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Tennessee Tech



Memphis, TN - In the season opener of his junior year, University of Memphis quarterback Danny Wimprine became the school's all-time leader in both passing completions and yards as the Tigers opened with a 40-10 win over Tennessee Tech.



**Liberty Bowl Stadium
Memphis, TN
Aug. 30, 2003
Att. 26,101**

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Game**

The New Orleans, LA, native completed 15-of-21 passes for 266 yards and two touchdowns as the Tigers opened back-to-back seasons with victories for the first time since the mid-1980s.

Wimprine began the season needing just five completions to pass the former school record of 341 set by Steve Matthews (1992-93) and 163 passing yards to leap past Lloyd Patterson (1975-78) and Danny Sparkman (1983-85) for the most passing yards. Sparkman previously held the passing record with 4,311 yards during his career.

Wimprine would get the completion record in the first quarter. Sophomore running back DeAngelo Williams would later help the Tiger signal-caller break another mark when he snatched a pass, bulled over a couple would-be Tech tacklers and raced 80 yards for a touchdown to give the Tigers a 24-3 lead on the second play after halftime.

Williams showed why he is a Doak Walker Award candidate, accounting for 196 all-purpose yards in the game. He would also catch a 28-yard touchdown pass in the game. All told, he carried the ball 14 times for 61 yards and a touchdown in addition to four receptions for 135 yards, the most ever by a Tiger running back.

Williams tallied 43 yards on the Tigers' second offensive series to help set up a 39-yard Stephen Gostkowski field goal for the Tigers' first points. He would convert a third-and-1 with a seven-yard run early in the series. Later in the drive, he would get loose for a 17-yard run and a first down at the Tech 26.

On the Tigers' next offensive drive, Williams would haul in a 22-yard reception from Wimprine. After a 12-yard reception by Tavarious Davis, Maurice Avery would take a hand-off on an end-around and score on a 33-yard run. The Tigers would lead 10-0 with 1:31 to play in the first quarter.

Six of Memphis's seven scoring drives on the night were 60-plus yards, including a 10-play, 78-yard drive in the second quarter which was capped by a one-yard touchdown run by

Williams. The big play of the series was a 47-yard pass from Wimprine to LaDarius Price to the Tech 16. Williams carried for six yards, and Avery would give the Tigers first-and-goal from the three with a seven-yard run. Three plays later Williams would punch it in, and Memphis led 17-0 with 8:58 to play in the half.

Tennessee Tech would get on the board on the final play of the half when Josh Foster booted a 39-yard field goal. Derek White had an 18-yard run and Tech quarterback Robert Craft completed a 30-yard pass to Antonio Carter to help set up the score.

Memphis would wage a successful battle for field position later in the third quarter.

Facing fourth-and-2 from the Tech 44, Wimprine would punt from the shotgun and the ball was downed inside the Golden Eagle one. On the night, Memphis averaged 47.3 yards on three punts. The punting game was an Achilles' heel for the Tigers last year, but junior college transfer Brandon Roberson has helped shore up the special teams. He had punts of 48 and 51 yards.

Darren Griffin would give Tech some breathing room with an 8-yard, third-down run to the 12. A nine-yard run by Jason Ballard would move the ball to the 21. Tech would be flagged for holding when linebacker Coot Terry pressured Craft in the backfield. Terry then pulled down Craig Melton after a five-yard reception. Terry led Memphis with 6.5 tackles and recovered a fumble.

Facing third-and-five from the 17, Tech was penalized for delay of game and then a false start before Craft threw an incomplete pass. A 22-yard punt gave the Tigers great field position, and on the first play, Williams got open for his second touchdown reception, a 28-yarder from Wimprine, to give Memphis a 31-3 lead with 6:48 to play in the third quarter.

Tennessee Tech would score on a 65-yard touchdown pass from Craft to Derek Lee to make the score 31-10.

Junior college transfer quarterback Bobby Robison would engineer a 12-play, 65-yard drive later in the third quarter for the Tigers. Robison hooked up with tight end John Doucette for a 28-yard pickup and later a 10-yarder to the Tech 13. LaKendus Cole converted a fourth-and-1 with a one-yard run to the three, and two plays later, Avery would take another end-around handoff, turn up field and score on a three-yard touchdown plunge. The extra-point conversion failed but the Tigers led 37-10.

Gostkowski would add a 23-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to account for the Tigers' final points.

Memphis racked up 567 yards of total offense, including 390 yards passing. The Tigers converted 50 percent of their third-down plays (9-of-18), were penalized just four times for 38 yards and did not have a turnover.

SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee Tech	0	3	7	0	-	10
Memphis	10	7	20	3	-	40

MEM (4:43 re 1st) Gostkowski 39 FG
 MEM (1:31 re 1st) Avery 33 run (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (8:58 re 2nd) Williams 1 run (Gostkowski kick)
 TTU (0:00 re 2nd) Foster 39 FG
 MEM (14:32 re 3rd) Williams 80 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (6:48 re 3rd) Williams 28 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 TTU (5:57 re 3rd) Lee 65 pass from Craft (Foster kick)
 MEM (2:11 re 3rd) Avery 3 run (run failed)
 MEM (3:20 re 4th) Gostkowski 23 FG

TEAM STATS	TECH	MEMPHIS
First Downs	11	25
Rushes-Yds	25-138	44-177
Passes	16-30-0	24-38-0
Passing Yds	321	390
KO Return Yds	6-112	0-0
Punts-Avg	9-40.3	3-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	0-0
Penalties-Yds	6-45	4-38
Time of Poss.	27:50	32:10
Sacks by	0-0	1-6

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: TECH-Ballard 11-69-0, Ash 1-28-0, White 2-22-0. MEM-Williams 14-61-1, Avery 6-55-2, Cole 14-41-0.

Passing: TECH-Craft 14-28-0-169-1. MEM-Wimprine 15-21-0-266-2, Robison 9-16-0-124-0.

Receiving: TECH-Lee 7-104-1, Carter 3-41-0, Thomson 3-21-0. MEM-Davis 6-54-0, Williams 4-135-2, Price 3-61-0, White 3-56-0.

Interceptions: TECH-none. MEM-none.

Attendance: 26,101 (Weather: 84 degrees, Wind-S 10, Cloudy)

NOTES

◆ Junior quarterback Danny Wimprine set a new Memphis record for career passing yards with his 266 yard effort against Tennessee Tech. Wimprine overtook former Tiger quarterback Danny Sparkman (1983-85) for the career passing yard record. Sparkman threw for 4,311 yards in his career. Wimprine now has 4,415 yards.

◆ Danny Wimprine also set the new Memphis record for career pass completions during the Tennessee Tech game. The New Orleans native entered the contest with 337 career completions and in need of just four completions to tie the record held by former quarterback Steve Matthews. Wimprine's 15 completions give him 352 career completions.

◆ Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams led all receivers with 135 yards on four catches. His 135 yards receiving were the most ever by a Tiger running back. He also led the team in rushing with 61 yards on 14 attempts and scored three touchdowns.

Ole Miss



Memphis, TN - In a victory which showed the character of a young football team, the University of Memphis scored 23

unanswered points in the fourth quarter to come from behind and upset Ole Miss 44-34 before 51,914 in Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

With the win, the Tigers improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1976.

Memphis trailed 34-21 with 1:30 to play in the third quarter when Ole Miss place-kicker Jonathan Nichols connected on a 25-yard field goal, his second of the game. The Rebels scored 17 straight points in the quarter, including touchdowns on a back-to-back offensive plays to take, at the time, a 31-21 lead.

Rebel quarterback Eli Manning tossed a five-yard touchdown pass to Lorenzo Townsend after Memphis's Cole Hoppe fumbled a punt return inside the U of M 20. Then, after the Tigers went three-and-out on their next offensive series, Manning tossed a 40-yard touchdown pass to Bill Flowers with 9:05 to play in the third.

Ole Miss outgained the Tigers offensively 133-19 in the third quarter. Memphis, however, would own the fourth.

U of M sophomore running back DeAngelo Williams would cap a six-play, 70-yard drive with a 20-yard touchdown run on the second play of the fourth quarter to cut the Ole Miss lead to 34-28. On its next offensive series, Memphis would move the ball 76 yards to set up a Stephen Gostkowski 21-yard field goal with 10:27 remaining. Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine would complete passes of 11 and then 53 yards to tight end John Doucette, who rumbled to the 15 to help set up the score.

The Rebels dropped an opportunity to put some distance between themselves and the Tigers.

On Ole Miss's next series, Manning converted a third-and-eight with a 13-yard run, and Vashon Pearson would later run for 18 yards to the U of M 39. Facing third-and-12 from the 41, Manning dropped back and threw what had all the makings of a touchdown pass to Taye Biddle, but the Rebel wideout would drop the ball near the goal line.

The ensuing punt was downed inside the Tiger 10. Facing second-and-11 from the eight, Wimprine would stave off the pressure of Ole Miss defensive tackle Daniel Booth and find Tavarious Davis around the 35, who hauled in a catch despite

interference from defensive back Bryan Brown. Davis then raced to the end zone to give Memphis a 38-34 lead with 6:12 to play.

Now trailing, Ole Miss started its next drive from the 20, and Manning was called for intentional grounding on first down. The spot foul moved the back back to the six. After two incompletions, the Rebels were forced to punt and Hoppe returned the kick 10 yards to the 32 to set up a 42-yard Gostkowski field goal.

On the Rebels next offensive play, Manning was intercepted by Coot Terry at the Ole Miss 36 with 3:16 to play in the game.

Wimprine would convert a third-and-eight with a 25-yard pass to Darron White to the nine, and Gostkowski would later nail a 17-yard field goal to give Memphis a 44-34 lead with 50 seconds to play.

The Tigers would ice the win when Derrick Ballard intercepted another Manning pass with 30 seconds to play.

Terry finished with six tackles and an assist while Ballard added three tackles and three assists.

In its first two games, Memphis has put up offensive yardage numbers which rank among the top 10 in school history, including 506 yards against Ole Miss, 10th best all-time. The Tigers' 389 passing yards fell a yard shy of another school record set a week earlier against Tennessee Tech. Wimprine's 355 passing yards tied a school record set by Rusty Trail against Southern Miss in 1988. His 92-yard touchdown pass to Davis ties for the second-longest reception in school history.

Williams caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Wimprine for the game's first points. The score came after defensive back Lee Hayes recovered an Ole Miss fumble. Scott Vogel forced loose a ball following a Mike Epsy two-yard reception on the game's second play.

Williams would also score on a 43-yard run to give Memphis a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter. The Wynne, Ark., native finished the day with 28 carries for 135 yards and two touchdowns and also had four receptions for 31 yards and another score. Williams' 239 all-purpose yards also ranks among the top 10 in school history, while his three touchdowns ties for second-best in school history.

Manning, who completed 26-of-48 passes for 292 yards and four touchdowns on the day, would connect on scoring strikes of 12 and 17 yards to Kerry Johnson and Biddle while Nichols added a 30-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Memphis, however, would take a 21-17 lead into the locker room at halftime as Wimprine engineered a 10-play, 77-yard drive in the half's final two minutes.

The series began with Williams' carries for eight and five yards. The running back then caught an 11-yard pass to near midfield. A 17-yard pass to Davis moved the ball to the 31, and from there Wimprine would find Avery on a deep route at the goal line for a 31-yard touchdown completion with nine seconds to play in the half.

SCORING SUMMARY

Ole Miss	0	17	17	0	-	34
Memphis	7	14	0	23	-	44

MEM (13:12 re 1st) Williams 19 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (14:41 re 2nd) Williams 43 run (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (12:04 re 2nd) Johnson 12 pass from Manning (Nichols kick)
 UM (9:29 re 2nd) Nichols 30 FG
 UM (2:05 re 2nd) Biddle 17 pass from Manning (Nichols kick)
 MEM (.09 re 2nd) Avery 31 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (10:32 re 3rd) Townsend 5 pass from Manning (Nichols kick)
 UM (9:05 re 3rd) Flowers 40 pass from Manning (Nichols kick)
 UM (1:30 re 3rd) Nichols 25 FG
 MEM (14:38 re 4th) Williams 20 run (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (10:27 re 4th) Gostkowski 21 FG
 MEM (6:12 re 4th) Davis 92 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (3:28 re 4th) Gostkowski 42 FG
 MEM (.50 re 4th) Gostkowski 17 FG

TEAM STATS	OLE MISS	MEMPHIS
First Downs	22	17
Rushes-Yds	30-116	36-117
Passes	26-48-2	19-34-0
Passing Yds	292	389
KO Return Yds	5-116	5-95
Punts-Avg	7-40.9	6-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yds	9-67	6-46
Time of Poss.	33:02	26:58
Sacks by	1-6	2-15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: OLE MISS-Turner 10-43-0, Pearson 6-31-0. MEM-Williams 28-135-2, Avery 4-4-0.

Passing: OLE MISS-Manning 26-48-2-292-4. MEM-Wimprine 18-32-0-355-3.

Receiving: OLE MISS-Flowers 6-97-1, Collings 6-53-0, Biddle 4-45-1. MEM-Doucette 4-92-0, White 4-56-0, Williams 4-31-1.

Interceptions: OLE MISS-none. MEM-Ballard 1-0-0, Terry 1-0-0.

Attendance: 51,914 (Weather: 74 degrees, Wind-NNE 10, Clear)

NOTES

◆ Cornerback Lee Hayes had his first fumble recovery when he picked up a Mike Epsy fumble in Rebel territory. Cat safety Scott Vogel made the hit that caused the fumble which led to a touchdown.

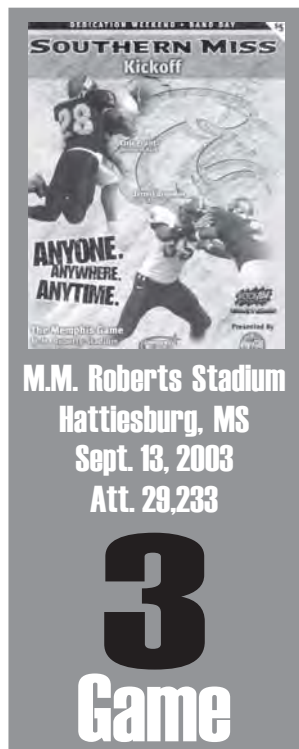
◆ Sophomore DeAngelo Williams' 43-yard run for a touchdown in the second quarter was his longest run of the season. Williams has scored three touchdowns in each of the first two games this season.

◆ With pass receptions in his first two contests this season, Darron White now has a consecutive streak of 24 games with one or more pass receptions.

