMO

EUI leads 18-11

1956	SEMO, 46-13 (H)
1957	SEMO, 41-0 (A)
1995	EUI, 35-18 (H)
1996	EUI, 41-21 (A)
1997	EUI, 32-7 (A)
1998	EUI, 35-33 (H)
1999	SEMO, 45-38 (H)
2000	EUI, 38-9 (H)
2001	EUI, 41-21 (H)
2002	EUI, 44-27 (A)
2003	SEMO, 30-17 (H)
2004	EUI, 35-28 (H)
2005	EUI, 48-24 (A)
2006	EUI, 21-0 (H)
2007	EUI, 31-16 (A)
2008	EUI, 24-21 (H)
2009	EUI, 23-14 (A)
2010	SEMO, 28-13 (A)
2011	SEMO, 37-30 (H)
2012	EUI, 39-20 (H)
2013	EUI, 55-33 (H)
2014	EUI, 52-13 (A)
2015	EUI, 33-28 (H)
2016	SEMO, 21-14 (H)
2017	EUI, 19-16 (H)
2018	SEMO, 38-32 (H)
2019	SEMO, 26-12 (A)
2020	SEMO, 47-7 (A)
2021	SEMO, 38-15 (H)

EUI-TSU

EUI leads 15-10

1982	TSU, 20-19 (H)
1998	TSU, 27-21 (A)
1999	TSU, 43-25 (H)
2000	EUI, 33-19 (H)
2001	EUI, 52-49 (H)
2002	EUI, 54-48 (A)
2003	TSU, 24-14 (H)
2004	EUI, 34-24 (H)
2005	EUI, 27-3 (A)
2006	EUI, 29-3 (H)
2007	EUI, 38-35 (A)
2008	TSU, 45-24 (H)
2009	TSU, 21-10 (A)
2010	EUI, 31-28 (OT) (A)
2011	TSU, 18-17 (A)
2013	EUI, 34-16 (A)
	EUI, 51-10 (H)
2014	EUI, 28-3 (H)
2015	EUI, 25-22 (OT) (A)
2016	EUI, 35-34 (H)
2017	EUI, 19-16 (2OT)(A)
2018	TSU, 41-40 (A)
2019	EUI, 49-38 (A)
2020	TSU, 21-20 (H)
2021	TSU, 28-0 (A)

EUI-TTU

EUI leads 21-7

1975	TTU, 37-0 (H)
1976	TTU, 41-14 (A)
1996	EUI, 35-27 (A)
1997	EUI, 10-7 (A)
1998	EUI, 13-6 (A)
1999	TTU, 14-7 (A)
2000	EUI, 27-6 (A)
2001	EUI, 44-33 (H)
2002	EUI, 35-28 (A)
2003	EUI, 37-10 (H)

2004	TTU, 40-37 (OT) (H)
2005	EUI, 31-20 (H)
2006	EUI, 38-14 (A)
2007	EUI, 45-24 (H)
2008	EUI, 38-20 (A)
2009	EUI, 23-15 (H)
2010	TTU, 34-20 (H)
2011	TTU, 31-20 (A)
2012	EUI, 31-24 (A)
2013	EUI, 56-21 (H)
2014	EUI, 41-10 (A)
2015	EUI, 51-20 (H)
2016	EUI, 30-24 (A)
2017	EUI, 24-23 (H)
2018	EUI, 52-38 (A)
2019	TTU, 40-29 (A)
2020	EUI, 28-20 (H)
2021	EUI, 28-14 (A)

