



# MIAA<sup>TM</sup>

## FOOTBALL 2023



MIAA MEDIA DAY – TUESDAY, JULY 25 – KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION CONFERENCE CENTER

2022 MIAA CHAMPIONS  
PITTSBURG STATE GORILLAS



# MEDIA DAY



## 2023 FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

| <b>Time</b>        | <b>On The Podium</b>    | <b>Speakers (Head Coach, Student-Athletes)</b>                |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Opening</b>     |                         |   |
| 9:30 a.m.          | MIAA Commissioner       | Mike Racy   |
| 9:45 a.m.          | Supervisor of Officials | Phil Laurie   |
| <b>Session I*</b>  |                         |   |
| 10 a.m.            | Missouri Western        | Tyler Fenwick, Evan Clark (OL), CJ Ravenell (DE/DL)           |
| 10:15 a.m.         | Northwest Missouri      | Rich Wright, Mike Hohensee (QB), LB Isaac Vollstedt (LB)      |
| 10:30 a.m.         | Nebraska Kearney        | Ryan Held, TJ Davis (QB), Tell Spies (DL)                     |
| 10:45 a.m.         | Break                   |   |
| 11 a.m.            | Fort Hays State         | Chris Brown, Mason Perez (DB), Myles Menges (DL)              |
| 11:15 a.m.         | Emporia State           | Garin Higgins, Braden Gleason (QB), Jordan Williams (DL)      |
| 11:30 a.m.         | Washburn                | Craig Schurig, Kellen Simoncic (QB), Justice Akinmoladun (DT) |
| <b>Session II^</b> |                         |   |
| 12 p.m.            | Northeastern State      | JJ Eckert, Tre Currin (TE), Johnny Jean (DB)                  |
| 12:15 p.m.         | Central Oklahoma        | Adam Dorrel, Stephon Brown (QB), Layne Grantham (OL)          |
| 12:30 p.m.         | Break                   |   |
| 1 p.m.             | Central Missouri        | Josh Lamberson, Arkell Smith (WR), Curtis Appleton (DB)       |
| 1:15 p.m.          | Pittsburg State         | Brian Wright, Trase Jefferies (OL), Michael Lacey (S)         |
| 1:30 p.m.          | Missouri Southern       | Atiba Bradley, Jaedon Stoshak (WR), Solomona Fetuao (DL)      |
| <b>Closing</b>     |                         |   |
| 1:45 p.m.          | MIAA                    | Staff   |

*Complimentary Lunch Available from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

\*Session I Coaches and Student-Athletes Available For Interviews From 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

^Session II Coaches and Student-Athletes Available For Interviews From 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

All Coaches and Student-Athletes and MIAA Representative Available For Interviews From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## CONFERENCE NEWS AND NOTES

**MIAA** In the 2022-23 academic year, the MIAA had three National Championship Teams: Central Oklahoma Wrestling and Pittsburg State Men's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field.



The MIAA has captured nine NCAA Division II titles since 2021.

**MIAA** Nine teams have appeared in postseason games the last four seasons. (UCM, UCO, ESU, FHSU, MWSU, UNK, NW, PSU, WU).



The last time the MIAA didn't have multiple teams in the playoffs was 2009.

**MIAA** The MIAA has gone 12-1 in postseason bowl games since 2017.

**MIAA** Six MIAA football student-athletes were named to the 2022 CoSIDA Academic All-America Team.



Two MIAA institutions will have new head coaches competing in their first full season: Missouri Western's Tyler Fenwick and Nebraska Kearney's Ryan Held.

**MIAA** Eight MIAA head coaches either played or were an assistant coach at an institution currently in the Association.



Three MIAA head coaches are leading the programs that they played for: Higgins (ESU), Eckert (NSU) and Bradley (MSSU).

**MIAA** Five MIAA teams ranked in the Division II's top-25 in total attendance: PSU, NW, WU, UCM, ESU.

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# MID-AMERICA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to the 2023 MIAA Football Media Day, presented by the law firm Seigfreid Bingham!

On the behalf of the MIAA Office, our football staff, and our membership, we are excited to kickoff another year of MIAA Football!

As an Association, we have a rich tradition of excellence in football. The conference has won eight national championships in football with four of those teams achieving undefeated national championship seasons. We have also had more than one hundred All-Americans and Academic All-Americans in the sport alone.



We are excited to officially begin the 2023 season here at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City. The road to the NCAA Football Championship in McKinney, Texas for the MIAA's ninth national title in football, begins today.

I hope you enjoy your day at the 2023 MIAA Football Media Day, presented by Seigfreid Bingham. A list of facts and figures from each MIAA school's football history is listed on the next page.

Best of luck this season to all of our MIAA coaches and student-athletes.

Bring Your "A" Game!

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# HOW THEY STARTED



The MIAA was founded in 1912. Founding members include Central Missouri and Northwest Missouri.



Washburn's first college football game occurred in 1891. The first year of the "Turnpike Tussle" with Emporia State in football occurred in 1899, many years before the creation of the country's first Turnpike.



Emporia State's first college football game occurred in 1893. In 1926, the Hornets went undefeated, outscoring its opponents 144-3.



Central Missouri's first college football game occurred in 1894. Legendary Kansas basketball coach Phog Allen coached the UCM football team from 1912-1917, going 29-17-2.



Central Oklahoma's first college football game occurred in 1902. They have over 600 wins, two national championships, and 26 conference championships.