Southern Miss



Hattiesburg, MS - The Memphis Tiger football team traveled to M.M. Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburg, MS, to challenge the University of Southern Mississippi in the 2003 edition of the annual Black and Blue Bowl. The two conference foes, which have faced each other more times than any other opponent in both institution's history, are noted for their bruising style of play, and this year's game would prove to be no different.



**M.M. Roberts Stadium
Hattiesburg, MS
Sept. 13, 2003
Att. 29,233**

**3
Game**

USM, led by sophomore quarterback Mickey DeAngelo, moved the ball to midfield before Tiger linebacker Greg Harper registered his first pass interception of the season and put quarterback Danny Wimprine and the UM offense in business at the Tiger 35 yard line.

The Tigers were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt the ball back to the Golden Eagles.

After another exchange of punts, the Tigers started to move the ball but junior quarterback Danny Wimprine threw his first pass interception of the season. Golden Eagle linebacker Greg Brooks grabbed the Wimprine aerial intended for junior receiver Darron White and put Southern Miss in great field position at the Tigers' 15 yard line. The interception would be the first of two for Brooks on the night.

Golden Eagle tailback Tim Blackwell ran for 14 yards on first down, and USM quarterback DeAngelo finished off the short scoring drive with a one yard over left tackle. On the extra point attempt, Tiger linebacker Coot Terry broke through the line and blocked the Darren McCaleb kick and USM led 6-0.

Memphis took the ensuing kickoff and started to march up the field. Wimprine completed passes to Maurice Avery and DeAngelo Williams and Williams added runs of one and five yards before coming out of the game for a breather.

Junior tailback Derron Parquet, who came into the contest as a substitute for Williams, fumbled on his first carry and USM was back on offense at the Tiger 36 yard line.

The Memphis turnovers, which had not occurred in the first two games of the season, would continue to plague the Tigers throughout the game.

But the wet conditions did not effect just one team. Southern Miss would also have a hard time holding on to the ball and three plays later, tailback Blackwell fumbled the ball at the Tiger 28 yard line, and UM defensive end Treveco Lucas recovered for the U of M.

Memphis opened the second quarter with its first of three blocked kicks of the season.

On fourth and nine from the Tiger 30 yard line, USM's Darren McCaleb attempted a 47-yard field goal, but Memphis safety Derrick Ballard came off the corner and blocked the kick.

On the very next play, Danny Wimprine suffered his second interception of the game when Brooks picked off his second pass of the night.

After holding Southern Miss for no gain, special teams lightening struck again, as Memphis freshman defensive back Sam Brewer blocked a Luke Johnson punt and freshman Derek Clinin recovered the ball at the Southern Miss 45 yard line.

The Tigers would finally use the turnover to score their first points of the game.

After a drive to the USM four, kicker Stephen Gostkowski was called on for a 21-yard field goal. The kick was good and the lead was trimmed to 6-3.

Memphis mounted its second long drive late in the second quarter. Starting at their own one yard line, the Tigers proceeded down the field with four pass completions to Avery, two to LaDarius Price and one to Tavarious Davis.

But with the clock running out, Memphis was forced to settle for a second Gostkowski field goal and the half ended with the two teams tied 6-6.

The Golden Eagles would take the lead for the final time in the game early in the third period on a 28-yard McCaleb field goal. The score was set up when Williams fumbled at the Tiger 48 yard line.

Memphis threatened to take the game early in the four quarter. Following a fumble recovery by Memphis' Sam Brewer, the Tigers drove the ball downfield.

Wimprine completed a pass to tight end John Doucette, and Williams scampered up the middle for 37 yards. After two Avery rushes, Wimprine threw a 17-yard pass to Williams and the speedy back was pushed out of bounds at the USM one yard line.

On the next play, Wimprine saw Doucette in the back of the end zone and attempted to throw him the ball. But with the wet conditions, the ball squirted out of his hand and into the hands of Golden Eagle defensive back Etric Pruitt.

Southern Miss would add two scores in the final stanza. Marvin Young returned a punt 87 yards to up the USM lead to 16-6, and tailback Blackwell scored on a 38-yard run with one minute remaining for the final margin of victory, 23-6.

SCORING SUMMARY

Memphis	0	6	0	0	-	6
Southern Miss	6	0	3	14	-	23

USM (8:05 re 1st) DeAngelo 1 run (kick blocked)
MEM (8:45 re 2nd) Gostkowski 21 FG
MEM (0:05 re 2nd) Gostkowski 23 FG
USM (9:53 re 3rd) McCaleb 28 FG
USM (7:27 re 4th) Young 87 punt return (McCaleb kick)
USM (1:50 re 4th) Blackwell 38 run (McCaleb kick)

TEAMSTATS	MEMPHIS	USM
First Downs	17	14
Rushes-Yds	39-192	49-205
Passes/Int	16-36-3	7-25-1
Passing Yds	182	102
KO Return Yds	18	34
Punts-Avg	9-39.6	9-36.7
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	3-2
Penalties-Yds	9-57	4-20
Time of Poss.	27:17	32:43
Sacks by	2-6	1-11

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Williams 28-158-0, Cole 5-22-0, Avery 2-15-0. USM-Blackwell 15-96-1, Walley 24-73-0, Almond 3-18-0.
Passing: MEM-Wimprine 16-35-3-182-0. USM-D'Angelo 4-11-1-58-0, Almond 3-14-0-44-0.
Receiving: MEM-Avery 7-103-0, Williams 3-24-0, Price 2-14-0, Kelley 1-17-0, Garcia 1-13-0. USM-Lawrence 2-24-0, Johnson 1-22-0.
Interceptions: MEM-Harper 1-22-0. USM-Brooks 2-24-0, Pruitt 1-0-0.
Attendance: 29,233. (Weather: 73 degrees, Wind SSE-6, Light Rain, 78% Humidity).

NOTES

◆ Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 158 yards on 28 attempts to lead the Tigers. It was Williams' second 100-yard performance of the 2003 season and his second-consecutive 100 yard outing against Southern Miss.

◆ Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams' 28 rushing attempts against Southern Miss tied his career high for rushing attempts in a single game. Williams logged 28 rushes in the Tigers' 44-34 win over Ole Miss a week earlier.

◆ Sophomore receiver Maurice Avery had a career-high 103 yards receiving against Southern Miss. He also had seven pass receptions which more than double his single-best outing.

◆ Senior linebacker Greg Harper recorded his first pass interception of the season against Southern Mississippi.

◆ Memphis recorded three blocked kicks in the Southern Miss game. Freshman defensive back Sam Brewer blocked a Golden Eagle punt, linebacker Coot Terry blocked a PAT attempt and safety Derrick Ballard blocked a field goal attempt.

Arkansas State



Memphis, TN – After a sluggish first half that saw the Tigers go into the locker room trailing Arkansas State University 10-3 the Tigers bounced back nicely and outscored the visiting Indians 35-6 in the second half enroute to upending Arkansas State 38-16 on a sunny Saturday afternoon at the Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

"The big thing is that's three (wins)," said Memphis head coach Tommy West. "We looked like we had an open date and forgot we were playing this week.

"We played bad in the first half and it wasn't just one. It was everybody. But I'll be honest with you now, good teams, teams that play in December are teams that

find a way to win those kind of games.

"I'm really excited about this win because that was a game that two years ago we couldn't have won. If we had played that badly in the first half (two years ago) we wouldn't have won the ball game. Sometimes, when you don't play your best, you've got to find a way to win it, and we won the game going away."

The Tigers improved to 3-1 (0-1) with the victory, while Arkansas State fell to 2-3 (0-0).

Junior Darron White scored his first receiving touchdown of the season and scored the first rushing touchdown of his career to lift the Tigers.

Trailing 10-3 in the third quarter, Danny Wimprine connected with White in the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown strike. Stephen Gostkowski's point after was good and the Tigers evened the score at 10-10 with 11:47 remaining in the third quarter.

After Arkansas State punted on its next possession, White capped off an eight-play, 61-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run, putting the Tigers out in front 17-10. Memphis would lead throughout the remainder of the game.

Wimprine was 20-of-35 for 238 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Wimprine surpassed 5,000 career yards passing during the game against the Indians. He was already Memphis's all-time career passing leader and became the first Memphis Tiger to exceed 5,000 career yards passing.

The Tigers outgained Arkansas State 401 total yards to 276 and had another outstanding game running the ball, accumulat-

ing 175 yards rushing, 112 of those yards courtesy of sophomore standout tailback DeAngelo Williams. Williams also scored a touchdown on one of his 23 carries. It was the Wynne, AR, native's seventh 100-yard rushing effort of his career. Williams' 18-yard touchdown run came in the fourth quarter to help the Tigers extend their lead to 31-16 with 8:08 left in the game.

Arkansas State got on the board first, driving the ball 60 yards on its first possession. Running back Shermar Bracey scored from one-yard out. Eric Niehouse's PAT was good and the Indians led 7-0 with 9:42 left in the first quarter.

On the Indians next possession, ASU sustained another drive, this time 40 yards, culminating with a 26-yard field goal by Niehouse which gave the Indians a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Tigers tried to answer after Eric Taylor recovered a fumble by Indian quarterback Elliot Jacobs on the ASU's 18-yard line. It was Taylor's first fumble recovery of his career but not his last of the day. He would recover two fumbles in the game.

Three plays later, Wimprine was intercepted by Alex Peoples at the ASU nine yard line to end the Tiger scoring threat.

Memphis finally got on the scoreboard with 3:16 remaining in the first half. After a 14-play, 64-yard drive, Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 28-yard field goal, cutting into the ASU lead before the half. The Tigers escaped first-half disaster again, as an interception by ASU was nullified by a roughing the passer call to keep the Memphis drive alive.

Maurice Avery helped the Tigers pull away with a final two-yard touchdown reception from Wimprine giving the UM a 38-16 advantage with 5:36 left in the game.

The score was set up by a dropped snap on a punt attempt by ASU. Indian punter Jarod Little dropped the snap and in desperation threw a pass downfield that fell incomplete. The Tigers took over on the ASU 10 yard line and scored four plays later.

Standout cat safety Derrick Ballard blocked a Niehouse PAT attempt in the third quarter after Antonio Warren scored from one yard out. The blocked PAT prevented the Indians from tying the game at 17-17, and kept the momentum on the Tigers side.

SCORING SUMMARY

Arkansas St.	10	0	6	0	-	16
Memphis	0	3	14	21	-	38

ASU (9:42 re 1st) Bracey 1 run (Niehouse kick)
 ASU (6:10 re 1st) Niehouse 26 FG
 MEM (3:36 re 2nd) Gostkowski 28 FG
 MEM (11:47 re 3rd) White 15 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (7:12 re 3rd) White 3 run (Gostkowski kick)
 ASU (2:40 re 3rd) Warren 1 run (Niehouse kick)
 MEM (14:19 re 4th) Wimprine 4 run (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (8:08 re 4th) Williams 18 run (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (5:36 re 4th) Avery 2 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)

TEAM STATS	ASU	MEMPHIS
First Downs	14	19
Rushes-Yds	34-105	39-163
Passes	16-29-1	20-36-1
Passing Yds	171	238
KO Return Yds	110	45
Punts-Avg	5-38.6	6-37.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-1
Penalties-Yds	10-72	11-79
Time of Poss.	28:16	31:44
Sacks by	0-0	1-8

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: ASU-Bracey 12-55-0, Warren 17-44-0.
 MEM-Williams 23-108-1, Cole 5-41-0, Wimprine 4-10-1.

Passing: ASU-Elliot 16-27-1-171-0. MEM-Wimprine 20-35-1-238-2, Robison 0-1-0-0-0.

Receiving: ASU-Stegall 3-26-0, Walker 3-11-0, Vincent 2-47-0. MEM-Avery 5-93-1, White 5-66-1, Garcia 3-29-0.

Interceptions: ASU-Walker 1-23-0. MEM-W.Smith 1-4-0.

Attendance: 38,093. (Weather: 77 degrees, Wind N-12, Clear Skies).

NOTES

◆ Tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 108 yards and one touchdown against Arkansas State. It was Williams' seventh career 100-yard game.

◆ Quarterback Danny Wimprine threw for 238 yards against the Indians and in doing so, surpassed the 5,000 yard mark in career passing. He is the only Tiger in school history to throw for more 5,000 yards.

◆ Corner O.C. Collins did not start against Arkansas State, marking his first missed start in 14 consecutive games.

◆ Wide receiver Maurice Avery led the team in receiving against ASU with five pass receptions for 93 yards and one touchdown.

Memphis, TN – For the fourth-consecutive year, UAB dealt The University of Memphis a painful, early season loss as

the Blazers topped the Tigers 24-10 Saturday afternoon at the Liberty Bowl under a sunny sky and a Homecoming crowd of 37,354 fans.

The Tigers (3-2, 0-2) squandered an opportunity to build on their early season success with a Conference USA victory over UAB. Instead, a sluggish first half for the second-consecutive week led to a defeat, dropping the Tigers to 0-2 in C-USA after the loss to UAB (2-3, 1-1).

UAB managed three scores in the first half of the game and led 17-0 at halftime. Last week, the Tigers trailed Ar-

gers were within one score at 17-10 with 3:13 remaining in the third quarter.

Wimprine, who holds virtually every Memphis passing record, completed 16 passes in a row starting with his last completion in the first half to his first completion in the fourth quarter. The streak ended when Wimprine missed Darren Garcia. He would complete the game 32-of-42 for 257 yards with one touchdown pass and no interceptions. His 32 completions tied a career-high he set at USF in 2002.

UAB quarterback Darrell Hackney put an end to the Tigers' comeback hopes when he found receiver Nick Cook streaking down the field for a 57-yard touchdown strike with 8:13 left in the game to extend the Blazers' lead to 24-10.

Hackney was 14-for-28 with 231 yards and two touchdowns on the day. He frustrated the Tigers, who despite being able to pressure him, often, weren't able to bring him down in the back-field.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Blazers got on the board early when placekicker Nick Hayes converted a 43-yard field goal with 14:51 left in the second quarter, giving the Blazers a 3-0. The score capped off a seven-play, 40-yard drive.

UAB regained possession after a Tiger punt and personal foul penalty which gave the Blazers great field position at the Memphis 24 yard line. The Tigers were flagged seven times for 95 yards on the day.

Hackney found Cedric Hampton open in the back of the end zone from 2-yards out and the Hayes PAT was good, giving the Blazers a 10-0 lead with 9:09 left in the first half.

UAB extended its lead to 17-0 with 7:59 remaining in the first half behind a seven-play, 62-yard drive completed by a nine-yard touchdown run from Trey Chaney. Hayes' PAT was good.