EUI-UTM

EUI leads 15-12

1995	EUI, 30-22 (H)
1996	EUI, 38-0 (A)
1997	EUI, 42-6 (H)
1998	EUI, 56-35 (A)
1999	EUI, 42-21 (H)
2000	EUI, 42-7 (A)
2001	EUI, 56-16 (A)
2002	EUI, 55-43 (H)
2003	EUI, 29-12 (H)
2004	UTM, 32-14 (H)
2005	EUI, 26-7 (H)
2006	UTM, 15-9 (H)
2007	EUI, 29-23 (H)
2008	UTM, 29-26 (H)
2009	EUI, 49-13 (H)
2010	UTM, 20-10 (H)
2011	UTM, 24-23 (A)
2012	UTM, 51-37 (H)
2013	EUI, 70-22 (A)
2014	UTM, 37-16 (A)
2015	EUI, 23-21 (A)
2016	UTM, 33-17 (A)
2017	UTM, 27-10 (H)
2018	EUI, 24-21 (OT)(H)
2019	UTM, 27-18 (H)
2020	UTM, 28-15 (H)
2021	UTM, 28-17 (A)

LIN-MUR

Series tied 0-0

No Meetings

LIN-SEMO

Series tied 0-0

No Meetings

LIN-TSU

Series tied 0-0

No Meetings

LIN-TTU

Series tied 0-0

No Meetings

LIN-UTM

Series tied 0-0

No Meetings

MUR-SEMO

MUR leads 43-13-1

1926	MUR, 3-0 (H)
1927	MUR, 6-0 (A)
1928	MUR, 12-0 (H)
1929	SEMO, 13-0 (H)
1930	MUR, 7-0 (H)
1931	MUR, 32-6 (A)
1948	MUR, 40-0 (A)
1960	MUR, 21-10 (H)
1961	MUR, 22-7 (A)
1962	MUR, 19-15 (A)
1968	MUR, 27-14 (A)
1969	MUR, 34-14 (H)
1976	MUR, 14-3 (H)
1977	MUR, 13-6 (A)
1978	SEMO, 24-12 (A)
1979	Tie, 21-21 (at SEMO)
1980	MUR, 19-6 (H)
1981	MUR, 37-23 (A)
1982	MUR, 16-6 (H)
1983	MUR, 25-11 (A)
1984	MUR, 42-3 (H)
1985	MUR, 33-25 (H)
1986	MUR, 42-17 (A)
1987	MUR, 30-12 (H)
1988	SEMO, 16-13 (H)
1991	MUR, 14-10 (H)
1992	SEMO, 27-21 (H)
1993	MUR, 17-14 (H)
1994	MUR, 23-16 (A)
1995	MUR, 34-0 (H)
1996	MUR, 16-0 (A)
1997	MUR, 17-3 (H)
1998	MUR, 26-14 (A)
1999	MUR, 45-18 (H)
2000	MUR, 38-28 (A)
2001	MUR, 45-35 (A)
2002	MUR, 38-31 (H)
2003	MUR, 27-24 (A)
2004	MUR, 28-13 (H)
2005	SEMO, 52-21 (H)
2006	SEMO, 24-17 (A)
2007	MUR, 31-17 (A)
2008	MUR, 17-10 (H)
2009	SEMO, 49-13 (H)

2010	SEMO, 30-17 (A)
2011	MUR, 35-34 (A)
2012	MUR, 42-35 (H)
2013	SEMO, 37-34 (3OT)(H)
2014	MUR, 44-41 (2OT) (H)
2015	SEMO, 27-10 (H)
2016	SEMO, 17-16 (A)
2017	SEMO, 21-10 (H)
2018	MUR, 40-38 (H)
2019	SEMO, 31-24 (H)
2020	MUR, 24-21 (A)
2021	MUR, 32-31 (A)
	MUR, 28-10 (H)