Fort Hays State also competed in its first college football game in 1902. Two seasons later in 1904, the Tigers scored a 17-0 victory over Kansas State.



Nebraska Kearney's first college football game occurred in 1905. Over the past 115 years, UNK has won nearly 600 football games and 32 conference championships.



Northwest Missouri started its college football program in 1908. Since then, they have played in nine NCAA Division II national title games while competing in Bearcat Stadium, the oldest stadium in use in Division II (1917).



Pittsburg State also started its college football program in 1908. The Gorillas, whose 729 all-time victories lead NCAA Division II football, have played in five NCAA Division II national title games.



Northeastern State played in its first college football game in 1909 and has claimed two national football championships during its 113 year history.



Missouri Southern played in its first college football game in 1968, winning a national championship just four years later in 1972.



Missouri Western began its college football program in 1970, playing its games at Spratt Stadium—one of the nicest facilities in Division II football and home to the Kansas City Chiefs Training Camp since 2010.



Combined, the MIAA has collected eight football national championships since its first in 1991 won by Pittsburg State. Northwest Missouri has won the Association's last seven football titles – most recently in 2016.

# 2022 ALL-MIAA TEAMS AND AWARDS

**Offensive Player of the Year** – TJ Davis – Nebraska Kearney  
**Defensive Player of the Year** – Elijah Green – Northwest Missouri  
**Special Teams Player of the Year** – James Letcher Jr. – Washburn  
**Freshman of the Year** – Kolbe Katsis – Pittsburg State  
**Coach of the Year** – Brian Wright – Pittsburg State

## First-Team Offense

QB – TJ Davis – Nebraska Kearney  
 RB – Caleb Lewis – Pittsburg State  
 WR – James Letcher, Jr. – Washburn  
 WR – Bryce Murphy – Pittsburg State  
 WR – Manny Ramsey – Fort Hays State  
 WR – Corey Thomas – Emporia State  
 TE – Devon Garrison – Pittsburg State  
 All-Purpose – Jamar Moya – Northwest Missouri  
 OL – Andrew Funk – Washburn  
 OL – Hunter Hays – Nebraska Kearney  
 OL – Trase Jeffries – Pittsburg State  
 OL – Conner Lierz – Emporia State  
 OL – Kory Woodruff – Pittsburg State  
 K – Nick Williams – Missouri Southern  
 KR/PR – James Letcher Jr. – Washburn

## First-Team Defense

DL – Elijah Green – Northwest Missouri  
 DL – Zach Howard – Northwest Missouri  
 DL – Dubem Okonkwo – Pittsburg State  
 DL – David Olajiga – Central Missouri  
 DL – Jordan Williams – Emporia State  
 LB – Grant Bruner – Washburn  
 LB – Dawson Hammes – Emporia State  
 LB – P.J. Sarwinski – Pittsburg State  
 DB – Brandon Mlekus – Pittsburg State  
 DB – Jaedon Pool – Emporia State  
 DB – Cahleel Smith – Northwest Missouri  
 DB – DJ Stirgus – Missouri Western  
 DB – Darius Swanson – Nebraska Kearney  
 P – Ross Brungardt – Emporia State

## Second-Team Offense

QB – Braden Gleason – Emporia State  
 RB – Nathan Glades – Missouri Southern  
 WR – Peter Afful – Washburn  
 WR – Christian Carter – Pittsburg State  
 WR – Traveon James – Missouri Western  
 WR – Arkell Smith – Central Missouri  
 TE – Cam Grandy – Missouri Western  
 All-Purpose – M. Jackson – Nebraska Kearney  
 OL – Xavier Cason – Emporia State  
 OL – Evan Clark – Missouri Western  
 OL – Mitch Goff – Northwest Missouri  
 OL – Pat Kelly – Fort Hays State  
 OL – Dan Sunderman – Central Missouri  
 K – Nicky Quevedo – Central Oklahoma  
 KR/PR – Kashan Griffin – Northwest Missouri

## Second-Team Defense

DL – CJ Ravenell – Missouri Western  
 DL – Michael Slater – Central Oklahoma  
 DL – Tell Spies – Nebraska Kearney  
 DL – Landen Urban – Washburn  
 DL – Zeke Wall – Pittsburg State  
 LB – Richard Jordan Jr. – Missouri Southern  
 LB – Sam Phillips – Northwest Missouri  
 LB – Isaac Vollstedt – Northwest Missouri  
 DB – G. Amegatcher – Nebraska Kearney  
 DB – Kobe Cummings – Missouri Western  
 DB – Diondre Glover – Central Missouri  
 DB – Jordan Lamotte – Northeastern State  
 DB – Derrick Maxwell – Emporia State  
 DB – Rico Payton – Pittsburg State  
 P – Nick Williams – Missouri Southern

## Third-Team Offense

QB – Chad Dodson, Jr. – Pittsburg State  
 RB – Billy Ross – Emporia State  
 WR – Aderias Ealy – Lincoln  
 WR – Jaedon Stoshak – Missouri Southern  
 WR – Jaylen Varner – Emporia State  
 TE – Oscar Hammond – Central Oklahoma  
 TE – Connor Searcy – Washburn  
 All-Purpose – Xavier Jackson – Central Missouri  
 OL – Jacob Glendinning – Washburn  
 OL – Layne Grantham – Central Oklahoma  
 OL – Keith Russell – Missouri Western  
 OL – Cooper Schettler – Pittsburg State  
 OL – L. Tito-Fualaau – Missouri Southern  
 K – Cole Lammel – Northwest Missouri  
 KR/PR – Kolbe Katsis – Pittsburg State  
 KR/PR – Jaedon Stoshak – Missouri Southern