The Tigers only opportunity to score points in the first half came when the Tigers drove down the UAB 13 yard line late in the first half. However, Gostkowski missed a 31-yard field goal attempt, and the Tigers went into the locker room trailing 17-0.



kansas State 10-3 at halftime before rallying for a 38-16 win. After the slow start against Arkansas State University, head coach Tommy West had warned his team that a poor start against UAB might spell doom, and the Tigers might not be able to dig themselves out of a hole again.

"Again a game of two halves," said West following the game. "In the first half we really didn't make any plays again. We're down and we dig ourselves a hole we couldn't come out of. I don't know why we came out flat.

"Give them (UAB) credit. They did a nice job mixing it up. I thought their quarterback did a nice job making plays for them. I thought we made some good adjustments at the half, but we didn't get it done."

Trailing 17-0, the Tigers mounted a nine-play, 71-yard drive to open the third quarter capped off by a 23-yard touchdown strike from Danny Wimprine to Maurice Avery. Stephen Gostkowski's PAT was good, and the Tigers cut the UAB lead to 17-7 with 11:36 remaining in the third quarter.

Avery, a converted quarterback, set career highs in receptions with 13 for 125 yards, and he tied his career-long reception when he pulled in a 45-yard pass from Wimprine.

The Tigers forced UAB to punt on its next possession and drove the ball down to the UAB nine yard line. Wimprine was 5-for-5 passing for 71 yards on the drive, including the 45-yard completion to Avery. Wimprine completed passes to five different receivers on the drive, including true freshmen Ryan Scott who caught the second pass of his young career.

Gostkowski connected on a 26-yard field goal, and the Ti-

SCORING SUMMARY

UAB	0	17	0	7	-	24
Memphis	0	0	10	0	-	10

UAB (14:51 re 2nd) Nick Hayes 43 FG
 UAB (9:09 re 2nd) Hampton 2 pass from Hackney (Hayes kick)
 UAB (3:56 re 2nd) Chaney 9 run (Hayes kick)
 MEM (11:36 re 3rd) Avery 23 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (3:13 re 3rd) Gostkowski 26 FG
 UAB (8:13 re 4th) Coon 57 pass from Hackney (Hayes kick)

TEAM STATS	UAB	MEMPHIS
First Downs	16	20
Rushes-Yds	41-95	28-89
Passes	14-28-0	32-42-0
Passing Yds	231	257
KO Return Yds	26	63
Punts-Avg	7-43.1	8-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yds	5-48	7-95
Time of Poss.	30:00	30:00
Sacks by	5-32	1-6

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: UAB-Chaney 29-91-1, Hackney 4-6-0, White 6-6-0. MEM-Williams 15-107-0, Price 2-13-0, Avery 3-6-0.

Passing: UAB-Hackney 14-28-0-231-2. MEM-Wimprine 32-42-0-257-1.

Receiving: UAB-White 3-56-0, Coon 1-57-1, Duncan 4-45-0, Chavez 2-41-0. MEM-Avery 13-125-1, Garcia 5-38-0, Williams 5-27-0, White 2-24-0, T.Davis 3-20-0.

Interceptions: UAB-none. MEM-none.

Attendance: 37,354 (Weather: Clear & Sunny, Winds: calm, 72 degrees)

NOTES

◆ Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine tied his career high for pass completions by hitting on 32-of-42 attempts for 257 yards and one touchdown.

◆ Sophomore wide receiver Maurice Avery caught a school-record 13 passes for 125 yards and one touchdown. The 13 receptions broke the record that was held by five players. The record was first set by Bob Sherlag in 1965 against Mississippi State.

◆ Kicker Stephen Gostkowski kicked his ninth field goal of the season when he connected from 26 yards out. He had earlier missed from 31 yards. He now has 18 career field goals made.

◆ Tiger cornerback Lee Hayes sustained a fracture dislocation of his right ankle in the second quarter of the game and will have surgery on Tuesday to repair the damage. Hayes will be lost for the season.

Mississippi State



Starkville, MS – The Memphis Tigers, coming off a disappointing loss to UAB, had to travel into the heart of the Magnolia state to take on SEC foe Mississippi State University. However, this season hopes ran high for a Memphis win. The Tigers were sporting a 3-2 record, while the Bulldogs were 1-4 on the season.

Mississippi State had given up huge chunks of yardage in each of the first five games of the season and this battle would be no different. Memphis would compile 568 yards of total offense and numerous single game records would fall but to no avail, as the Tigers would lose 35-27 to MSU.

The Tigers would struggle defensively and on special

teams in the opening half, giving up a season-high 28 points in the first two quarters. But as in almost every game this season, the U of M would come roaring back in the second half and fight to the finish.

Mississippi State wasted little in lighting up the scoreboard. After one exchange of punts, the Bulldogs mounted a 13-play, 80-yard drive that culminated in a Kevin Fant to Aaron Lumpkin one-yard pass for a touchdown. Fant, who entered the game averaging over 200 yards passing per game, completed five passes and was aided by a pass interference call in directing his team to the first score of the night. Brent Smith converted the PAT for MSU.

Not to be outdone, Wimprine led his Tigers on a five-play, 80-yard drive to tie the score at 7-7. The junior record holder hit LaDarius Price for 38 yards and Darron White for nine yards before putting his backfield in the old "T" formation. With White lined up in the backfield, Wimprine handed off to the receiver, and he scampered 40-yards for the Memphis score. Stephen Gostkowski booted the PAT and the contest was tied.

But the scoring frenzy was not over. Mississippi State rode Fant's arm and Fred Reid's legs to a second score on the ensuing set of plays. Fant threw passes to Justin Jenkins and Reid ran for 25 yards to set up a second Fant-to-Lumpkin touchdown toss, this one good from 16 yards out. The first quarter ended with the Bulldogs leading 14-7.

Memphis again responded with a 70 yard drive but this one took just three plays and a mere :38 seconds off the clock. Wimprine, who would tie his career high for pass completions in a

game with 32, hit Darren Garcia for 16 yards and Maurice Avery for 45 yards before again handing the ball to White out of the backfield. This time the junior from Covington, TN, raced 13 yards for his second rushing touchdown of the night.

Lightening would strike the Tigers and perhaps deflate the squad on the ensuing kickoff. Reid would take the Gostkowski kickoff and race 100 yards to the Memphis end zone to take the lead back and take away the Memphis enthusiasm. The kickoff return for a score was the first given up in 11 seasons.

Late in the second quarter, the Tigers managed to drive the length of the field and add three points on a Gostkowski 32-yard field goal. The score cut the MSU advantage to 21-17 and the U of M hoped to go to the locker room just four down.

Getting the ball back with just 2:36 left in the opening half, the Bulldogs would march 83 yards for yet another score, this one coming on a 19-yard Nick Turner run. The Bulldogs would leave for halftime with a commanding 28-17 lead. The Dogs held the ball for 20:09 in the half and had 340 yards of total offense. The second half would be a different story.

The University of Memphis opened the second half with a long drive to the MSU four yard line, but failed to gain any points when Gostkowski missed a 30-yard field goal attempt.

Mississippi State appeared to put the game out of reach on another Turner touchdown run in the third quarter to take a commanding 35-17 lead with 2:03 left in the third quarter.

But the score seemed to light a fire under the U of M. Wimprine immediately threw a 44-yard pass to Garcia and then hit LaDarius Price for nine yards. After a couple of Derron Parquet runs, Wimprine hooked up with DeAngelo Williams for 24 yards and then tossed a four-yard touchdown pass to Tavarious Davis. The score was now 35-24.

The Tigers seemed to keep the ball for all of the fourth quarter, but were only able to get a second field goal from Gostkowski and Mississippi State would come away with a 35-27 victory.

Memphis compiled incredible numbers in the second half. The offense gained 322 yards of total offense in the second half to just 41 total yards for MSU. Wimprine set records for pass attempts in a game with 60, tied his pass completions record in a game with 32 and set a new mark for yards in a game with 398.

The loss would be the Tigers' third in six games and their second in a row.

SCORING SUMMARY

Memphis	7	10	7	3	- 27
Miss State	14	14	7	0	- 35

MSU (4:50 re 1st) Lumpkin 1 pass from Fant (Smith kick)

MEM (3:21 re 1st) White 40 run (Gostkowski kick)

MSU (:00 re 1st) Lumpkin 16 pass from Fant (Smith kick)

MEM (14:11 re 2nd) White 13 run (Gostkowski kick)

MSU (13:45 re 2nd) Reid 100 kickoff return (Smith kick)

MEM (2:58 re 2nd) Gostkowski 32 FG

MSU (:07 re 2nd) Turner 19 run (Smith kick)

MSU (2:40 re 3rd) Turner 1 run (Smith kick)

MEM (:21 re 3rd) T.Davis 4 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)

MEM (11:34 re 4th) Gostkowski 27 FG

TEAM STATS	MEMPHIS	MSU
First Downs	29	18
Rushes-Yds	28-170	37-136
Passes	32-61-2	16-34-1
Passing Yds	398	245
KO Return Yds	43	210
Punts-Avg	3-44.3	8-45.9
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds	5-21	13-132
Time of Poss.	27:58	32:02
Sacks by	2-12	1-8

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MSU-Norwood 22-85-0, Turner 6-22-2, Reid 1-25-0. MEM-Williams 15-119-0, White 3-58-2, Parquet 4-16-0.

Passing: MSU-Fant 16-34-1-245-2. MEM-Wimprine 32-60-2-398-1.

Receiving: MSU-Bivins 4-60-0, Jones 3-55-0, Jenkins 3-42-0. MEM-White 10-102-0, Garcia 4-104-0, Williams 4-40-0, Avery 3-54-0.

Interceptions: MSU-Griffith 1-(-1)-0, Dockery 1-0-0. MEM-Vogel 1-0-0.

Attendance: 45,329. (Weather: 72 degrees, Wind SE 6 mph, Cloudy).

NOTES

◆ Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine set school records for pass attempts in a game (60), pass completions in a game (32) and passing yards in a game (398) against Mississippi State. He also set a single-game total offense record with 383 yards.

◆ Junior receiver Darron White had his best performance as a Tiger, catching 10 passes for 102 yards and rushing for two touchdowns.

Houston



Houston, TX – The University of Memphis Tiger football team set out on the road to Texas in an attempt to capture its fourth win of the season, and in doing so, bettering the previous season record of 3-9.

The Tigers did that and more in a 45-14 defeat of the Houston Cougars at Robertson Stadium.

Not only did the University of Memphis pick up its fourth win of the season, but they also snapped a 10-game road losing streak which dated back to a 52-33 victory over Houston in 2001. The lopsided win also marked the biggest victory over a Conference USA foe since the win over the Cougars in 2001, and was the most points the Tigers had scored

since pummeling Murray State 52-6 in the 2002 season opener at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

The game started slowly with both team feeling out the opponent. The Tigers were forced to punt on their first two possessions, but the tempo quickly picked up on Houston's second possession. A Kevin Kolb screen pass was intercepted by Tiger senior middle linebacker Will Hyden at the Houston 36 yard line. Hyden returned the pick for a touchdown to give Memphis the 7-0 lead early in the first quarter. The senior became the first Tiger to return an interception for a touchdown since Idrees Bashir returned a pick 100 yards in a return against Army in 2000.

The Memphis defense managed to hold the Cougars scoreless during their next 10 consecutive possessions, while the Tiger offense tallied four touchdowns in their next four drives.

The U of M's second score of the game was set up when safety Derrick Ballard scooped up a fumble at the Houston 29 yard line.

The Tiger offense took over and used just six plays to set up a nine-yard Danny Wimprine touchdown pass to Maurice Avery.

On Memphis' very next possession, Wimprine connected with sophomore Mario Pratcher for a 36-yard score to give the Tigers a 21-0 lead in the first quarter.

The first quarter would come to an end with the U of M holding a comfortable 28-0 cushion, after Wimprine aired it out for a 55-yard touchdown pass to Avery.

The second quarter was much like the first with Memphis dominating the scoreboard with their fourth score in four possessions. Sophomore DeAngelo Williams covered 21 yards on the ground for the first rushing touchdown of the game. The score would be the first of two on the ground for Williams as he ran for a two-yard score late in the third quarter.

Williams ended the evening with his third multiple rushing touchdown game of his career, and gained 120 yards for his sixth-straight 100-yard performance. He currently totals 14 career touchdowns in his young career.

Sophomore kicker Stephen Gostkowski helped Memphis head to the locker room at halftime with a 38-0 advantage after booting a 33-yard field goal with just 15 seconds remaining in the half. Gostkowski struggled against the Cougars, missing a 52-yard attempt just prior to the 33-yard make, and later missing a 47 yarder in the third quarter.

It appeared the Tigers were headed for their first shutout since stifling UL-Monroe 28-0 in 2000, but the Cougars' offense showed some life with just over seven minutes remaining in the game.

The Cougars, who had managed just 10 first downs in the first three quarters of the game, rolled off five first downs in their first drive of the fourth quarter. The drive ended 12 plays later with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Kolb to Brandon Middleton.

Junior college transfer quarterback Bobby Robison came off the bench for Memphis midway through the fourth quarter and was 1-of-2 for four yards passing on the game. Wimprine left the game completing 13-of-25 passes for 228 yards and three touchdowns.

Houston ended the fourth quarter with a 12-yard Blade Bassler pass to Vincent Marshall with just 30 seconds left in the game.

Memphis knelt the ball on their next possession and capped the 45-14 victory over the Cougars.

The Tigers received impressive offensive output from junior tailback Derron Parquet, who rumbled for 97 yards rushing on 13 carries. The transfer from LSU entered the game with just 20 yards rushing on the year after seeing limited action from a sprained ankle he suffered in fall camp. Sophomore tailback LaKendus Cole added 11 yards on two carries.

"I'm as proud of this bunch of guys as any team I have ever had," said an elated Tommy West after the game. "They did everything we ask of them."

"I have been around some excellent football teams in my coaching career, but that was about as perfect a game as I have ever coached. It was fun to watch from the sideline."