MUR-TSU

MUR leads 18-14

1988	MUR, 22-7 (H)
1989	MUR, 27-24 (*)
1990	TSU, 23-17 (A)
1991	TSU, 28-7 (H)
1992	TSU, 19-10 (A)
1993	TSU, 26-13 (H)
1994	TSU, 24-21 (A)
1995	MUR, 24-19 (A)
1996	MUR, 50-14 (H)
1997	MUR, 13-7 (A)
1998	TSU, 46-44 (A)
1999	TSU, 42-41 (H)
2000	MUR, 62-40 (H)
2001	TSU, 38-25 (H)
2002	MUR, 51-27 (H)
2003	TSU, 35-10 (A)
2004	MUR, 30-13 (A)
2006	TSU, 25-15 (H)
2007	TSU, 42-28 (H)
2008	MUR, 24-17 (H)
2009	MUR, 9-6 (A)
2010	MUR, 28-23 (H)
2011	MUR, 58-27 (H)
2012	MUR, 49-28 (H)
2013	TSU, 17-10 (H)
2014	TSU, 48-33 (A)
2015	MUR, 46-43 (OT)(A)
2016	MUR, 38-31 (H)
2018	MUR, 45-21 (H)
2019	MUR, 31-17 (A)
2020	MUR, 35-13 (H)
2021	TSU, 27-21 (H)

* Memphis, Tenn.

MUR-TTU

TTU leads 45-41-1

1930	TTU, 26-6 (A)
1931	TTU, 19-7 (H)
1932	Tie, 0-0 (at MUR)
1933	MUR, 9-6 (A)
1934	MUR, 40-7 (H)
1935	MUR, 13-0 (A)
1936	MUR, 47-0 (A)
1937	MUR, 14-6 (H)
1941	TTU, 14-6 (*)
1942	TTU, 14-6 (**)
1945	MUR, 13-7 (A)
1946	MUR, 20-13 (***)
1947	MUR, 7-2 (A)
1948	MUR, 34-6 (H)
1949	MUR, 26-7 (A)
1950	MUR, 6-0 (H)
1951	MUR, 20-7 (A)
1952	TTU, 14-3 (A)
1953	TTU, 9-0 (H)
1954	MUR, 19-12 (H)
1955	TTU, 20-7 (H)
1956	MUR, 34-7 (H)
1957	TTU, 26-14 (H)
1958	TTU, 15-14 (A)
1959	TTU, 29-16 (H)
1960	TTU, 14-12 (A)
1961	TTU, 27-8 (H)
1962	TTU, 16-12 (A)
1963	MUR, 28-27 (A)
1964	MUR, 28-21 (H)
1965	TTU, 23-14 (H)
1966	TTU, 51-13 (A)
1967	TTU, 22-21 (A)
1968	MUR, 19-0 (A)
1969	TTU, 28-21 (A)
1970	TTU, 21-7 (H)
1971	TTU, 27-3 (A)
1972	TTU, 10-0 (H)
1973	MUR, 18-17 (H)
1974	TTU, 26-0 (H)
1975	TTU, 14-7 (A)
1976	TTU, 24-7 (H)
1977	TTU, 21-19 (A)
1978	TTU, 24-14 (H)
1979	MUR, 24-3 (H)
1980	MUR, 10-3 (A)
1981	MUR, 15-10 (H)
1982	TTU, 10-3 (H)
1983	MUR, 20-6 (H)
1984	MUR, 37-0 (A)
1985	MUR, 29-21 (H)
1986	MUR, 23-16 (H)
1987	MUR, 24-21 (A)
1988	TTU, 16-13 (OT) (A)
1989	TTU, 21-20 (H)
1990	TTU, 16-3 (A)
1991	TTU, 45-7 (H)
1992	TTU, 35-10 (A)
1993	TTU, 31-16 (H)
1994	TTU, 38-21 (A)
1995	MUR, 45-14 (A)
1996	MUR, 41-3 (H)
1997	TTU, 16-13 (OT) (H)
1998	MUR, 23-3 (H)
1999	MUR, 22-11 (A)

2000	TTU, 36-21 (A)
2001	TTU, 15-12 (H)
2002	MUR, 31-14 (H)
2003	TTU, 49-24 (H)
2004	MUR, 34-15 (H)
2005	TTU, 42-21 (H)
2006	TTU, 20-14 (OT) (A)
2007	TTU, 48-24 (H)
2008	MUR, 51-21 (H)
2009	TTU, 45-14 (H)
2010	MUR, 44-13 (H)
2011	MUR, 38-37 (A)
2012	MUR, 70-35 (H)
2013	MUR, 35-24 (H)
2014	TTU, 30-27 (OT)(H)
2015	TTU, 31-29 (A)
2016	TTU, 55-19 (H)
2017	MUR, 31-21 (H)
2018	TTU, 27-24 (H)
2019	TTU, 17-7 (A)
2020	MUR, 36-31 (A)
2021	MUR, 32-27 (H)

* Owensboro, Ky.