## Third-Team Defense

DL – Solomona Fetuao – Missouri Southern  
 DL – Jake Fisher – Northwest Missouri  
 DL – Robert Fuentes – Central Oklahoma  
 DL – Myles Menges – Fort Hays State  
 DL – Jamie Tago – Missouri Southern  
 LB – Travis DeGrate – Central Missouri  
 LB – Atoa Fox – Nebraska Kearney  
 LB – Alex Gaskill – Pittsburg State  
 LB – Jacey Nutter – Nebraska Kearney  
 LB – Isaac Wallace – Missouri Western  
 LB – Makel Williams – Fort Hays State  
 DB – Christian Clark – Washburn  
 DB – Michael Lacey – Pittsburg State  
 DB – Peyton Lane – Washburn  
 DB – Mason Perez – Fort Hays State  
 DB – Kobey Stephens – Central Oklahoma  
 P – Hunter Kraus – Nebraska Kearney

## FINAL 2022 MIAA STANDINGS

| School             | MIAA-Overall-Streak |      |     |
|--------------------|---------------------|------|-----|
| Pittsburg State    | 11-0                | 12-1 | L1  |
| Northwest Missouri | 9-2                 | 10-3 | L1  |
| Emporia State      | 8-3                 | 9-3  | W1  |
| Nebraska Kearney   | 8-3                 | 8-3  | W2  |
| Washburn           | 7-4                 | 7-4  | W1  |
| Central Oklahoma   | 6-5                 | 6-5  | W1  |
| Missouri Western   | 5-6                 | 5-6  | W1  |
| Central Missouri   | 4-7                 | 4-7  | L1  |
| Missouri Southern  | 4-7                 | 4-7  | L5  |
| Fort Hays State    | 3-8                 | 3-8  | L1  |
| Northeastern State | 1-10                | 1-10 | L7  |
| Lincoln            | 0-11                | 0-11 | L11 |

## 2022 POSTSEASON RESULTS

### NCAA Playoffs

#### First Round - Nov. 19

Northwest Missouri 47, Ouachita Baptist 17  
 Pittsburg State 35, Indianapolis 0

#### Second Round - Nov. 26

Northwest Missouri 8, Grand Valley State 13  
 Pittsburg State 14, Ferris State 17

### Bowl Games

#### Farmers Bank & Trust LIVE UNITED Bowl - Dec. 3

Emporia State 48, Southeastern Oklahoma State 27



# MISSOURI WESTERN GRIFFONS

CRAIG FIELD AT SPRATT STADIUM | ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Tyler Fenwick (1st Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 53-48 (0-0)  
**2022 Record:** 5-6  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 46/15  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 14/8  
**Key Returners:** Evan Clark (OL), C.J. Ravenell (DE), Reagan Jones (QB), Brenden McClure (OL), Jared Scott (RB), Anthony Villaneuva (LB), Brandon Johnson (DL), Traveon James (WR), Dakari Streeter (DL), Jonas Bennett (RB), Brandon Hall (RB), Cooper Burton (WR).

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 23.6  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 412.3 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 179.6 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 232.7 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 75-159, 47.2%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 6-19, 31.6%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 37-47, 78.7%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 23.6  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 329.7 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 182.8 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 146.9 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 7  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 54-154, 35.1%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 16-25, 66.7%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 23-33, 69.7%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 11-16, 68.8%  
**PATs:** 31-32, 96.9%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 37.5 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 7.0 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 16.0 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 1  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 5

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                        |         |
|----------|------------------------|---------|
| Aug. 31  | vs. CENTRAL MISSOURI   | 7 p.m.  |
| Sept. 9  | @ LINCOLN              | 6 p.m.  |
| Sept. 16 | @ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA     | 2 p.m.  |
| Sept. 23 | vs. FORT HAYS STATE    | 6 p.m.  |
| Sept. 30 | vs. EMPORIA STATE      | 4 p.m.  |
| Oct. 7   | @ WASHBURN             | 3 p.m.  |
| Oct. 14  | vs. NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 1 p.m.  |
| Oct. 21  | @ NEBRASKA KEARNEY     | 12 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | vs. NORTHEASTERN STATE | 1 p.m.  |
| Nov. 4   | vs. PITTSBURG STATE    | 1 p.m.  |
| Nov. 11  | @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN    | 2 p.m.  |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Reagan Jones (169-for-301, 1906 Yards, 8 TDs, 7 INTs, 173.3 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Reagan Jones (129 Att., 700 Yards, 7 TDs, 63.6 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Traveon James (52 Recs., 700 Yards, 0 TDs, 64.0 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** CJ Ravenell (47 Total, 31 Solo, 16 Assists, 4.3 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Anthony Villaneuva (9.5 TFL, 29 Yards Lost)  
**Sacks:** C.J. Ravenall (2.5 Sacks, 23 Yards Lost, 0.2 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Desmond Green (1 INT, 0 Yards, 0.1 Takeaways/Game)