SCORING SUMMARY

Memphis	28	10	7	0	-	45
Houston	0	0	0	14	-	14

MEM (11:10 re 1st) Hyden 36 pass interception return (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (6:46 re 1st) Avery 9 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski Kick)
 MEM (3:14 re 1st) Pratcher 36 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (1:53 re 1st) Avery 55 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (12:59 re 2nd) Williams 21 run (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (0:15 re 2nd) Gostkowski 33 FG
 MEM (3:00 re 3rd) Williams 2 run (Gostkowski kick)
 UH (7:18 re 4th) Middleton 18 pass from Kolb (Bell kick)
 UH (0:30 re 4th) Marshall 12 pass from Bassler (Bell kick)

TEAM STATS	MEMPHIS	HOU
First Downs	25	19
Rushes-Yds	45-255	44-160
Passes	14-27-0	16-28-1
Passing Yds	232	163
KO Return Yds	0	108
Punts-Avg	3-34.7	6-43.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yds	3-25	9-74
Time of Poss.	31:19	29:41
Sacks by	3-25	1-3

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Williams 20-120-2, Parquet 13-97-0, White 3-14-0, Cole 2-11-0. UH-Evans 16-76-0, Battle 9-50-0, Marshall 1-24-0, Tillman 7-9-0.
Passing: MEM-Wimprine 13-25-0-232-3, Robison 1-2-0-4-0. UH-Kolb 13-25-1-138-1.
Receiving: MEM-Avery 4-79-2, Doucette 2-36-0, Williams 2-36-0, Price 2-15-0, Pratcher 1-36-1, Scott 1-12-0, Davis 1-11-0, Garcia 1-7-0. UH-Marshall 6-81-1, McCullar 4-17-0, Gibson 3-49-0, Middleton 2-13-0.
Interceptions: MEM-Hyden 1-36-1. UH - none.
Attendance: 22,623 (Weather: Fair & Mild, Winds: N 12, 79 Degrees)

NOTES

◆ Junior quarterback Danny Wimprine threw three touchdown passes against Houston giving him 49 for his career. He had two TD tosses to Maurice Avery and one to Mario Pratcher.

◆ Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams had his sixth-consecutive 100-yard performance of the 2003 season when he rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns against Houston.

Tulane



New Orleans, LA – Since the old days of the Metro Conference through the formation of Conference USA, the University of Memphis

and Tulane University have found themselves playing each other on the last weekend in October or Halloween. During three previous Halloween visits to New Orleans, the Tigers found success in the Superdome. In 1999, the Tigers defeated the Green Wave 49-7 in the Superdome, in 1995, Memphis was able to stop Tulane 23-8 in “The Big Easy” and in 1992, The Tigers prevailed 62-20.

It must be spooky for Tulane to face the Memphis Tigers so close to Halloween because the inevitable happened again in 2003, as

Memphis used a Superman who wore a royal blue number 20 jersey to defeat Tulane 41-9, before a crowd of 19,357 in the Dome.

Williams, who entered the game ranked ninth in the nation in rushing and first in all-purpose yards per game, rushed for a career-high 195 yards and two touchdowns, caught four passes for 41 yards and returned two kickoffs for 69 yards. He ran over, around and through the Green Wave defense in breaking the 1000-yard barrier for the 2003 season.

The sophomore from Wynne, AR, totaled 305 all-purpose yards, the second-highest single game total in Memphis history and upped his national lead.

After winning the opening coin toss, Tulane elected to take the ball and Memphis kicked off to start the game. After an exchange of punts, Tulane put together a drive that would set the tone of the game. Led by quarterback J.P. Losman, the Wave drove the ball down the field. Starting on the 21 yard line, Losman moved his squad to the Tiger 21 yard line before the Memphis defense held their ground and stopped the Wave on a fourth-and-one situation.

Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine came on the field and started handing the ball to Williams. First it was a nine-yard gain to the 30, then a 17-yard run to the 47. On his next run, Williams picked up 10 yards to cross midfield and then Wimprine decided to go up top to Williams, who gained 35 yards to the Tulane nine.

Wide receiver Maurice Avery took an inside handoff and raced the final two yards for the first score of the night. Stephen Gos-

tkowski added the PAT and Memphis led 7-0.

Getting the ball back again before the end of the first quarter, Wimprine led his unit back down the field, and on the first play of the second quarter, hit Avery with a four-yard pass for another score. Suddenly, Memphis led 14-0 and the Halloween bash was on.

It appeared that Memphis would put the game away early, but two fumbles on consecutive drives slowed the Memphis progress. But just like last week at Houston, the Tiger defense rose to the occasion.

Tulane hoped to get points on the scoreboard before the half ended and got one last opportunity before halftime. Taking over the ball at their own 33 yard line, Losman dropped back to pass. But UM cat safety Scott Vogel stepped in front of the Green Wave receiver, intercepted the pass and ran 38 yards for a Memphis score.

The half would end on an O.C. Collins interception and the Tigers went to the locker room with a 21-0 lead.

Proving the first half of the game was no fluke, Memphis's Williams took the second-half kickoff and sprinted 43 yards to the UM 46 yard line. From there, New Orleans native Derron Parquet replaced Williams and pounded out gains of 12, five and two yards before Wimprine connected with wideout Taravious Davis for 39 yards and another score. Memphis led 28-0 and the rout was on.

After one Tulane series, the Tigers got the ball back and a rested Williams reentered the game and rushed the ball four times before going the final three yards for his first touchdown of the contest. The scoreboard read: Memphis 35, Tulane 0.

Tulane finally posted a score when Losman finished off a drive by hitting receiver Chris Bush for eight yards and a score. The third stanza ended with Memphis in control 35-7.

The Tigers were determined to answer the Tulane score with another of their own and the coaches knew whose number to call. With the ball at the Tulane 49 yard line, Williams took a handoff from Wimprine and exploded up the middle of the field for 49 yards and his second score of the game. Williams was done for the game, and he and Wimprine would not return.

The Memphis point after touchdown was attempted by kicker Danny Haynes, who was stepping on the field for the first time in his career. The kick was blocked and Tulane's Jeremy Foreman returned the ball for a two-point safety.

Parquet and quarterback Bobby Robison would finish the fourth quarter and help the University of Memphis to its fifth win of the season.

The win over Tulane marked the first time that Memphis had won back-to-back Conference USA road games since entering the league in 1996. It was also just the third road win for a Tommy West team since his arrival as head coach in 2001.

Win the victory, Memphis moved into fourth place in C-USA with four games remaining in the season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Memphis	7	14	14	6	-	41
Tulane	0	0	7	2	-	9

MEM (3:41 re 1st) Avery 2 run (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (14:56 re 2nd) Avery 4 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (:56 re 2nd) Vogel 38 interception return (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (12:06 re 3rd) T.Davis 39 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 MEM (5:33 re 3rd) Williams 3 run (Gostkowski kick)
 TU (1:07 re 3rd) Bush 8 pass from Losman (Pepper kick)
 MEM (13:37 re 4th) Williams 49 run (Haynes kick blocked)
 TU (13:37 re 4th) Foreman PAT return

TEAM STATS	MEMPHIS	TULANE
First Downs	25	18
Rushes-Yds	46-288	45-192
Passes	17-31-0	12-32-2
Passing Yds	178	105
KO Return Yds	69	91
Punts-Avg	5-42.8	8-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yds	7-50	9-77
Time of Poss.	29:45	30:15
Sacks by	3-30	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Williams 21-195-2, Parquet 16-70-0, Wimprine 1-17-0, Avery 2-9-1. TU- Moore 29-159-0, Coleman 4-18-0, Jackson 4-13-0.
Passing: MEM- Wimprine 16-30-0-176-2, Robison 1-1-0-2-0. TU- Losman 12-32-2-105-1.
Receiving: MEM-Williams 4-41-0, Avery 3-40-0, Garcia 3-14-0, T.Davis 2-50-1, White 2-14-0. TU-Bush 3-43-1, Williams 2-32-0, Davis 2-9-0.
Interceptions: MEM-Vogel 1-38-1, Collins 1-6-0. TU-none.
Attendance: 19,357 (Weather 72 degrees, Wind none)

NOTES

◆ Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for a career high 195 yards and scored two touchdowns in the win over Tulane. His 195 yards was the fourth highest total in school history.

◆ DeAngelo Williams totaled 305 yards in all-purpose yardage in the Tulane game. The figure was the second highest single game total in Tiger football history.

◆ Junior cat safety Scott Vogel recorded his second pass interception of the season and returned the ball 38 yards for his first career touchdown. back road games.

East Carolina



Memphis, TN - Six...sixxx...sixxxxx!!! What a nice ring the number has. Six wins by the 2003 Tiger football team, and there are still three games remaining in the regular season. Six wins to match the most victories by a Tiger football team since the 1994 season when Chuck Stobart was the head coach.



**Liberty Bowl Stadium
Memphis, TN
Nov. 1, 2003
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Game**

Having already doubled the total number of wins in 2002, the 2003 edition of the Memphis Tiger squad may be headed for the most improved team in the nation award this season. The U of M is averaging 469.3 yards per game through the first nine contests and 32.4 points per contest.

With Conference USA foe East Carolina University in town, the Tigers were determined to

improve their season record to 6-3 and make the squad bowl eligible for the first time since the 1994 season. The team rode a two-game winning streak into the sunny afternoon contest which was carried on ESPN Regional television back to North Carolina and other parts of the country.

ECU won the opening coin toss and elected to defer to the second half. Taking the ball at their own 20 yard line, Memphis marched right down the field. After three quick pass plays, DeAngelo Williams had runs of 14 and four yards to move past Dave Casinelli, 1,016 in 1963, for the second-highest single-season rushing total in school history. The drive stalled at the ECU 13 and Stephen Gostkowski came in the game and kicked a 30-yard field goal to give the U of M an early 3-0 lead.

However, the lead did not last long as the Pirates' Damarcus Fox returned a kickoff for 94 yards and an ECU touchdown. It was the second kickoff return for a score given up by Memphis this season.

One series of plays later, the Pirates upped their lead over Memphis to 14-3 when tailback Marvin Townes raced 15 yards for a touchdown. The point scoring drive was set up by a long punt return by ECU's Terrance Copper.

Following Nate Steinbacher's kickoff, Danny Wimprine led his unit on an 80-yard drive that culminated in a four-yard touchdown run by Williams. The sophomore gained 29 yards during the series, and in doing so, surpassed former Tiger Gerard Arnold's school record 1,059 yards rushing in 1999.

The Tigers regained the scoring lead in the second quarter

when Wimprine hit sophomore receiver Maurice Avery for 29 yards and a touchdown. Starting at the ECU 49 yard line, Wimprine used passes to Avery and runs by Williams to set up the go-ahead score.

Once again, East Carolina fought back and tied the score with a Cam Broadwell field goal of 34 yards. The drive was highlighted by a 31-yard pass from quarterback Desmond Robinson to Copper.

The half would end with the score knotted at 17-17, and 40,131 Tiger fans on the edge of their seats screaming for yet another U of M victory.

The Pirates got the ball to start the second half, but were unable to move down the field thanks to inspired play by the Tiger defense.

After a punt to the Memphis 22, Wimprine came out firing. First a pass to Darren Garcia for 10 and then a bullet to Ryan Scott for 12. After two runs by Williams, Wimprine found Darron White streaking across the field and hit him for 32 yards and a score. Memphis led 24-17.

Less than four minutes later, East Carolina was forced to punt and after a short kick to the ECU 36 yard line, Wimprine again hooked up with White, this time for 27 yards and another score. Gostkowski added the PAT and the Tigers led 31-17.

The Tiger defense, led by Coot Terry and Will Hyden, harassed the Pirates throughout the second half. The pressure defense led to a fumble that was recovered by Marcus West, and one series later, a fumble that was grabbed by cat safety Scott Vogel.

Four plays later, Gostkowski booted his second field goal of the game and his 14th of the season. The Memphis lead was now 34-17, and it was just about time to start the celebration.

With Williams on the bench, it was time for Derron Parquet to see more action, and the junior transfer from LSU did not disappoint, gaining a majority of his 62 yards in the final stanza.

Wimprine added a final score when he tossed a 51-yard bomb to Avery to up the Memphis lead to 41-17. It was time to clear the bench and allow the younger players a chance to participate.

ECU added a final score when reserve quarterback James Pickney connected with Copper for nine yards and the score.

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams would gain 137 yards rushing on the afternoon, his eighth consecutive 100-yard rushing performance of the season. Williams broke the record for most rushing yards in a single season, most 100-yard rushing performances in a career and lengthened his record for most consecutive 100-yard outings with eight.

Wimprine threw for 268 yards and four touchdowns, and Avery led the squad with four receptions for 98 yards and two scores.

Linebacker Coot Terry logged eight tackles, three quarterback sacks, four tackles for lost yardage, and one forced fumble.

SCORING SUMMARY

East Carolina	14	3	0	7	-	24
Memphis	10	7	17	7	-	41

MEM (11:08 re 1st) Gostkowski 30 FG
ECU (10:54 re 1st) Fox 94 kickoff return (Broadwell kick)
ECU (8:00 re 1st) Townes 15 run (Broadwell kick)
MEM (4:42 re 1st) Williams 4 run (Gostkowski kick)
MEM (8:11 re 2nd) Avery 29 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
ECU (1:22 re 2nd) Broadwell 34 FG
MEM (11:22 re 3rd) White 32 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
MEM (6:17 re 3rd) White 27 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
MEM (1:55 re 3rd) Gostkowski 23 FG
MEM (4:39 re 4th) Avery 51 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
ECU (1:30 re 4th) Copper 9 pass from Pickney (Broadwell kick)

TEAM STATS ECU MEMPHIS

First Downs	15	28
Rushes-Yds	39-55	46-225
Passes	16-32-1	18-33-0
Passing Yds	168	284
KO Return Yds	179	23
Punts-Avg	7-42.7	4-30.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	4-2
Penalties-Yds	9-91	6-80
Time of Poss.	32:15	27:45
Sacks by	0-0	7-62

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Williams 29-137-1, Parquet 9-62-0, White 3-21-0, Cole 1-2-0. ECU-Townes 20-62-1, Tillman 5-19-0.
Passing: MEM-Wimprine 17-31-0-268-4. ECU-Pickney 9-16-0-109-1, Robinson 7-15-0-59-0.
Receiving: MEM-Avery 4-98-2, White 3-69-2, Pratcher 2-23-0, Garcia 2-21-0, Scott 2-17-0. ECU-Hourigan 7-77-0, Copper 6-72-1, Townes 2-8-0.
Interceptions: MEM-Smith 1-0-0. ECU-none.
Attendance: 40,131 (Weather: Sunny, Wind: SSW 10, 78 Degrees)

NOTES

◆ Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams set the school record for rushing yards in a season when he broke a 15-yard run with 1:01 remaining in the first quarter. With that run he surpassed Gerard Arnold's 1,059 yards rushing in 1999. Williams finished the game with 1,140 yards through nine games.

◆ Memphis quarterback Danny Wimprine threw for a 268 yards and four touchdowns against East Carolina. It was the third time in his career that Wimprine had four touchdown passes in a game.