** Henderson, Ky.

*** Paducah, Ky.

MUR-UTM

MUR leads 38-22-1

1924	MUR, 13-0 (H)
1925	MUR, 6-0 (A)
1926	MUR, 25-0 (H)
1927	MUR, 13-7 (A)
1928	MUR, 34-6 (H)
1929	MUR, 13-7 (H)
1930	MUR, 7-0 (A)
1961	MUR, 25-15 (H)
1962	MUR, 15-12 (A)
1963	MUR, 19-8 (H)
1964	MUR, 32-14 (A)
1965	UTM, 17-7 (A)
1966	UTM, 16-12 (H)
1967	UTM, 16-9 (H)
1968	Tie, 7-7 (at MUR)
1971	UTM, 41-0 (H)
1972	MUR, 14-7 (H)
1973	MUR, 21-10 (A)
1974	MUR, 14-6 (H)
1975	MUR, 17-10 (A)
1976	UTM, 24-0 (A)
1977	UTM, 31-20 (H)
1978	MUR, 21-7 (H)
1979	MUR, 24-0 (A)
1980	MUR, 20-6 (H)
1981	MUR, 10-7 (A)
1982	UTM, 10-7 (A)
1987	MUR, 34-6 (H)
1988	UTM, 32-24 (A)
1989	MUR, 24-3 (A)
1991	MUR, 40-34 (H)
1992	UTM, 13-7 (H)
1993	MUR, 28-21 (OT) (A)
1994	MUR, 28-24 (H)
1995	MUR, 33-9 (H)
1996	MUR, 28-14 (A)
1997	MUR, 45-7 (A)
1998	MUR, 47-35 (H)
1999	MUR, 62-14 (H)
2000	MUR, 48-3 (A)
2001	MUR, 35-17 (H)
2002	MUR, 42-3 (A)
2003	MUR, 41-26 (A)
2004	MUR, 38-0 (H)
2005	UTM, 49-20 (H)
2006	UTM, 42-14 (A)
2007	UTM, 76-34 (A)</

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



**Western Illinois Leathernecks (0-0, 0-0 MVFC)
at #15 UT Martin Skyhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC)**

**Thursday, September 1 • 6:30 p.m. CT
Hardy M. Graham Stadium (7,500) • Martin, Tenn.**

Video: <https://es.pn/3ThXWDh> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3PSKBi8>
Series Record: Western Illinois leads 1-0
Last Meeting: Western Illinois leads 56-0 (9/20/03)
Myers Hendrickson at Western Illinois: 0-0 (First season)
Myers Hendrickson Overall: 31-4 (3 yrs.)
Jason Simpson at UT Martin: 100-80 (16 yrs.)
Jason Simpson Overall: same
Western Illinois Last Week: n/a
UT Martin Last Week: n/a

NOTEWORTHY

- Defending OVC champion UT Martin opens the 2022 season by hosting Western Illinois on a Thursday night.
- The meeting is the first between the programs since 2003 when the Leathernecks blanked the Skyhawks in Macomb. The teams are scheduled to play in Macomb in 2024.
- UTM is ranked No. 15 in the FCS Coaches Poll and No. 18 in the Stats Perform Top 25 poll.
- Graduate linebacker John H. Ford II (88 tackles, 4 interceptions, 1 forced fumble in 2021) was named the OVC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year and is on the Buck Buchanan Award Watch List. Also back is safety Deven Sims (93 tackles, 1 interception in 2021) who was named the OVC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year by Lindy's magazine.
- Offensive lineman Matthan Hatchie joined his teammates in earning Preseason All-American honors from several outlets.
- Also returning is running back Zak Wallace who led the OVC with 15 rushing touchdowns a year ago.
- Former WIU wide receiver Myers Hendrickson enters his first year as head coach at Western Illinois after three years as the head coach at Kansas Wesleyan. There he led the team to a 31-4 record, including a pair of NAIA Quarterfinal appearances.
- Hendrickson is the son of Mark Hendrickson, who was the Western Illinois head coach from 2008-12.
- The Leathernecks were 2-9 a season ago. This year the team returns 56 players from that squad.