## REPRESENTING THE GRIFFONS



**Head Coach**  
Tyler  
Fenwick



**Offensive Live**  
Evan  
Clark



**Defensive End**  
C.J.  
Ravenell





# NORTHWEST MISSOURI BEARCATS

BEARCAT STADIUM | MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Rich Wright (7th Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 52-13 (52-13)  
**2022 Record:** 10-3 (2nd Round NCAA Playoffs)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 53/20  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 16/8  
**Key Returners:** Trevon Alexander (WR), Jadon Brady (RB), Andrew Dumas (LB), Jake Fisher (DL), Shane Fredrickson (DB), Kashan Griffin (WR), Mike Hohensee (QB), Cahleel Smith (DB), Andrew Theobald (OL), Josh Turner (DB), Isaac Vollstedt (LB)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 28.6  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 395.4 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 228.1 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 167.3 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 67-176, 38.1%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 15-22, 68.2%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 51-60, 85.0%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 16.1  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 277.4 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 213.5 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 63.9 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 22  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 60-194, 30.1%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 8-23, 34.8%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 25-35, 71.4%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 16-19, 84.2%  
**PATs:** 38-44, 86.4%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 38.3 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 16.4 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 23.5 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 0  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 0

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| Nov. 11  | vs. NEBRASKA KEARNEY | 1:30 p.m. |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Mike Hohensee (181-for-265, 2170 Yards, 16 TDs, 9 INTs, 180.8 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Jay Harris (84 Att., 386 Yards, 9 TDs, 48.2 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Kashan Griffin (34 Recs., 708 Yards, 4 TDs, 59.0 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Isaac Vollstedt (82 Total, 49 Solo, 33 Assists, 3.8 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Jake Fisher (13.5 TFL, 75 Yards Lost, 1.0 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Jake Fisher (8 Sacks, 61 Yards Lost, 0.6 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Jake Fisher, Isaac Vollstedt, Shane Fredrickson, Cahleel Smith (2 each)

## REPRESENTING THE BEARCATS



**Head Coach**

Rich  
Wright



**Quarterback**

Mike  
Hohensee



**Linebacker**

Isaac  
Vollstedt





# NEBRASKA KEARNEY LOPERS

RON AND CAROL COPE STADIUM AT FOSTER FIELD | KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Ryan Held (1st Season)

**Career Record (Record at School):** 35-55 (0-0)

**2022 Record:** 8-3

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 41/31

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 11/18

**Key Returners:** TJ Davis (QB), Hunter Hays (LG), Jon Merten (C), Hunter Kraus (P), Tell Spies (DE), Zach Schlager (ILB), Tre O'Guinn (S), Armani Webster (CB)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 32.8

**Total Offense Per Game:** 401.7 ypg

**Passing Yards Per Game:** 137.5 ypg

**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 264.2 ypg

**Third-Down Conversions:** 52-128, 40.6%

**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 11-14, 78.6%

**Red Zone Percentage:** 37-46, 80.4%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 18.7

**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 360.1 ypg

**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 202.3 ypg

**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 157.8 ypg

**Takeaways:** 16

**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 59-154, 38.3%

**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 8-26, 30.8%

**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 28-35, 80.0%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 8-13, 61.5%

**PATs:** 47-47, 100%

**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 41.5 (Led Division II)

**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 9.4 ypg

**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 10.9 ypg

**Blocked Punts:** 0

**Blocked Field Goals:** 1

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| Nov. 11  | @ NORTHWEST MISSOURI   | 1:30 p.m. |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** TJ Davis (87-for-167, 1370 Yards, 16 TDs, 5 INTs, 124.5 Yards/Game)

**Rushing:** TJ Davis (191 Att., 1136 Yards, 13 TDs, 103.3 Yards/Game)

**Receiving:** AJ McPhee (11 Recs., 210 Yards, 2 TDs, 23.3 Yards/Game)

**Tackles:** Tre O'Guinn (69 Total, 33 Solo, 36 Assists, 6.3 Tackles/Game)

**Tackles for Loss:** Jayden Swink (3.5 TFL, 10 Yards Lost, 0.3 TFL/Game)

**Sacks:** Tell Spies (1.5 Sacks, 5 Yards Lost, 0.1 Sacks/Game)

**Takeaways:** Tre O'Guinn (2 INT, 38 Yards, 0.2 Takeaways/Game)

## REPRESENTING THE LOPERS



**Head Coach**

Ryan  
Held



**Quarterback**

TJ  
Davis



**Defensive Line**

Tell  
Spies



# FORT HAYS STATE TIGERS

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Chris Brown (12th Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 74-51 (74-51)  
**2022 Record:** 3-8  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 37/34  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 9/13  
**Key Returners:** Makel Williams (LB), Mason Perez (DB), Myles Menges (DL), Jack Dawson (QB), Leyton Cure (TE), Cale Cormaney (TE), Calvin Stapp (WR), Ja'Quan Tillis (RB), Ethan Forrester (QB), Gaven Haselhorst (DL), Evan Darville (DL), Trevion Mitchell (DB), Ty Cooper (DB), Sam Brandt (LB)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 22.9  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 360.8 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 240.2 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 120.6 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 61-155, 39.4%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 10-17, 58.8%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 32-36, 88.9%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 30.0  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 377.8 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 229.0 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 147.9 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 11  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 67-159, 42.1%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 10-22, 45.5%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 33-36, 91.7%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 11-14, 78.6%  
**PATs:** 27-31, 87.1%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 38.4 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 8.2 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 20.5 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 1  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 2