Louisville



Louisville, KY – It came totally unexpected to everyone but the Tiger football team and coaching staff. The Louisville Cardinals were a seven-point favorite and just a week ago, were

ranked 20th in the nation. Memphis had won its last three games, but were given little chance of defeating Louisville at PaPa John's Cardinal Stadium in the shadows of Churchill Downs Race Track in Louisville, Kentucky.

But someone forgot to tell the Tigers that they were not supposed to win against the Cardinals, and when the final horn sounded, Memphis had claimed its first win in Louisville since the 1983 season when Rex Dockery's Tiger team stopped the Cardinals by a score of 45-7 on Thanksgiving weekend.

Memphis entered the Louisville game with a 6-3 record, and having won three-consecutive football games. The Cardinals were 7-2 on the season, but had just dropped a close game to league leader TCU. The U of M had not won seven games in a season since the 1976 campaign when the Tigers were coached by Richard Williamson.

On a cool and cloudy afternoon, 30,114 fans watched as Memphis won the toss and deferred until the second half. Patrick Byrne kicked off to Broderick Clark who returned the ball to the Cardinal 40 yard line. Facing a speedy Tiger defense, Louisville was unable to move the ball and punted to the Tigers' Cole Hoppe.

After the U of M moved to the Cardinal 42 yard line, Brandon Roberson came into the contest to try and pin the U of L deep in its own territory. But once again, the Tiger special teams had a breakdown and Louisville's Tiger Jones raced in and blocked the kick which was recovered at the Memphis 42 yard line.

Tailback Lionel Gates picked up four yards on first down, and quarterback Stefan Lefors fired a 26-yard pass to Joshua Tinch and suddenly the Cardinals had a first down at the UM 12 yard line. Gates was again called on and the reserve back took the handoff and raced around right end for 12 yards and the game's first score. Kicker Nate Smith added the PAT and Louisville led 7-0.

The game seemed as if it would slide out of control and the Tigers failed to move the ball and were forced to punt back to Louisville. Another Cardinal score could put the Tigers in a

deep hole early in the game.

Lefors picked up 13 yards rushing on second down, and two Gates' runs gave the Cardinals another first down. After two incomplete passes by LeFlors, the UL quarterback dropped to pass on third down, but UM safety Wesley Smith tipped the pass and defensive tackle Eric Taylor grabbed the interception and rumbled 52 yards down the sidelines for a score. Stephen Gostkowski added the PAT to tie the game but momentum had swung to the Tiger sideline and the rout was on.

Less than two minutes later, Memphis would get the ball back, and it would take just five plays before DeAngelo Williams would scamper into the end zone for his first score of the day. The touchdown was his 10th rushing score of the season and his 13th overall in 2003. Memphis led 14-7.

Midway through the second period, Memphis would increase its lead to 17-7 when Gostkowski kicked his first of two field goals on the day. The kick came from 22 yards out and was set up by the running of Williams and a key pass reception by wide receiver Chris Kelley.

With just :08 seconds left in the half, Gostkowski kicked his second field goal, this one good from 28 yards. The clock would run out with Memphis leading 20-7 at halftime.

Memphis opened the second half determined to put the game away and gain that all important seventh win of the season. Starting on their own 20 yard line, the Tigers began a march down field that would consume almost six minutes of the clock.

Wimprine would complete a pass to Kelley, and Williams reeled off a run of 12 yards. Then, Tavarious Davis snagged a 16 yard pass from Wimprine, and Maurice Avery added eight yards on an end-around. Kelley caught a 16-yard pass, and the Tigers had the ball first-and-goal at the Louisville one yard line. Wimprine called his own number and the quarterback sneak worked; as the junior bowled his way into the end zone. Memphis led 28-7.

The U of M would get more points from its defense when linebacker Coot Terry sacked Louisville quarterback Lefors in the end zone for a safety. The scoreboard read: Memphis 28, Louisville 7.

A short Cardinal kickoff gave the Tigers the ball back at the Louisville 45 yard line and four plays later, Wimprine tossed a 19-yard touchdown pass to wide out Darron White. White would return the favor when he tossed a throwback pass to Wimprine for a two-point conversion. The quarter ended with the score standing at Memphis 37, Louisville 7.

The Memphis defense took over in the final period, and Louisville was unable to get another score. DeAngelo Williams finished the game with 154 yards rushing, his ninth 100-yard performance of the season. Wimprine connected on 17-of-31 pass attempts for 201 yards and one touchdown and ran for another.

SCORING SUMMARY

Memphis	14	6	17	0	-	37
Louisville	7	0	0	0	-	7

UL (7:37 re 1st) Gates 12 run (Smith kick)
 UM (3:58 re 1st) E.Taylor 52 interception return (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (0:05 re 1st) Williams 17 run (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (6:24 re 2nd) Gostkowski 22 FG
 UM (0:08 re 2nd) Gostkowski 28 FG
 UM (9:40 re 3rd) Wimprine 1 run (Wimprine pass from D.White)
 UM (3:29 re 3rd) Safety (Terry tackles Lefors in end zone)
 UM (1:30 re 3rd) D.White 19 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)

TEAM STATS	MEMPHIS	UL
First Downs	24	12
Rushes-Yds	51-242	27-57
Passes/Int	13-31-0	17-29-1
Passing Yds	201	159
KO Return Yds	0	148
Punts-Avg	6-30.7	7-38.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yds	5-35	6-56
Time of Poss.	37:28	22:32
Sacks by	3-26	0-0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Williams 27-154-1, Parquet 7-34-0, Cole 8-25-0, Wimprine 4-21-1. UL-Gates 14-48-0, Bush 3-11-0, Lefors 8-4-0, Smith 1-1-0.

Passing: MEM-Wimprine 17-29-0-201-1. UL-Lefors 13-31-1-159-0.

Receiving: MEM-Avery 1-55-0, White 3-55-1, Kelley 3-29-0, Williams 3-25-0, Douglas 2-8-0, Doucette 2-5-0, T.Davis 1,16-0, Pratcher 1-11-0. UL-Russell 4-36-0, Tinch 3-69-0, Gates 2-18-0.

Interceptions: UM-E.Taylor 1-52-1. UL-none.

Attendance: 30,114 (Weather: Cloudy and misty, Wind: SSW-12, 47 Degrees)

NOTES

◆ Quarterback Danny Wimprine completed 17-of-29 pass attempts for 201 yards and one touchdown. He also ran for one score and caught a two-point conversion.

◆ Defensive end Eric Taylor registered his first career pass interception and returned it 52 yards for his first career touchdown. He became the first defensive lineman to return an interception for a touchdown since Chris Hobbs had a 90-yard return for a score against Tennessee in 1991. Taylor's interception marked the third-consecutive road game that Memphis has had an interception returned for a touchdown.

Cincinnati



Memphis, TN - Throughout the week, head coach Tommy West told his team over and over again that they would have to give a great effort, play with intensity every down, if the

team was going to have a chance to gain its eighth win of the season. West must have had a crystal ball because his warnings about the Cincinnati Bearcats and their 19th-ranked defense came true, and the U of M had to battle late into the final period to come away with a 21-16 win.

The victory was sweet revenge for last year's 48-10 thrashing at the hands of Cincinnati, but the game became very costly for Memphis as several key players were injured, including All-American tailback DeAngelo Williams.

The nation's number four ranked rusher was having one of his best rushing performances of the season when he was felled by a knee injury in the third quarter. Team physicians x-rayed Williams at the stadium and determined that the record-setting back had suffered a torn MCL and would miss from two to four weeks of play. Derron Parquet replaced Williams, but he sustained an ankle sprain and missed a series before returning to the field with a heavy tape job on his left ankle. Offensive tackle Jeremy Rone also injured an ankle, but is not expected to miss playing time.

Memphis's eighth win marked the first time a Tiger football team had won eight games since the 1973 season when Fred Pancoast served as head coach.

After winning the toss and deferring until the second half, Memphis kicked off to the Bearcats and their junior signal-caller Gino Guidugli. Patrick Byrne's kickoff sailed deep into the end zone and UC started at the 20 yard line. With tailback Richard Hall gaining yardage on the ground, the Bearcats moved to the Memphis 31 before being forced to punt into a strong win. The ball sailed out of bounds at the UM 22 and Danny Wimprine led his offense onto the field.

It would not take long for the Tigers to light up the scoreboard. On first down, Wimprine hit Darron White for 13 yards and a first down. On the team's second play of the game, White took the ball from Williams on a reverse and instead of running down the right sideline, White stopped and threw a perfect pass to junior receiver Chris Kelley streaking down field, and 65 yards later, Kelley raced into the end zone. Stephen

Gostkowski kicked the PAT and Memphis led 7-0.

The Memphis defense was determined to hold Cincinnati, but a Memphis turnover led to a Bearcat's game-tying score. Memphis was moving the ball into Cincinnati territory when Zach Norton intercepted Wimprine's pass and returned it 42 yards to the Memphis 27 yard line. Two plays later, Guidugli found Hannibal Thomas racing down the middle of the field and hit him with a perfect pass for the game-tying score. The first quarter would end with the score knotted at 7-7.

The second period turned into a defensive effort. Memphis drove to the UC 29, but Gostkowski would miss the field goal attempt into the wind. Two series later, Memphis drove to the Cincinnati 19, but again Gostkowski failed to convert the field goal when the Bearcat's Andre Frazier blocked the kick, and Tyjuan Hagler caught the ball in midair and ran 76 yards for a score. The PAT attempt by Chris Manfredini hit the upright and the half ended 13-7 in favor of the visitors.

The second did not start well for Memphis as Wimprine was intercepted on the first play of the half, his second interception of the game.

Cincinnati again used the Tigers' charity to gain points. Guidugli drove the team to the Memphis 24 yard line and from there, with assistance from the wind, Manfredini booted a 41-yard field goal to give the visitors a 16-7 lead with 11:43 left in the third quarter.

But the Tigers were ready to answer and the answer was Williams. The All-American pounded out 46 yards on Memphis's ensuing drive, including a two yard run to the Bearcat one yard line. It was on that final play that Williams suffered a torn MCL in his left knee and would be helped to the sideline. Wimprine would sneak the ball in from the one, and the UC lead was cut to 16-14 as the third period ended.

The final quarter was a battle. Both teams exchanged two punts to open the fourth and with 7:22 left in the game, Guidugli dropped back to pass on third-and-19 from the Cincinnati eight yard line. The ball seemed to get caught in the wind and sailed to midfield where Tiger free safety Wesley Smith made a leaping interception and raced down the sideline before being tackled at the UC nine yard line. It took just four plays for receiver Darron White to blast in from three yards out. Gostkowski kicked the PAT and the Tigers had the lead 21-16.

The Memphis defense took over and held the Bearcats on downs. The clock ran out and the U of M had its eighth victory of 2003.

SCORING SUMMARY

Cincinnati	7	6	3	0	16
Memphis	7	0	7	7	21

UM (11:00 re 1st) C. Kelley 65 pass from D. White (Gostkowski kick)
 UC (5:20 re 1st) Thomas 28 pass from Guidugli (Manfredini kick)
 UC (5:22 re 2nd) Hagler 76 blocked FG return (kick failed)
 UC (11:43 re 3rd) Manfredini 41 FG
 UM (6:57 re 3rd) Wimprine 1 run (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (5:57 re 4th) D. White 3 run (Gostkowski kick)

TEAM STATS	UC	MEMPHIS
First Downs	15	18
Rushes-Yds	34-29	45-167
Passing Yds	272	145
KO Return Yds	1-11	4-101
Passes	18-39-1	9-28-3
Punts-Avg	7-32.3	5-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds	7-70	4-30
Time of Poss.	30:28	29:32
Sacks by	1-7	3-19

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Williams 23-136-0, Parquet 12-31-0, White 3-3-1, Wimprine 7-(-3)-1. UC- Arnold 17-32-0, Hall 5-26-0, Vann 2-8-0.

Passing: MEM-Wimprine 8-26-3-80-0, D. White 1-1-65-0-1. UC-Guidugli 18-39-1-272-1.

Receiving: MEM-Pratcher 2-18-0, D. White 1-13-0, Chris Kelley 1-65-1, Parquet 1-36-0, T. Davis 1-8-0, Cole 1-8-0, Garcia 1-2-0. UC-Thomas 10-173-1, Dawley 3-34-0, Lewis 3-31-0, Vann 1-18-0, Arnold 1-16-0.

Interceptions: MEM-Smith 1-36-0. UC-Holly 2-6-0, Norton 1-42-0.

Attendance: 42,884 (weather- temp 73 degrees, wind SSW 16, partly cloudy)

NOTES

◆ Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 136 yards on 23 carries, but suffered a torn MCL in the third quarter. It was Williams' 10th consecutive 100-yard performance of the season.

◆ Sophomore free safety Wesley Smith had his third pass interception of the season and returned the ball 36 yards to set up the team's winning touchdown. Smith also contributed eight tackles, one tackle for lost yardage and a career-high five pass breakups.

◆ Receiver Darron White had an exceptional day for the Tigers. White caught just one pass for 13 yards but, threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Chris Kelley.

Memphis, TN - The opportunities were there. It's just that on occasion, the favored team does not take advantage of its chances and instead, gives the underdog the victory.

In a nutshell, that's exactly what happen to the Memphis Tigers in their season finale against the Bulls of USF.

Conditions were exactly right for the Tigers to win their ninth game of the season and march into bowl month with a six-game winning streak. The crowd of 47,875 was there to help Memphis set a new average attendance for the year, and the weather was cool and clear. But it was not to be.

Memphis, favored by 10 points entering the contest,

gave the Bulls seven turnovers which led to most of the USF scores and the final outcome, a 21-16 Bulls win.

Memphis quarterback Danny Wimprine threw four pass interceptions on the afternoon, and Tiger tailbacks Derron Parquet and LaKendus Cole had three fumbles to spoil any Tiger chance for the victory.

Playing without injured running back DeAngelo Williams, leading receiver Maurice Avery and starting offensive guard Andrew Handy, the Tigers took the opening kickoff and marched toward the USF end zone.

Parquet picked up 18 yards on his second carry of the game, and Wimprine fired an 18-yard pass to senior wideout Darren Garcia. Cole picked up four yards, and Parquet added three more before the drive stalled at the USF 29 yard line. Memphis kicker Stephen Gostkowski was called on to boot a 46-yard field goal, but as in the Cincinnati game, his kick into the wind sailed wide right and Memphis came away without any points on the board.

The Tiger defense, a point of pride since mid-season, came on the field and immediately held USF and forced a punt. The U of M had the ball back at its own 36 yard line.