**Eastern Illinois Panthers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Northern Illinois Huskies (0-0, 0-0 MAC)**

**Thursday, September 1 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Huskie Stadium (24,000) • DeKalb, Ill.**

Video: <https://es.pn/3PIclpj> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3R3ZWgA>
Series Record: Northern Illinois leads 26-10-1
Last Meeting: NIU won 38-10 (9/9/17)
Chris Wilkerson at Eastern Illinois: 0-0 (First season)
Chris Wilkerson Overall: 51-27 (8 yrs.)
Thomas Hammock at Northern Illinois: 14-18 (3 yrs.)
Thomas Hammock Overall: same
Eastern Illinois Last Week: n/a
Northern Illinois Last Week: n/a

NOTEWORTHY

- In-state foes square off to kickoff the 2022 season as Eastern Illinois travels to Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) opponent Northern Illinois.
- The two teams have played 28 previous times, with the last meeting coming during the 2017 season. In 2013, NIU pulled out a 43-39 win over EIU, despite Panthers quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo throwing for 450 yards and six touchdowns. That NIU team would finish the season 12-2 with an appearance in the Poinsettia Bowl.
- Eastern Illinois is 10-39 all-time against FBS opponents, having lost its last four matchups since topping Miami (Ohio) in 2016.
- Eastern Illinois begins this year with a new head coach in former Panther player and assistant coach Chris Wilkerson. Wilkerson played for the Panthers from 1991-94 and coached under Hall of Famer Bob Spoo from 1995-2001. He takes over the EIU program after a successful tenure at the University of Chicago, where he posted winning years in seven of his eight seasons.
- Last year EIU ranked 28th nationally in tackles for loss per game (6.5). This year the team returns a trio of defensive players who earned All-OVC honors in 2021 in Jordan Vincent (60 tackles), Tim Varga (46 tackles, 4.0 sacks) and Jordan Miles (38 tackles, 11.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks).
- Among the team's newcomers is Central Connecticut transfer Foday Jalloh. In 2019 he made 81 tackles (8.5 for loss) from the linebacker position.
- Wide receiver Isaiah Hill returns after leading the team with 39 receptions and 493 yards in just five games last year.
- A year ago the Huskies topped Kent State in the MAC Championship game and took on Coastal Carolina in the Tailgreeter Cure Bowl (falling 47-41).
- NIU redshirt senior quarterback Rocky Lombardi was named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List ahead of the season. A year ago the Michigan State transfer passed for 2,597 yards and 15 touchdowns. He threw for 532 yards and three scores in the MAC Championship game.
- This season Northern Illinois was voted the preseason MAC favorite in a vote of media members. NIU was tabbed the West Division favorite and picked up nine of 24 first-place votes for the overall champion.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEW



Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (0-0, 0-0 OVC) at Kansas Jayhawks (0-0, 0-0 Big 12)

Friday, September 2 • 7:00 p.m. CT
Memorial Stadium (47,233) • Lawrence, Kan.