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                        |        |
|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Aug. 31  | @ NORTHEASTERN STATE   | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 7  | vs. PITTSBURG STATE    | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | vs. NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | @ MISSOURI WESTERN     | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | vs. LINCOLN            | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 7   | @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN    | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 14  | vs. NEBRASKA KEARNEY   | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 21  | @ WASHBURN             | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | vs. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA   | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 4   | @ CENTRAL MISSOURI     | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 11  | vs. EMPORIA STATE      | 1 p.m. |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Jack Dawson (144-for-234, 1722 Yards, 13 TDs, 6 INTs, 172.2 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Jack Dawson (60 Att., 245 Yards, 5 TDs, 24.5 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Leyton Cure (60 Recs., 281 Yards, 2 TDs, 25.6 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Makel Williams (86 Total, 50 Solo, 36 Assists, 7.8 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Gaven Haselhorst (9.5 TFL, 39 Yards Lost, 1.1 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Gaven Haselhorst (1.5 Sacks, 6 Yards Lost, 0.2 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Mason Perez (1 INT, 1 Fumble, 0.2 Takeaways/Game)

## REPRESENTING THE TIGERS



**Head Coach**  
Chris Brown



**Defensive Back**  
Mason Perez



**Defensive Line**  
Myles Menges



# EMPORIA STATE HORNETS

WELCH STADIUM | EMPORIA, KANSAS

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Garin Higgins (16th Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 148-86 (97-77)  
**2022 Record:** 9-3 (LIVE UNITED Bowl Game)  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 45/18  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 12/10  
**Key Returners:** Braden Gleason (QB), Billy Ross Jr (RB), Jayen Varner (WR), Tommy Zimmerman (TE), Jordan Williams (DL), Rafe Goucher (DL), Declan Haub (LB), Rylan Miller (DL)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 33.7  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 431.9 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 288.2 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 143.8 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 93-194, 47.9%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 14-24, 58.3%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 44-50, 88.0%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 21.7  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 340.4 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 216.2 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 124.3 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 20  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 74-184, 40.2%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 12-18, 66.7%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 26-36, 72.2%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 9-13, 69.2%  
**PATs:** 49-53, 92.5%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 41.4 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 10.0 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 21.0 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 0  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 0

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                       |           |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | vs. LINCOLN           | 7 p.m.    |
| Sept. 7  | @ NORTHWEST MISSOURI  | 7 p.m.    |
| Sept. 16 | @ NORTHEASTERN STATE  | 6 p.m.    |
| Sept. 23 | vs. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA  | 1 p.m.    |
| Sept. 30 | @ MISSOURI WESTERN    | 4 p.m.    |
| Oct. 7   | @ PITTSBURG STATE     | 2 p.m.    |
| Oct. 14  | vs. WASHBURN          | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 21  | @ CENTRAL MISSOURI    | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | vs. NEBRASKA KEARNEY  | 2 p.m.    |
| Nov. 4   | vs. MISSOURI SOUTHERN | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 11  | @ FORT HAYS STATE     | 1 p.m.    |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Braden Gleason (321-for-472, 3404 Yards, 33 TDs, 7 INTs, 283.7 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Billy Ross Jr. (148 Att., 713 Yards, 8 TDs, 59.4 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Jaylen Varner (48 Recs., 541 Yards, 10 TDs, 45.1 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Declan Haub (73 Total, 34 Solo, 39 Assists, 6.1 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Jordan Williams (13.5 TFL, 75 Yards Lost, 1.1 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Jordan Williams (7.5 Sacks, 56 Yards Lost, 0.6 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Declan Haub (3 INTs, 57 Yards, 0.3 Takeaways/Game)

## REPRESENTING THE HORNETS



**Head Coach**  
 Garin  
 Higgins



**Quarterback**  
 Braden  
 Gleason



**Defensive Line**  
 Jordan  
 Williams





# WASHBURN ICHABODS

YAGER STADIUM AT MOORE BOWL | TOPEKA, KANSAS

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Craig Schurig (22nd Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 137-92 (137-92)  
**2022 Record:** 7-4  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 68/16  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 14/11  
**Key Returners:** Kellen Simoncic (QB), Taylon Peters (RB), Connor Searcy (FB), Matthew Simmons (TE), Mason Honne (OC), Bergan Hofer (LG), Andrew Funk (LT), Jacob Glendinning (RG), CJ Murray (RT), Jordan Finnesy (S), Justicee Akinmoladun (DT), Patrick Altenoro (DE)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 33.1  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 396.4 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 273.9 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 122.5 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 77-161, 47.8%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 8-16, 50.0%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 35-42, 83.3%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 23.5  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 362.2 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 235.0 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 127.2 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 20  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 59-160, 36.9%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 14-22, 63.6%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 28-40, 70.0%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 8-13, 61.5%  
**PATs:** 42-46, 91.3%  
**Punt Yards Per Game:** 186.5 ypg  
**Punt Return Average Per Game:** 32.8 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Average Per Game:** 45.1 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 2  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 0

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                        |        |
|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Aug. 31  | @ PITTSBURG STATE      | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 7  | vs. MISSOURI SOUTHERN  | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | @ LINCOLN              | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | vs. CENTRAL MISSOURI   | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | @ NEBRASKA KEARNEY     | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 7   | vs. MISSOURI WESTERN   | 3 p.m. |
| Oct. 14  | @ EMPORIA STATE        | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 21  | vs. FORT HAYS STATE    | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | vs. NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 4   | @ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA     | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 11  | vs. NORTHEASTERN STATE | 1 p.m. |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Kellen Simoncic (195-for-312, 2354 Yards, 25 TDs, 8 INTs, 261.6 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Taylon Peters (143 Att., 632 Yards, 6 TDs, 63.2 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Taylon Peters (27 Recs., 250 Yards, 3 TDs, 25.0 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Jordan Finnesy (58 Total, 39 Solo, 19 Assists, 5.3 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Patrick Altenor (6.5 TFL, 22 Yards Lost, 0.5 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Phoenix Smith (5.0 Sacks, 41 Yards Lost, 0.5 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Several With 2