Again Wimprine would drive the team down the field. He completed passes to LaDarius Price for 10 and five yards and to Garcia for 15 yards before handing off to Parquet for runs of two and 12 yards. After a Darron White run to the USF 12 yard line, Cole came into the came for Parquet but fumbled the ball inside the Bulls red zone. USF's Stephan Nicholas recovered and another Memphis penetration deep into Bull's territory was halted without a point scored.

Again, the defense did it's job, and in just three plays, the Tigers had the ball back. From their own 48 yard line, Memphis used two runs by Parquet to set up a 36-yard pass to a wide open White, who raced into the end zone untouched for the score and a 7-0 Tiger lead.

The ensuing series really set the stage for the day and the frustrations Memphis would face.

The Tigers had a chance to take over the game when on second down, Bulls' quarterback Pat Julmiste fumbled the ball and it appeared that the Tigers' LaVale Washington had recovered. But on the bottom of the pile, USF's right guard Chris Carothers wrestled the ball away and gave new life to his offense. Three plays later, USF was forced to punt but UM linebacker Tim Goodwell was called for roughing the kicker. The series finally ended when Santiago Gramatica missed a field goal from 36 yards out but field position had changed.

The first half ended with Memphis leading 7-0 but that lead would be short lived as the second stanza began. The Tigers had had every opportunity to put the game away in the first half.

As has happened before in 2003, a special teams play would turn the momentum of the game in favor of the visitors.

USF's kick returner J.R. Reed took the opening kickoff of the second half, turned to the right side of the field, and 96 yards later was in the Memphis end zone.

The Tigers answered the USF score with one of their own, a 45-yard field goal by Gostkowski, and the U of M had the lead back 10-7.

When the defense held the Bulls to three-and-out, the U of M regained the ball at midfield but on first down, Parquet was stripped of the ball and USF's Reed would recover in midair and race 45 yards for the score. The replay showed that the Tiger tailback was indeed down, flat on his back at the time of the fumble. But officials ruled a fumble and the score stood, USF 14, Memphis 10.

As the third period was winding to a close, Wimprine was facing a first-and- 10 at the Memphis 20 when he fired a pass that was picked off by the Bulls' Reed, who returned the ball to the UM 14 yard line. Six plays later, DeJuan Green scampered four yards to the end zone and a 21-10 South Florida lead.

Late in the final quarter, the U of M mounted a drive from the USF 45 yard line. Wimprine completed passes to Chris Kelley for one and 16 yards and to freshman Ryan Scott for six and six yards, before hooking up again with Scott on a nine-yard scoring play. It was too little, too late as the final score read: USF 21, Memphis 16.

Wimprine, who threw for 271 yards and two touchdowns, would throw four pass interceptions on the afternoon and the Tigers would lose three fumbles for a team-high seven turnovers.

Parquet would finish the day with 164 yards rushing, and Scott would catch a career-high five passes for 34 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

USF	0	0	14	7	21
Memphis	7	0	3	6	16

UM (3:58 re 1st) White 36 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 USF (14:45 re 3rd) Reed 96 kickoff return (Gramatica kick)
 UM (10:07 re 3rd) Gostkowski 45 FG
 USF (8:13 re 3rd) Reed 45 fumble return (Gramatica kick)
 USF (14:55 re 4th) Green 4 run (Gramatica kick)
 UM (4:27 re 4th) Scott 9 pass from Wimprine (two point pass attempt failed)

TEAM STATS	USF	MEMPHIS
First Downs	8	23
Rushes-Yds	47-25	38-187
Passing Yds	167	271
KO Return Yds	1-96	4-52
Passes	8-17-0	25-51-4
Punts-Avg	10-34.9	3-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-3
Penalties-Yds	7-65	4-30
Time of Poss.	29:20	30:40
Sacks by	1-6	4-28

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Parquet 26-164-0, Cole 5-17-0, White 5-11-0, Wimprine 2-(-5)-0. USF- Green 20-43-1, Crossley 10-20-0, Brewer 6-9-0.

Passing: MEM-Wimprine 25-51-4-271-2. USF-Julmiste 8-17-0-167-0.

Receiving: MEM-D.White 1-36-1, Scott 5-34-1, T.Davis 4-72-0, Garcia 4-50-0, Price 4-33-0, Doucette 2-3-0, Kelley 3-22-0. USF-Hicks 2-52-0, Whittaker 2-23-0, Iskra 1-58-0, Bain 1-14-0, Green 1-13-0.

Interceptions: MEM-none. USF-Reed 3-15-0, Jones 1-21-0.

Attendance: 47,875 (weather- temp 46 degrees, wind N 9, mostly sunny)

NOTES

◆ Freshman wide receiver Ryan Scott caught his first collegiate touchdown pass on an nine-yard toss from Danny Wimprine. The Jackson, TN, native also had five receptions for the game, marking his career high.

◆ Junior tailback Derron Parquet, playing in place of the injured DeAngelo Williams, rushed for a career-high 164 yards on 26 attempts.

◆ Junior wide receiver Darron White caught his fifth touchdown pass of the season. He also has four rushing touchdowns this season.

North Texas



New Orleans, LA - The nation's longest bowl drought, 32 years, has ended and it ended in a big way for the University of Memphis Tigers.

Memphis, which had not participated in a bowl game since the 1971 season, received a bid to the 2003 New Orleans Bowl to face Sun Belt Conference champion North Texas after closing out a stellar 8-4 season.

The city of Memphis was electrified. Excitement abounded and Tiger faithful began buying tickets and preparing for the trip to the "Big Easy".

Playing in the first bowl game of the 2003 postseason and before a national television audience on ESPN, the Tigers would be challenged to stop the nation's top running back in Patrick

Cobbs of UNT. And the team would have to succeed without the services of its top tailback, DeAngelo Williams.

Following three days of fun and practice, game day finally arrived on December 16th.

Memphis won the coin toss and deferred until the second half, giving the Mean Green the ball.

UNT gave the ball to Cobbs six times on the opening drive, but were forced to call on kicker Nick Bazaldua when the drive stalled at the Tiger 30 yard line. Bazaldua booted a 47-yard field goal and the Mean Green led 3-0.

But this night would belong to the bowl hungry Tigers and the North Texas lead would be short lived.

After UM receiver Chris Kelley returned the kickoff to the Memphis 34 yard line, junior quarterback and New Orleans native Danny Wimprine took over.

When rushes by Darron White and Derron Parquet failed to gain yardage, Wimprine went up top and connected with wide out Darren Garcia for 63 yards to the UNT six yard line. Three plays later, Wimprine kept the ball and raced seven yards into the end zone for the go-ahead score.

The Tiger defense, having had a taste of the North Texas offense, returned to the field determined that to shut down the Mean Green. Three plays later, punter Brad Kadlubar kicked the ball back to the Tigers.

But possible disaster struck as tailback Parquet was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury. Memphis would be forced to put the ball in the hands of walk-on back LaKendus Cole to win the game.

Midway through the second quarter, North Texas was forced to punt and the Memphis offense got the ball at the UM 24. Powered by the running of Cole and the passing of Wimprine, the Tigers drove the ball to the UNT 10 yard line before Wimprine found Kelley in the end zone for the team's second score of the game. Stephen Gostkowski added the extra point and the Tiger lead was 14-3.

Lightning would soon strike again. On the ensuing kickoff, Memphis's Shaka Hill would strip the ball from returner Kevin Moore and Cato Mott would recover at the UNT eight yard line. After three plays, Gostkowski was called on and connected on a 21 yard field goal.

The Tigers went to the locker room with a 17-3 halftime lead.

The third stanza of the 2003 New Orleans Bowl became a defensive battle, and both teams were unable to move the ball until the two-minute mark.

The Mean Green, starting near midfield, marched 58 yards in six plays with Cobbs going the final 35 yards for their first touchdown of the night. Suddenly the score read Memphis 17, North Texas 10 as the third quarter ended.

But the Tigers were on a mission and this game would not be lost in the final period.

With 12:28 left in the contest, Memphis regained the ball at their own 38 yard line.

Wimprine, the Tigers' record setting signal-caller, hit receiver Darron White for 20 yards and fullback Robert Douglas gained three on his first carry of the game. After a face mask penalty against UNT, Cole had gains of two yards and 14 yards to the Mean Green five yard line. On second and goal, the sophomore from Houston High in Memphis, burst up the middle for the touchdown and a 24-10 lead. It was Cole's first collegiate touchdown and gave Memphis an insurmountable lead.

North Texas fought hard and with 2:26 left in the game scored again on a Cobbs' run of two yards.

But the Tigers were undaunted and immediately pushed the Mean Green down field for yet another score. This one would ice the victory that had been so long awaited.

With Cole gaining yards on the ground and Wimprine connecting with receivers Mario Pratcher and John Doucette, Memphis moved within field goal range and Gostkowski brought on the celebration with a 42 yard-kick.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the players gave head coach Tommy West the traditional cooler bath and then carried their coach onto the field on their shoulders.

New Orleans Bowl director Ron Maestri presented the Tigers the championship trophy at midfield and Memphis quarterback Danny Wimprine was named the game's MVP.

Wimprine finished the game completing 17-of-23 pass attempts for 254 yards and one touchdown and ran for another.

LaKendus Cole was presented the game ball by head coach Tommy West after rushing for 62 yards and one score in a reserve role.

Memphis would complete the 2003 season with a record of 9-4, marking the best finish by a Tiger team since the 1963 season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Memphis	7	10	0	10	27
North Texas	3	0	7	7	17

NT (9:44 re 1st) Bazaldua 47 FG
 UM (6:57 re 1st) Wimprine 7 run (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (4:58 re 2nd) Kelley 10 pass from Wimprine (Gostkowski kick)
 UM (3:39 re 2nd) Gostkowski 21 FG
 NT (00:13 re 3rd) Cobbs 35 run (Bazaldua kick)
 UM (9:08 re 4th) Cole 5 run (Gostkowski kick)
 NT (7:13 re 4th) Cobbs 2 run (Bazaldua kick)
 UM (2:26 re 4th) Gostkowski 42 FG

TEAM STATS	MEMPHIS	NT
First Downs	15	11
Rushes-Yds	45-88	33-122
Passing Yds	254	152
KO Return Yds	4-69	4-61
Passes	17-24-0	9-21-0
Punts-Avg	6-38.7	8-37.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds	9-57	6-61
Time of Poss.	34:08	25:52
Sacks by	3-13	1-1

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing: MEM-Cole 27-62-1, Parquet 3-9-0, White 4-8-0, Wimprine 6-17-1, Avery 2-3-0, Douglas 1-3-0. NT-Cobbs 23-110-2, Branch 2-10-0, Hall 8-2-0.

Passing: MEM-Wimprine 17-23-0-254-1. NT-Hall 9-21-0-152-0.

Receiving: MEM-D.White 3-34-0, Scott 1-8-0, Garcia 2-109-0, Pratcher 2-62-0, Avery 3-14-0, Doucette 2-14-0, Kelley 1-10-1, Cole 3-3-0. NT-Quinn 4-56-0, Branch 3-50-0, Blount 2-46-0.

Interceptions: MEM-none. NT-none.

Attendance: 25,184 (weather- temp 72 degrees indoor, wind -none)

NOTES

◆ Junior wide receiver Chris Kelley caught his second collegiate touchdown pass on an 10-yard toss from Danny Wimprine.

◆ Sophomore walk-on tailback LaKendus Cole, playing in place of the injured DeAngelo Williams and Derron Parquet, rushed for a career-high 62 yards on 23 attempts and scored his first collegiate touchdown.

◆ Wide receiver Darren Garcia caught two passes in the New Orleans Bowl, but both were recording setting. Garcia hauled in a 63-yard pass from Danny Wimprine and later grabbed a 46-yard pass.

2003 Final Statistics



Overall Record: 9-4; C-USA Record: 5-3 (T3rd);
Home: 5-2; Away: 3-2; Neutral: 1-0

2003 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score	Attendance
8/30	Tennessee Tech	W, 40-10	26,101
9/6	Ole Miss	W, 44-34	51,914
9/13	at Southern Miss *	L, 6-23	29,233
9/27	Arkansas State	W, 38-16	38,093
10/4	UAB *	L, 10-24	37,354
10/11	at Mississippi State	L, 27-35	45,329
10/18	at Houston *	W, 45-14	22,623
10/25	at Tulane *	W, 41-9	19,357
11/1	East Carolina *	W, 41-24	40,131
11/15	at Louisville *	W, 37-7	30,114
11/22	Cincinnati *	W, 21-16	42,884
11/29	USF *	L, 16-21	47,875
12/16	North Texas #	W, 27-17	25,184
* Conference USA games			
# New Orleans Bowl			
Overall Attendance: 431,008 (33,154)			
Home: 284,352 (40,622) Away: 146,656 (29,331)			

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total	Game
U of M	104	87	116	86	393	30.2
OPP	61	60	71	58	250	19.2

TEAM STATISTICS

	U of M	OPP
First Downs	285	193
Rushing/Passing	117/142	83/97
Penalty	26	13
Total Net Yards	5779	3845
Total Plays	1000	879
Plays per Game	76.9	67.6
Avg per Play	5.8	4.4
Avg per Game	444.5	295.8
Net Rushing Yards	2360	1435
Rushing Yds Gained	2639	1865
Rushing Yds Lost	279	430
Total Attempts	530	485
Avg per Play	4.5	3.0
Avg per Game	181.5	110.4
Net Passing Yards	3419	2410
Att/Comp/Int	470/260/13	394/187/11
Avg per Att	7.3	6.1
Avg per Comp	13.1	12.9
Avg per Game	263.0	185.4
Punts/Avg/Bk	67/38.7/2	98/39.7/1
Avg Punts per Game	5.1	7.5
Punt Ret/Yds/Avg	29/225/7.8	38/370/9.7
Net Punting	33.2	37.4
Kickoff Ret/Yds/Avg	31/578/18.6	52/1302/25.0
Returns Per Game	2.3	3.9
Interceptions/Yds	11/172	13/141
Avg Yds Per Ret	15.6	10.8
Fumbles/Lost	23/15	24/13
Penalties/Yds	80/643	100/878
Yds Penalized/Game	49.5	67.5
3rd Dwn Cnv/Att/Pct	84/209/40.0	57/199/29.0
Time of Possession	30:15	29:45
2 PT Safety	1	0