Video: <https://es.pn/3KjiDuK> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3Cp5jD5>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Dewayne Alexander at Tennessee Tech: 12-29 (4 yrs.)
Dewayne Alexander Overall: 53-62 (11 yrs.)
Lance Leipold at Kansas: 2-10 (1 yr.)
Lance Leipold Overall: 148-49 (15 yrs.)
Tennessee Tech Last Week: n/a
Kansas Last Week: n/a

NOTEWORTHY

- Tennessee Tech will travel to Kansas to open the 2022 season, with a Friday night kickoff.
- The Golden Eagles are 2-37 all-time against FBS opponents, with its last win coming in 1980 against Western Carolina. Tech has lost 35 in a row against FBS teams.
- This year the Tennessee Tech football team celebrates the 100th anniversary of its first varsity contest.
- TTU has a new quarterback this year in Jeremiah Oatsvall. Oatsvall is not new to the OVC as he was the 2017 OVC Freshman of the Year at Austin Peay and spent four years there before transferring to Memphis last year.
- The Golden Eagles also return running back David Gist who ranked fourth in the OVC in rushing last year (901 yards) while also catching 37 passes. Shoring up the other side of the ball is redshirt senior safety Josh Reliford (69 tackles, 6 pass breakups).
- Kansas head coach Lance Leipold began his career at Wisconsin-Whitewater where he compiled a 109-6 record and five NCAA Division III National Championships in eight years. He then coached at Buffalo (winning two bowl games) before coming to Kansas ahead of the 2021 season.
- Senior safety Kenny Logan Jr. has been named to a variety of preseason watch lists including the Paul Hornung Award and the Jim Thorpe Award. Also a Preseason All-Big 12 selection, he led all safeties nationally with 113 tackles and averaged 27.9 yards per kick return.
- Quarterback Jalon Daniels has started nine games over the past two seasons. Last year he passed for 860 yards and seven touchdowns and rushed for three additional scores.



Southeast Missouri State Redhawks (0-0, 0-0 OVC) at Iowa State Cyclones (0-0, 0-0 Big 12)

Saturday, September 3 • 1:00 p.m. CT
Jack Trice Stadium (61,500) • Ames, Iowa

Video: <https://es.pn/3QDSJUU> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3CrPWJR>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Tom Matukewicz at Southeast Missouri: 41-49 (8 yrs.)
Tom Matukewicz Overall: 42-49 (9 yrs.)
Matt Campbell at Iowa State: 42-34 (6 yrs.)
Matt Campbell Overall: 77-49 (10 yrs.)
Southeast Missouri Last Week: n/a
Iowa State Last Week: n/a

NOTEWORTHY

- Southeast Missouri will begin the season with its first-ever matchup against Iowa State.
- SEMO head coach Tom Matukewicz was the defensive coordinator under Matt Campbell in Toledo in 2012 and 2013.
- SEMO is 1-25 all-time against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents, with its long win coming over Middle Tennessee in 2002.
- This year marks the 118th of college football for Southeast Missouri and 32nd at the FCS level.
- Southeast Missouri is 10-21 all-time in season-opening games during its Division I era.
- Newcomer Paxton DeLaurent won the SEMO starting quarterback job during the fall camp. A year ago he passed for 2,499 yards and 25 touchdowns at Central Methodist University. He edged CJ Ogbonna (who started every game last year) in the competition.
- The Redhawks were picked second in the OVC preseason poll of league head coaches and communications directors.
- Iowa State returns 44 players, including eight offensive and seven defensive starters, from last season.
- Among the returning players is defensive end Will McDonald IV, who was named a Preseason All-American by the Associated Press. He has 29.0 career sacks, which is an ISU record, and has forced nine fumbles and tallied 34.5 tackles for loss in his career.
- Iowa State was picked sixth in the Big 12 preseason media poll, and picked up one first-place vote.