## REPRESENTING THE ICHABODS



**Head Coach**

Craig  
Schurig



**Quarterback**

Kellen  
Simoncic



**Defensive Tackle**

Justice  
Akinmoladun



# NORTHEASTERN STATE RIVERHAWKS

GABLE FIELD AT DOC WADLEY STADIUM | TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** J.J. Eckert (5th Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 88-89 (3-28)  
**2022 Record:** 1-10  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 33/15  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 16/18  
**Key Returners:** Jordan Lamotte (DB), Johnny Jean (DB), Zion Carter-Bryant (LB), Blake Corn (DL), Ty Earp (OL), Tre Currin (TE), Tyler Crawford (K/P), Devin Blayney (WR), Brayden Gilkey (RB)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 13.7  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 243.3 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 147.8 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 86.5 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 49-158, 31.0%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 4-12, 33.3%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 15-20, 75.0%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 33.6  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 413.0 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 206.3 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 206.7 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 15  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 62-153, 40.5%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 11-19, 57.9%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 38-46, 82.6%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 8-16, 50.0%  
**PATs:** 17-17, 100%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 40.2 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 12.2 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 17.3 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 1  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 0

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                        |        |
|----------|------------------------|--------|
| Aug. 31  | vs. FORT HAYS STATE    | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 9  | @ NEBRASKA KEARNEY     | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | vs. EMPORIA STATE      | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN    | 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | vs. PITTSBURG STATE    | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 7   | @ LINCOLN              | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 14  | vs. CENTRAL MISSOURI   | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 21  | vs. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA   | 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | @ MISSOURI WESTERN     | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 4   | vs. NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 11  | @ WASHBURN             | 1 p.m. |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Ben Ward (71-for-118, 650 Yards, 7 TDs, 9 INTs, 59.1 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Brayden Gilkey (21 Att., 86 Yards, 0 TD, 21.5 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Devin Blayney (14 Recs., 123 Yards, 2 TDs, 8.8 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Jordan Lamotte (81 Total, 60 Solo, 21 Assists, 7.4 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Chris Lee (5.0 TFL, 8 Yards Lost, 0.72 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Kendrick Juniel (2.0 Sacks, 11 Yards Lost, 0.22 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Johnny Jean (2 INT, 2 Fumble Recoveries)

## REPRESENTING THE RIVERHAWKS



**Head Coach**  
J.J.  
Eckert



**Tight End**  
Tre  
Currin



**Defensive Back**  
Johnny  
Jean



# CENTRAL OKLAHOMA BRONCHOS

CHAD RICHISON STADIUM | EDMOND, OKLAHOMA

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Adam Dorrell (2nd Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 101-45 (6-5)  
**2022 Record:** 6-5  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 46/29  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 15/6  
**Key Returners:** Stephon Brown (QB), Payton Scott (RB), Jacob Delso (WR), Oscar Hammond (TE), Layne Grantham (OL), Cooper McCoy (OL), Noah Dobson (OL), Dylan Buchheit (DB), Connor Johnson (LB), Johnathan Mosley (DB), Kobey Stephens (DB), Noah West (LB), Hunter Largent (DL)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 22.4  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 340.5 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 192.7 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 147.7 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 43-156, 26.5%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 15-27, 55.5%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 28-37, 75.6%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 21.7  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 341.1 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 202.7 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 138.4 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 21  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 66-166, 39.7%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 6-21, 28.5%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 29-34, 85.2%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 14-18, 77.7%  
**PATs:** 25-28, 89.3%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 220.2 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 5.5 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 52.7 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 0  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 0

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                       |           |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | vs. NEBRASKA KEARNEY  | 7 p.m.    |
| Sept. 7  | @ CENTRAL MISSOURI    | 1 p.m.    |
| Sept. 16 | vs. MISSOURI WESTERN  | 2 p.m.    |
| Sept. 23 | @ EMPORIA STATE       | 1 p.m.    |
| Sept. 30 | vs. MISSOURI SOUTHERN | 2 p.m.    |
| Oct. 7   | @ NORTHWEST MISSOURI  | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 14  | vs. LINCOLN           | 2 p.m.    |
| Oct. 21  | @ NORTHEASTERN STATE  | 6 p.m.    |
| Oct. 28  | @ FORT HAYS STATE     | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 4   | vs. WASHBURN          | 2 p.m.    |
| Nov. 11  | @ PITTSBURG STATE     | 2 p.m.    |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Stephon Brown (158-for-242, 1784 yards, 12 TDs, 6 INTs, 162.1 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Stephon Brown (119 Att., 469 Yards, 6 TDs, 42.6 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Jacob Delso (29 Recs., 445 Yards, 4 TDs, 40.4 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Dylan Buchheit (71 Total, 41 Solo, 30 Assists, 6.4 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Noah West (9.5 TFL, 37 Yards Lost, 0.86 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Noah West (5.5 Sacks, 28 Yards Lost, 0.5 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Connor Johnson (3 Total, 2 INTs, 1 Fumble Recovery)