RUSHING

	G	ATT	YDG	YDL	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
DeAngelo Williams	11	243	1487	57	1430	5.9	10	49
Derron Parquet	10	95	501	14	487	5.1	0	31
LaKendus Cole	10	70	237	11	226	3.2	1	28
Darron White	13	30	148	20	128	4.3	4	40
Maurice Avery	11	24	112	14	98	4.1	3	33
LaDarius Price	10	9	43	0	43	4.8	0	11
Darren Garcia	11	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
Robert Douglas	13	2	3	1	2	1.0	0	3
Danny Wimprine	13	40	104	107	-3	-0.1	4	17
Chris Kelley	13	2	0	7	-7	-3.5	0	0
Bobby Robison	5	4	2	9	-7	-1.8	0	2
Brandon Roberson	13	2	0	14	-14	-7.0	0	0
Team	13	8	0	25	-25	-3.1	0	0
MEM	13	530	2639	279	2360	4.5	22	49
OPP	13	485	1865	430	1435	3.0	12	43

PASSING

	G	ATT	COM	INT	YDS	PCT	TD	LG
Danny Wimprine	13	440	246	13	3174	55.9	22	92
Bobby Robison	5	21	11	0	130	52.4	0	28
Darron White	13	3	2	0	81	.667	1	65
Brandon Roberson	13	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Maurice Avery	11	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Chris Kelley	13	1	1	0	34	1.000	0	34
MEM	13	470	260	13	3419	55.3	23	92
OPP	13	394	187	11	2410	47.5	14	65

RECEIVING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
Maurice Avery	11	49	742	15.1	8	55	67.5
Darron White	13	37	525	14.2	5	36	40.4
DeAngelo Williams	11	35	384	11.0	3	80	34.9
Tavarious Davis	12	27	407	15.1	3	92	33.9
Darren Garcia	13	26	387	14.9	0	63	35.2
LaDarius Price	12	21	202	9.6	0	47	20.2
John Doucette	13	17	194	11.4	0	53	17.6
Ryan Scott	13	15	119	7.9	1	12	13.2
Chris Kelley	13	11	154	14.0	2	65	15.4
Mario Pratcher	9	10	165	16.5	1	50	23.6
LaKendus Cole	10	4	11	2.8	0	8	1.1
Derron Parquet	10	3	57	19.0	0	36	5.7
Danny Wimprine	13	2	50	25.0	0	34	3.8
Robert Douglas	13	2	8	4.0	0	7	1.1
Issac Daniel	13	1	14	14.0	0	14	1.1
MEM	13	260	3419	13.1	23	92	263.0
OPP	13	187	2410	12.9	14	65	185.4

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	BK	IN20
Brandon Roberson	13	50	1975	39.5	54	0	7
Danny Wimprine	13	14	551	39.4	55	0	5
Maurice Avery	11	1	44	44.0	61	0	1
Team	13	2	22	11.0	0	2	0
MEM	13	67	2592	38.7	55	2	13
OPP	13	98	3894	39.7	64	1	22

PUNT RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
Cole Hoppe	13	27	211	7.8	0	16
Chris Kelley	13	1	0	0.0	0	0
Sam Brewer	12	1	14	14.0	0	14
MEM	13	29	225	7.8	0	16
OPP	13	38	370	9.7	1	87

FIELD GOALS

	G	10-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOT	LG	BLK
Stephen Gostkowski	13	12-12	4-8	3-8	0-1	19-29	45	1
MEM	13	12-12	4-8	3-8	0-1	19-29	45	1
OPP	13	3-4	3-4	3-5	0-0	9-13	47	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	G	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG
DeAngelo Williams	13	13	299	23.0	0	46
Chris Kelley	13	12	225	18.8	0	26
Derrick Ballard	13	3	41	13.7	0	25
Michael Spurlock	11	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tim Goodwell	13	1	0	0.0	0	0
John Doucette	13	1	13	13.0	0	13
MEM	13	31	578	18.6	0	46
OPP	13	52	1302	25.0	3	100

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	PLYS	RUSH	PASS	TOT	AVG
Danny Wimprine	13	480	-3	3174	3171	243.9
DeAngelo Williams	11	243	1430	0	1430	130.0
Derron Parquet	10	95	487	0	487	48.7
LaKendus Cole	10	70	226	0	226	22.6
Darron White	13	33	128	81	209	16.1
Bobby Robison	5	25	-7	130	123	24.6
Maurice Avery	11	25	98	0	98	8.9
LaDarius Price	10	9	43	0	43	4.3
Chris Kelley	13	3	-7	34	27	2.7
Robert Douglas	13	7	2	0	2	0.3
Darren Garcia	13	1	2	0	2	0.2
team	13	10	-25	0	-25	-2.8
MEM	12	842	1390	2868	4258	354.8
OPP	12	874	2365	1989	4354	362.8

INTERCEPTIONS

	G	POS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Wesley Smith	13	DB	3	40	0	36
Scott Vogel	13	DB	2	38	1	38
Eric Taylor	13	DT	1	52	1	52
Will Hyden	13	ILB	1	36	1	36
O.C. Collins	12	DB	1	6	0	6
Coot Terry	13	OLB	1	0	0	0
Greg Harper	13	OLB	1	0	0	0
Derrick Ballard	13	DB	1	0	0	0
MEM	13		11	172	3	52
OPP	13		13	141	0	42

SCORING

	G	TDS	EXP	2XP	FG	SAF	TP
Stephen Gostkowski	13	0	44-44	0	19-29	0	101
DeAngelo Williams	11	13	0-0	0	0-0	0	78
Maurice Avery	11	11	0-0	0	0-0	0	66
Darron White	13	9	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	54
Danny Wimprine	13	4	0-0	1-1	0-0	0	26
Tavarious Davis	13	3	0-0	0	0-0	0	18

	G	TDS	EXP	2XP	FG	SAF	TP
Chris Kelley	13	2	0-0	0	0-0	0	12
LaKendus Cole	13	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Mario Pratcher	9	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Eric Taylor	13	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Ryan Scott	13	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Will Hyden	13	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
Scott Vogel	13	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	6
team	13	0	0-0	0	0-0	1	2
Danny Haynes	1	0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Ivey	13	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	0
MEM	12	40	32-37	2-3	9-14	0	303
OPP	12	42	35-39	1-1	12-20	1	327

ALL-PURPOSE

	RUN	REC	PR	KOR	OTH	YPG	TOT
DeAngelo Williams	1430	384	0	299	0	192.1	2113
Maurice Avery	98	742	0	0	0	76.4	840
Darron White	128	525	0	0	0	50.2	653
Derron Parquet	487	57	0	0	0	54.4	544
Tavarious Davis	0	407	0	0	0	33.9	407
Darren Garcia	2	387	0	0	0	35.4	389
Chris Kelley	-7	154	0	225	0	37.2	372
LaDarius Price	43	202	0	0	0	24.5	245
LaKendus Cole	226	11	0	0	0	23.7	237
Cole Hoppe	0	0	211	0	0	16.2	211
John Doucette	0	194	0	13	0	18.8	207
Mario Pratcher	0	165	0	0	0	23.6	165
Ryan Scott	0	119	0	0	0	13.2	119
Eric Taylor	0	0	0	0	52	4.0	52
Danny Wimprine	-3	50	0	0	0	3.6	47
Derrick Ballard	0	0	0	41	0	3.2	41
Wesley Smith	0	0	0	0	40	3.1	40
Scott Vogel	0	0	0	0	38	2.9	38
Will Hyden	0	0	0	0	36	2.8	36
Issac Daniel	0	14	0	0	0	1.4	14
MEM	2360	3419	225	578	172	519.5	6754
OPP	1435	2410	370	1302	141	435.2	5658

DEFENSE

	G	UT	A	TOT	TFL	SACK	FR	PB
Will Hyden	13	66	35	101	5-17	2-12	0-0	4
Wesley Smith	13	51	47	98	4-31	1-20	0-0	8
Greg Harper	13	64	33	97	10-54	5-38	0-0	2
Coot Terry	13	74	22	96	11-71	7-44	1-0	2
Derrick Ballard	13	71	20	91	7-30	2-11	2-0	8
Eric Taylor	13	47	35	82	10-62	4-42	2-0	8
Scott Vogel	13	46	23	69	2-9	1-6	2-3	11
Albert Means	13	27	24	51	2-15	2-15	0-0	2
Treveco Lucas	10	31	18	49	10-41	4-27	2-0	0
Cameron Essex	13	28	14	42	1-1	0-0	0-0	5
Tim Goodwell	13	28	9	37	2-4	0-0	0-0	1
O.C. Collins	13	23	13	36	1-1	0-0	0-0	5
LaVale Washington	12	11	18	29	4-9	2-4	0-0	2
David McNair	13	14	8	22	3-23	3-23	0-0	3
Sam Brewer	8	11	7	18	0-0	0-0	1-0	0
Tristan Thomas	13	11	3	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	1
Shaka Hill	9	7	6	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Lionel Pieh	13	6	5	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Lee Hayes	5	6	5	11	0-0	0-0	1-0	1
Marcus West	13	7	2	9	2-4	0-0	1-0	1
Kenyun Glover	8	1	7	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Robert Douglas	13	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Quinton McCrary	13	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Jamaal Rufus	13	5	2	7	1-13	0-0	0-0	0
Cato Mott	13	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	1-0	0
Javar Pollard	10	6	0	6	1-7	0-0	0-0	0
Rusty Clayton	13	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Mike Snyder	10	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Derek Clenin	13	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Sheldon Taylor	5	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
Olen Whitely	9	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
TOTAL	13	683	379	1062	75-376	35-256	13-3	64
OPP	13	634	299	933	85-274	12-74	15-84	59

2003 Superlatives



INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	29, DeAngelo Williams vs East Carolina
Yards Rushing	195, DeAngelo Williams vs Tulane
TD Rushes	2, DeAngelo Williams vs 3 times
	2, Darron White vs Miss State; Maurice Avery vs Tenn. Tech
Long Rush	49, DeAngelo Williams vs Tulane
Pass Attempts	60, Danny Wimprine vs Miss State
Pass Completions	32, Danny Wimprine vs UAB & Miss State
Yards Passing	398, Danny Wimprine vs Miss State
TD Passes	4, Danny Wimprine vs East Carolina
Long Pass	92, Danny Wimprine vs Ole Miss
Receptions	13, Maurice Avery vs UAB
Yards Receiving	135, DeAngelo Williams vs Tenn. Tech
TD Receptions	2, Maurice Avery vs Houston & East Carolina
	2, Darron White vs East Carolina & DeAngelo Williams vs Tenn. Tech
Long Receptions	92, Tavarious Davis vs Ole Miss
Field Goals	3, Stephen Gostkowski vs Ole Miss
Long Field Goal	45, Stephen Gostkowski vs USF
Punts	9, Brandon Roberson vs Southern Miss
Punting Average	49.5, Brandon Roberson vs Tenn. Tech
Long Punt	55, Danny Wimprine vs Cincinnati
Long Punt Return	16, Cole Hoppe vs Houston
Long Kickoff Return	46, DeAngelo Williams vs Cincinnati
Tackles	14, Will Hyden vs East Carolina
Sacks	3, Coot Terry vs East Carolina

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	29, Mewelde Moore (Tulane)
Yards Rushing	159, Mewelde Moore (Tulane)
TD Rushes	2, Nick Turner (Miss State) & Patrick Cobbs (UNT)
Long Rush	43, Jason Ballard (Tenn. Tech)
Pass Attempts	48, Eli Manning (Ole Miss)
Pass Completions	26, Eli Manning (Ole Miss)
Yards Passing	292, Eli Manning (Ole Miss)
TD Passes	4, Eli Manning (Ole Miss)
Long Pass	65, Robert Craft (Tenn. Tech)
Receptions	10, Hannibal Thomas (Cincinnati)
Yards Receiving	173, Hannibal Thomas (Cincinnati)
TD Receptions	2, Aaron Lumpkin (Miss State)
Long Reception	65, Derek Lee (Tenn. Tech)
Field Goals	2, Jonathan Nichols (Ole Miss)
Long Field Goal	47, Nick Bazaldua (North Texas)
Punts	9, Brandon Baker (USF)
Punting Average	47.9, Robert Wallis (Miss State)
Long Punt	64, Cody Ridgeway (Ole Miss)
Long Punt Return	87, Marvin Young (Southern Miss)
Long Kickoff Return	100, Fred Reid (Miss State)
Tackles	15, Michael Boley (Southern Miss)
Sacks	3, Jason McElveen (UAB)
Interceptions	3, J.R. Reed (USF)

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	51 vs Louisville
Yards Rushing	288 vs Tulane
TD Rushes	3 vs Tenn. Tech, Arkansas State & Tulane
Pass Attempts	61 vs Miss State
Pass Completions	32 vs UAB & Miss State
Yards Passing	398 vs Miss State
Yards Per Pass	11.4 vs Ole Miss
TD Passes	4 vs East Carolina
Total Plays	89 vs Miss State & USF
Total Offense	568 vs Miss State
Yards Per Play	7.2 vs Ole Miss
Points	45 vs Houston
Sacks By	7 vs East Carolina
First Downs	29 vs Miss State
Penalties	11 vs Arkansas State
Penalty Yards	95 vs UAB
Turnovers	7 vs USF
Interceptions By	2 vs Ole Miss & Tulane

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	49, Southern Miss
Yards Rushing	205, Southern Miss
TD Rushes	2, Southern Miss, Arkansas State, Miss State & UNT
Pass Attempts	48, Ole Miss
Pass Completions	26, Ole Miss
Yards Passing	292, Ole Miss
Yards Per Pass	9.8, USF
TD Passes	4, Ole Miss
Total Plays	78, Ole Miss
Total Offense	408, Ole Miss
Yards Per Play	5.8, Tenn. Tech
Points	35, Miss State
Sacks By	5, UAB
First Downs	22, Ole Miss
Penalties	13, Miss State
Penalty Yards	132, Miss State
Turnovers	3, Ole Miss, Southern Miss, Arkansas State & East Carolina
Interceptions By	4, USF

NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

Rushing Offense	32
Passing Offense	27
Total Offense	16
Net Punting	98
Punt Returns	89
Kickoff Returns	91
Scoring	32
Rushing Defense	18
Pass Efficiency Defense	14
Total Defense	9
Scoring Defense	20
Turnover Margin	77

Miscellaneous Stats



In the RED ZONE

Total Scores
Touchdowns 27, Field Goals 15

Non-Scores

Missed Field Goals 3
Loss of Downs 2
Clock 0
Turnovers 6 (fumbles 3, Interceptions 3)

Opponent Total Scores

Touchdowns 20, Field Goals 6

Opponent Non-Scores

Missed Field Goals 2
Loss of Downs 3
Clock 0
Turnovers 2 (fumbles 1, Interceptions 1)

Turnovers

Takeaways 24, Giveaways 27 (Diff. -4)

Points Off Turnovers
Memphis 68 (TD 8, FG 4)
Opponent 43 (TD 5, FG 3)