WEEKLY MATCHUP PREVIEWS



**Tennessee State Tigers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at #12 Eastern Washington Eagles (0-0, 0-0 Big Sky)**

**Saturday, September 3 • 3:00 p.m. CT
Roos Field (8,600) • Cheaney, Wash.**

Video: <https://es.pn/3AmcJ7f> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3AGEQzn>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Eddie George at Tennessee State: 5-6 (1 yr.)
Eddie George Overall: same
Aaron Best at Eastern Washington: 41-17 (5 yrs.)
Aaron Best Overall: same
Tennessee State Last Week: n/a
Eastern Washington Last Week: n/a

NOTEWORTHY

- Tennessee State travels to the red turf of "The Inferno" for a date with nationally-ranked Eastern Washington. It is the first matchup between the two schools.
- Tennessee State has lost four-straight games against ranked teams, with its last win coming against No. 19 Austin Peay in 2019.
- The Big Blue begin its second season under head coach Eddie George, who won five games in 2021.
- Among the returning players is junior running back Devon Starling (almost 1,500 yards in his first two years) and linebacker James Green (77 tackles last year). Both are candidates for the Deacon Jones Trophy.
- Also returning is offensive lineman Robert Lacey, a Preseason All-OVC selection who was named to the Watch List for the Senior Bowl.
- Among the team's newcomers is quarterback Draylen Ellis, who was the OVC Co-Freshman of the Year (with Starling) in 2020 at Austin Peay. Ellis passed for 2,626 yards and 19 touchdowns a year ago.
- EWU head coach Aaron Best has compiled a 30-8 record against Big Sky competition in his first five seasons. The Eagles advanced to the FCS National Championship game in his second season (2018) and were in the second round a year ago. Best was a center and long snapper as a player at Eastern Washington and served as an graduate assistant with the program, and later as the offensive coordinator before taking over as head coach.
- Eastern Washington has had 15 consecutive winning seasons. The team brings back 47 letterwinners from last year's squad. They do have to replace Walter Payton Award winning quarterback Eric Barriere who finished his career as the school's all-time leader in total offense (15,394), passing yards (13,809) and passing touchdowns (121), all of which are also Big Sky records.
- The Eagles begin the season at home against a Division I opponent for the first time since 2014.



**Murray State Racers (0-0, 0-0 OVC)
at Texas Tech Red Raiders (0-0, 0-0 Big 12)**

**Saturday, September 3 • 7:00 p.m.
Jones AT&T Stadium (60,454) • Lubbock, Texas**

Video: <https://es.pn/3AkQ5MC> (ESPN+)
Live Stats: <https://bit.ly/3ALX6rs>
Series Record: First meeting
Last Meeting: n/a
Dean Hood at Murray State: 11-7 (2 yrs.)
Dean Hood Overall: 66-45 (10 yrs.)
Joey McGuire at Texas Tech: 0-0 (First season)
Joey McGuire Overall: same
Murray State Last Week: n/a
Texas Tech Last Week: n/a

NOTEWORTHY

- Saturday is the first-ever meeting between Murray State and Texas Tech. The only other time the Racers played a game against a Big 12 opponent was in 2006 (Missouri).
- Murray State is 3-31-1 all-time against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents. The team's won those three contests between 1978 and 1984 and tied Memphis in 1985.
- This marks the 98th season of football for Murray State.
- Among the team's returning players is third-year running back Damonta Witherspoon (912 rushing yards, 8 touchdowns, 18 receptions), who has earned a pair of All-OVC honors during his career, and sophomore quarterback DJ Williams (1,552 yards of total offense and nine total touchdowns) who became the team's starter halfway through last season on his way to OVC Freshman of the Year honors.
- On the defensive side of the ball, linebacker Eric Samuta (76 tackles, 3 forced fumbles) is the team's leading returning tackler and was an All-OVC pick last season.
- Texas Tech begins its first year under head coach Joey McGuire. McGuire won multiple high school state championships in Texas before serving as an assistant coach at Baylor the past five seasons.
- Texas Tech quarterback Tyler Shough is on the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List for the second-straight season. He suffered an injury last year and was limited to only four games after transferring from Oregon. He is one of five Red Raiders on the Senior Bowl Watch List.
- Another player on a preseason watch list is junior wide receiver Myles Price who is a candidate for the Paul Hornung Award, given annually to the most versatile player in college football. A year ago he tallied 643 all-purpose yards (523 receiving, 83 rushing and 37 on punt returns).

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