## REPRESENTING THE BRONCHOS



**Head Coach**

Adam  
Dorrell



**Quarterback**

Stephon  
Brown



**Offensive Line**

Layne  
Grantham





# CENTRAL MISSOURI MULES

WALTON STADIUM/KENNEDY FIELD | WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Josh Lamberson (2nd Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 5-28 (4-7)  
**2022 Record:** 4-7  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 43/42  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 10/14  
**Key Returners:** Cedric Case (QB), Arkell Smith (WR), Avian Thomas (RB), Gabe Clark (OL), Liam Wortmann (OL), Zion Perry (WR), Jack Pospisil (WR), David Olajiga (DL), Noah Blair (DB), Curtis Appleton II (DB), Joshua Bean (DL), Weston King (DL), Isaac Montgomery (LB), Cale Miller (LB), Jaden Dawson (DB), Ryan Jones (DL), Azariah Bello (LB)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 23.8  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 364.4 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 246.4 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 118.0 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 49-150, 32.7%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 11-28, 39.3%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 25-35, 71.4%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 26.2  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 386.7 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 212.4 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 174.4 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 18  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 65-158, 41.4%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 9-15, 60%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 29-35, 82.9%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 9-13, 69.2%  
**PATs:** 29-32%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 37.9 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 11.1 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 20.1 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 2  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 3

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                        |           |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | @ MISSOURI WESTERN     | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 9  | vs. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA   | 1 p.m.    |
| Sept. 16 | vs. PITTSBURG STATE    | 1 p.m.    |
| Sept. 23 | @ WASHBURN             | 1 p.m.    |
| Sept. 30 | vs. NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 7   | vs. NEBRASKA KEARNEY   | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 14  | @ NORTHEASTERN STATE   | 2 p.m.    |
| Oct. 21  | vs. EMPORIA STATE      | 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN    | 2 p.m.    |
| Nov. 4   | vs. FORT HAYS STATE    | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 11  | @ LINCOLN              | 12 p.m.   |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Cedric Case (244-for-366, 2620 yards, 21TDs, 7 INTs, 238.2 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Avian Thomas (62 Att., 268 Yards, 1 TDs, 33.5 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Arkell Smith (56 Recs., 718 Yards, 8 TDs, 65.3 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Noah Blair (70 Total, 43 Solo, 27 Assists, 7.0 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** David Olajiga (39 Total, 43 Yards Lost, 8.5 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** Weston King (3.0 Sacks, 22 Yards Lost, 0.3 Sacks/Game)  
**Takeaways:** Noah Blair (3 INT, 83 Yards)

## REPRESENTING THE MULES



**Head Coach**  
Josh  
Lamberson



**Wide Receiver**  
Arkell  
Smith



**Defensive Back**  
Curtis  
Appleton



# PITTSBURG STATE GORILLAS

BRANDENBURG FIELD AT CARNIE SMITH STADIUM | PITTSBURG, KANSAS

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Brian Wright (4th Season)

**Career Record (Record at School):** 26-6 (22-6)

**2022 Record:** 12-1 (2nd Round NCAA Playoffs)

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 53/24

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 14/8

**Key Returners:** Devon Garrison (TE), Trase Jeffries (OL), Dubem Okonkwo (DL), Rico Payton (CB), Chad Dodson Jr. (QB), Alex Gaskill (LB), Michael Lacey (S), Cooper Schettler (OL), Luke Jennings (LB), Cole Sample (DL), Kolbe Katsis (WR/RS)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 32.1

**Total Offense Per Game:** 373.8 ypg

**Passing Yards Per Game:** 236.3 ypg

**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 37.5 ypg

**Third-Down Conversions:** 69-178, 38.8%

**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 19-33, 57.6%

**Red Zone Percentage:** 39-54, 72.2%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 14.1

**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 282.6 ypg

**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 189.6 ypg

**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 93.0 ypg

**Takeaways:** 22

**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 62-187, 33.2%

**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 9-23, 39.1%

**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 25-33, 75.8%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 3-10, 30.0%

**PATs Made-Attempted:** 58-58, 100%

**Punt Yards Per Game:** 35.3 ypg

**Punt Return Avg Per Game:** 8.0 ypg

**Kickoff Return Avg Per Game:** 25.4 ypg

**Blocked Punts:** 2

**Blocked Field Goals:** 3

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                      |        |
|----------|----------------------|--------|
| Aug. 31  | vs. WASHBURN         | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 7  | @ FORT HAYS STATE    | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 16 | @ CENTRAL MISSOURI   | 1 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | vs. NEBRASKA KEARNEY | 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 30 | @ NORTHEASTERN STATE | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 7   | vs. EMPORIA STATE    | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 14  | @ MISSOURI SOUTHERN  | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 21  | @ NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 2 p.m. |
| Oct. 28  | vs. SIOUX FALLS      | 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 4   | @ MISSOURI WESTERN   | 1 p.m. |
| Nov. 11  | vs. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA | 2 p.m. |

## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Chad Dodson Jr. (206-for-363, 2975 Yards, 29 TDs, 9 INTs, 228.9 Yards/Game)

**Rushing:** Cleo Chandler Jr. (61 Att., 218 Yards, 4 TDs, 21.8 Yards/Game)

**Receiving:** Devon Garrison (35 Recs., 614 Yards, 7 TDs, 47.2 Yards/Game)

**Tackles:** Alex Gaskill (70 Total, 47 Solo, 23 Assists, 5.4 Tackles/Game)

**Tackles for Loss:** Dubem Okonkwo (15.0 TFL, 80 Yards Lost, 1.2 TFL/Game)

**Sacks:** Dubem Okonkwo (10.5 Sacks, 67 Yards Lost, 0.81 Sacks/Game)

**Takeaways:** Antione Nunn Jr. (5 INT, 150 Yards, 0.42 Takeaways/Game)

## REPRESENTING THE GORILLAS



**Head Coach**

Brian  
Wright



**Offensive Line**

Trase  
Jeffries



**Safety**

Michael  
Lacey



# MISSOURI SOUTHERN LIONS

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## QUICK FACTS

**Head Coach:** Atiba Bradley (4th Season)  
**Career Record (Record at School):** 8-15 (8-15)  
**2022 Record:** 4-7  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 45/22  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 15/7  
**Key Returners:** Nathan Glades (RB), Colton Winder (LB), Jaedon Stoshak (WR/Returner), Solomona Fetuao (DL), Lepoopeasenuu Tito-Fualaau (OL), Kenneth Fehrman (OL)

## 2022 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Per Game:** 21.6  
**Total Offense Per Game:** 320.5 ypg  
**Passing Yards Per Game:** 167.1 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 153.4 ypg  
**Third-Down Conversions:** 61-148, 41.2%  
**Fourth-Down Conversions:** 3-9, 33.3%  
**Red Zone Percentage:** 28-30, 93.3%

## 2022 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

**Points Allowed Per Game:** 24.8  
**Total Offense Allowed per Game:** 368.5 ypg  
**Passing Yards Allowed Per Game:** 198.8 ypg  
**Rushing Yards Per Game:** 169.6 ypg  
**Takeaways:** 19  
**Opponents Third-Down Conversions:** 61-143, 42.7%  
**Opponents Fourth-Down Conversions:** 10-21, 47.6%  
**Opponents Red Zone Percentage:** 32-44, 72.7%

## 2022 SPECIAL TEAMS STATS

**Field Goals:** 12-17, 70.6%  
**PATs:** 22-25, 88.0%  
**Average Punt Yards Per Game:** 202.2 ypg  
**Punt Return Yards Per Game:** 24.5 ypg  
**Kickoff Return Yards Per Game:** 65.4 ypg  
**Blocked Punts:** 2  
**Blocked Field Goals:** 0

## 2023 SCHEDULE

|          |                        |         |
|----------|------------------------|---------|
| Aug. 31  | vs. NORTHWEST MISSOURI | 7 p.m.  |
| Sept. 7  | @ WASHBURN             | 6 p.m.  |
| Sept. 16 | @ NEBRASKA KEARNEY     | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 23 | vs. NORTHEASTERN STATE | 2 p.m.  |
| Sept. 30 | @ CENTRAL OKLAHOMA     | 2 p.m.  |
| Oct. 7   | vs. FORT HAYS STATE    | 2 p.m.  |
| Oct. 14  | vs. PITTSBURG STATE    | 2 p.m.  |
| Oct. 21  | @ LINCOLN              | 2 p.m.  |
| Oct. 28  | vs. CENTRAL MISSOURI   | 2 p.m.  |
| Nov. 4   | @ EMPORIA STATE        | 1 p.m.  |
| Nov. 11  | vs. MISSOURI WESTERN   | 2 p.m.  |

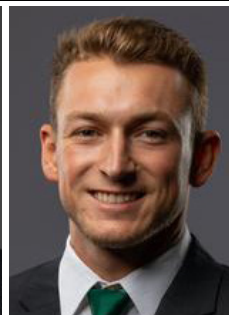
## TOP-INDIVIDUAL RETURNERS

**Passing:** Luke Sampson (65-for-118, 752 Yards, 5 TDs, 3 INTs, 75.2 Yards/Game)  
**Rushing:** Nathan Glades (186 Att., 855 Yards, 6 TDs, 77.7 Yards/Game)  
**Receiving:** Jaedon Stoshak (39 Recs., 481 Yards, 3 TDs, 43.7 Yards/Game)  
**Tackles:** Colton Winder (91 Total, 37 Solo, 54 Assists, 8.3 Tackles/Game)  
**Tackles for Loss:** Romel Readus (7.0 TFL, 24 Yards Lost, 0.6 TFL/Game)  
**Sacks:** R. Readus, S. Fetuao, K. Fiaseu, J. Young Jr. (3.0 Each)  
**Takeaways:** Colton Winder (3 INTs, 1 Fumble, 0.4 Takeaways/Game)

## REPRESENTING THE LIONS



**Head Coach**  
Atiba  
Bradley



**Wide Receiver**  
Jaedon  
Stoshak



**Defensive Line**  
Solomona  
Fetuao



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### 2023 MIAA FOOTBALL DATES OF CONTESTS

Week 1 - Thursday, August 31  
Week 2 - Thursday, September 7  
Week 2 - Saturday, September 9  
Week 3 - Saturday, September 16  
Week 4 - Saturday, September 23  
Week 5 - Saturday, September 30  
Week 6 - Saturday, October 7  
Week 7 - Saturday, October 14  
Week 8 - Saturday, October 21  
Week 9 - Saturday, October 28  
Week 10 - Saturday, November 4  
Week 11 - Saturday, November 11

### 2023 NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

First Round - Saturday, November 18  
Second Round - Saturday, November 25  
Quarterfinals - Saturday, December 2  
Semifinals - Saturday, December 9  
Championship - Saturday, December 16



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