Points Off Turnovers Per Game

Memphis 5.20
Opponents 3.30

Third Down Conversions

Yards	Made/Att.	Pct.
1-3	32-55	.581
4-6	24-49	.489
7-10	18-71	.253
11+	10-33	.303
Total	84-208	.403

Fourth Down Conversions

Yards	Made/Att.	Pct.
1-3	1-5	.200
4-6	3-5	.600
7-10	1-4	.250
11+	0-1	.000
Total	5-15	.333

Drive Chart

<i>Drive Chart</i>	Drives				Drives Ended By				Points	Pts/	Drive
Quarterback	Started	TD	FG	FGA	PUNT	DOWN	TURN	CLOCK	Scored	Drive	Efficiency
Wimprine	182	46	18	28	63	8	27	9	370	2.03	0.351
Robison	11	2	1	1	4	1	1	2	16	1.45	0.273

Kickoffs

<i>Kickoffs</i>	No.	Ret.	OB	TB	FC	OSK	Avg. Depth	Avg. Drive Start
Byrne	46	27	1	18	0	0	2.93 (135)	26.28 (1209)
Gostkowski	34	25	2	7	0	0	4.30 (147)	24.82 (844)

Game-By-Game Team Comparisons

Game	Score	1st Downs	T.O.P	Rushing (No.-Yds-TD)	Passing (Cmp-Att-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (TP-Yds-TD)	3rd Down Conversions
Memphis	40	25	32:10	44-177-3	24-38-390-2	82-567-5	9-18
Tennessee Tech	10	11	27:50	25-138-0	16-30-183-1	55-321-1	1-13
Memphis	44	17	26:58	36-117-2	19-34-389-3	70-506-5	7-17
Ole Miss	34	22	33:02	30-116-0	26-48-292-4	78-408-4	3-14
Memphis	6	17	27:17	39-142-0	16-36-182-0	75-374-0	3-15
at Southern Miss	23	14	32:43	49-205-2	7-25-102-0	74-307-2	6-20
Memphis	38	19	31:44	39-163-3	20-36-238-2	75-401-5	9-17
Arkansas State	16	14	28:16	34-105-2	16-29-171-0	63-276-2	3-12
Memphis	10	20	30:00	28-89-0	32-42-257-1	70-346-1	4-15
UAB	24	16	30:00	41-95-1	14-28-231-2	69-326-3	6-15
Memphis	27	28	27:58	28-170-2	32-60-398-1	89-568-3	5-16
at Mississippi State	35	18	32:02	37-136-2	16-34-245-2	71-381-4	7-16
Memphis	45	25	31:19	45-255-2	14-27-232-3	72-487-5	5-12
at Houston	14	19	28:41	44-160-0	16-28-163-2	72-323-2	5-15
Memphis	41	25	29:45	46-288-3	17-31-178-2	77-466-5	9-15
at Tulane	9	18	30:15	45-192-0	12-32-105-1	77-297-1	4-15
Memphis	41	28	27:45	46-225-1	18-33-284-4	79-509-5	4-14
East Carolina	24	15	32:15	39-55-1	16-32-168-1	71-223-2	7-18
Memphis	37	24	32:28	51-242-2	17-29-201-1	80-443-3	7-17
at Louisville	7	12	22:32	27-57-1	13-31-159-0	58-216-1	3-13
Memphis	21	18	29:32	45-167-2	9-28-145-1	73-312-3	7-17
Cincinnati	16	15	30:28	34-29-0	18-39-272-1	73-301-1	5-17
Memphis	16	23	30:40	38-187-0	25-51-271-2	89-458-2	9-19
USF	21	8	29:20	47-25-1	8-17-167-0	64-192-1	3-17
Memphis	27	15	34:08	45-88-2	17-24-254-1	69-342-3	6-17
UNT	17	11	25:52	33-122-2	9-21-152-0	54-274-2	4-14

Game-by-Game Stats



Game-by-Game Rushing

No.-Yds-TD	20 Williams	2 Price	3 Parquet	38 Cole	18 Wimprine	11 Robison	1 Avery	28 White
Tennessee Tech	14-61-1	1-4-0	4-5-0	14-41-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-55-2	2-15-0
Ole Miss	28-135-2	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-(-13)-0	DNP	4-3-0	0-0-0
at Southern Miss	28-158-0	1-6-0	1-(-1)-0	5-22-0	1-(-11)-0	DNP	2-15-0	1-3-0
Arkansas State	23-108-1	1-6-0	0-0-0	5-41-0	4-10-1	1-(-5)-0	2-0-0	2-4-1
UAB	15-107-0	2-13-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-(-32)-0	DNP	3-4-0	1-0-0
at Miss State	15-119-0	0-0-0	4-16-0	DNP	3-(-15)-0	DNP	1-0-0	3-58-2
at Houston	20-120-2	1-9-0	13-97-0	2-11-0	3-10-0	2-(-4)-0	0-0-0	3-14-0
at Tulane	21-195-2	0-0-0	16-70-0	3-5-0	1-17-0	1-2-0	2-9-1	2-(-10)-0
East Carolina	29-137-1	2-4-0	9-62-0	1-2-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-21-0
at Louisville	27-154-1	1-1-0	7-34-0	8-25-0	4-21-1	DNP	2-6-0	1-1-0
Cincinnati	23-136-0	0-0-0	12-31-0	0-0-0	7-(-3)-1	DNP	DNP	3-3-1
USF	DNP	0-0-0	26-164-0	5-17-0	2-(-5)-0	DNP	DNP	5-11-0
UNT	DNP	0-0-0	3-9-0	27-62-1	6-17-1	DNP	2-3-0	4-8-0

Game-by-Game Receiving

No.-Yds-TD	1 Avery	2 Price	88 Davis	12 Kelley	28 D.White	16 Garcia	82 Doucette	83 Scott
Tennessee Tech	3-18-0	3-61-0	6-54-0	1-4-0	3-56-0	0-0-0	2-38-0	1-10-0
Ole Miss	3-63-1	0-0-0	3-113-1	0-0-0	4-56-0	0-0-0	4-92-0	0-0-0
at Southern Miss	7-103-0	2-14-0	1-5-0	1-17-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	1-6-0	0-0-0
Arkansas State	5-93-1	2-14-0	1-12-0	0-0-0	5-66-1	3-29-0	1-4-0	0-0-0
UAB	13-125-1	2-9-0	3-20-0	1-7-0	2-24-0	5-38-0	0-0-0	1-7-0
at Miss State	3-54-0	3-46-0	3-25-1	0-0-0	10-102-0	4-104-0	1-(-4)-0	3-24-0
at Houston	4-79-2	2-15-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	2-36-0	1-12-0
at Tulane	3-40-1	1-4-0	2-50-1	0-0-0	2-14-0	3-14-0	0-0-0	1-7-0
East Carolina	4-98-2	1-9-0	1-21-0	0-0-0	3-69-2	2-21-0	0-0-0	2-17-0
at Louisville	1-55-0	1-(-3)-0	1-16-0	3-29-0	3-55-1	0-0-0	2-5-0	0-0-0
Cincinnati	DNP	0-0-0	1-8-0	1-65-1	1-13-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
USF	DNP	4-33-0	4-72-0	3-22-0	1-36-1	4-50-0	2-3-0	5-34-1
UNT	3-14-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-10-1	3-34-0	2-109-0	2-14-0	1-8-0

Game-by-Game Receiving

No.-Yds-TD	80 Webb	90 Bentley	89 Daniel	34 Douglas	20 Williams	84 Pratcher	87 Hoppe	38 Cole
Tennessee Tech	DNP	0-0-0	1-14-0	0-0-0	4-135-2	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0
Ole Miss	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-31-1	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Southern Miss	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-24-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0
Arkansas State	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-20-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0
UAB	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-27-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Miss State	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-40-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	DNP
at Houston	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-36-0	1-36-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Tulane	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-41-0	1-8-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
East Carolina	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-10-0	2-23-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Louisville	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	2-8-0	3-25-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Cincinnati	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-5)-0	2-18-0	0-0-0	1-8-0
USF	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
UNT	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	2-62-0	0-0-0	3-3-0

Game-by-Game Passing

(Cmp-Att-Yds-TD-Int)	18 Wimprine	11 Robison	19 Byrne
Tennessee Tech	15-21-266-2-0	9-16-124-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
Ole Miss	18-32-355-3-0	DNP	DNP
at Southern Miss	16-35-182-0-3	DNP	DNP
Arkansas State	20-35-238-2-1	0-1-0-0-0	DNP
UAB	32-42-257-1-0	DNP	DNP
at Miss State	32-60-398-1-2	DNP	0-0-0-0-0
at Houston	13-25-228-3-0	1-2-4-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
at Tulane	16-30-176-2-0	1-1-2-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
East Carolina	17-31-268-4-0	1-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0-0
at Louisville	17-29-201-1-0	DNP	0-0-0-0-0
Cincinnati	8-26-80-0-3	DNP	0-0-0-0-0
USF	25-51-271-4-2	DNP	0-0-0-0-0
UNT	17-23-254-0-1	DNP	0-0-0-0-0

Game-by-Game Field Goals

Made (S.Gostkowski)	Made	Missed
Tennessee Tech	39, 23	30, 43
Ole Miss	21, 42, 17	-
at Southern Miss	21, 33	-
Arkansas State	28	-
UAB	26	31
at Miss State	32, 27	30
at Houston	33	52, 47
at Tulane	30, 23	-
East Carolina	22, 28	-
at Louisville	-	-
Cincinnati	-	47, 36
USF	45	46
North Texas	21, 42	41

Scoring Drives

Plays-Yds-Time of Possession-Score

Tennessee Tech	12-61-4:13-FG; 3-67-0:27-TD; 10-78-4:14-TD; 2-65-0:28-TD; 1-28-0:07-TD; 12-65-3:46-TD; 14-74-5:50-FG
Ole Miss	3-26-1:07-TD; 5-68-1:09-TD; 10-77-1:56-TD; 6-70-1:52-TD; 8-76-2:08-FG; 3-91-4:5-TD; 4-8-2:12-FG; 7-35-2:26-FG
at Southern Miss	5-28-2:05-FG; 10-94-1:15-FG
Arkansas State	14-64-6:47-FG; 4-56-1:06-TD; 8-61-3:35-TD; 10-81-3:21-TD; 3-47-1:07-TD; 3-10-5:3-TD
UAB	9-71-3:24-TD; 13-77-6:01-FG
at Miss State	5-80-1:29-TD; 3-70-4:49-TD; 11-67-2:36-FG; 6-84-2:19-TD; 9-56-2:57-FG
at Houston	Int. for TD; 6-29-2:48-TD; 6-74-1:50-TD; 2-55-0:14-TD; 8-48-1:56-TD; 9-60-4:17-FG; 7-73-3:01-TD
at Tulane	9-79-3:07-TD; 7-63-2:17-TD; Int for TD; 6-54-2:54-TD; 11-67-3:46-TD; 7-71-2:30-TD
East Carolina	12-67-3:52-FG; 10-80-3:18-TD; 4-49-5:57-TD; 9-80-2:22-TD; 3-36-1:12-TD; 4-9-1:03 FG; 7-96-3:32-TD
at Louisville	INT for TD; 6-60-2:07-TD; 8-71-2:42-FG; 8-47-1:44-FG; 11-80-5:20-TD; Safety; 4-45-1:59-TD
Cincinnati	2-78-2:28-TD; 13-62-4:46-TD; 3-9-1:25-TD
USF	3-52-1:03-TD; 13-61-4:38-FG; 8-45-1:40-TD
UNT	6-66-2:47-TD; 9-76-4:26-TD; 4-4-1:11-FG; 8-62-3:20-TD; 11-43-4:47

Game-by-Game Punting

No.-Avg.-In 20	48 Roberson	18 Wimprine
Tennessee Tech	2-49.5-0	1-43.0-1
Ole Miss	6-39.8-1	0-0-0
at Southern Miss	9-39.6-0	0-0-0
Arkansas State	5-36.4-0	1-43.0-1
UAB	8-40.8-0	0-0-0
at Miss State	3-44.3-0	0-0-0
at Houston	3-34.7-0	0-0-0
at Tulane	5-42.8-1	0-0-0
East Carolina	3-33.3-2	0-0-0
at Louisville	0-0-0	4-35.0-2
Cincinnati	2-35.5-2	3-45.0-1
USF	3-38.3-1	0-0-0
UNT	1-42.0-0	5-38.0-0

Long Drives

- 8 Plays, 97 Yards, TOP 3:43 (4th Quarter) TD vs TCU
- 14 Plays, 93 Yards, TOP 6:19 (2nd Quarter) TD vs Tulane
- 12 Plays, 87 Yards, TOP 4:05 (4th Quarter) TD vs. Louisville
- 6 Plays, 86 Yards, TOP 3:08 (1st Quarter) TD vs Ole Miss
- 10 Plays, 84 Yards, TOP 3:02 (4th Quarter) Int. vs Houston
- 5 Plays, 83 Yards, TOP 1:27 (4th Quarter) Fum vs Sou. Miss

Opponent

- 17 Plays, 98 Yards, TOP 7:44 (3rd Quarter) TD by Houston
- 13 Plays, 96 Yards, TOP 5:20 (1st Quarter) TD by Sou. Miss
- 5 plays, 86 yards, TOP 1:55 (4th Quarter) TD by North Texas
- 8 Plays, 80 Yards, TOP 4:23 (2nd Quarter) TD by Houston
- 7 Plays, 79 Yards, TOP 1:28 (2nd Quarter) TD by UAB
- 12 Plays, 77 Yards, TOP 2:45 (3rd Quarter) FG by South Fla.

Tackles

Game-by-Game Defense

UT-AT-TT	Tenn Tech	Ole Miss	USM	Arkansas St	UAB	Miss State	Houston	Tulane	ECU	Louisville	Cincinnati	USF	UNT
Taylor	1-0-1	4-2-6	5-1-6	2-5-7	1-5-6	5-3-8	4-3-7	5-2-7	3-5-5	2-2-4	7-3-10	3-5-8	5-2-7
Means	2-1-3	0-1-1	1-2-3	3-2-5	3-5-8	4-2-6	1-2-3	3-0-3	0-2-2	2-1-3	4-2-6	1-3-4	3-1-4
Washington	1-0-1	1-0-1	2-2-4	1-2-3	DNP	1-2-3	0-3-3	1-3-4	1-4-5	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-1-2	1-0-1
Lucas	4-1-5	1-1-2	3-4-7	5-1-6	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	2-1-3	2-2-4	7-3-10	5-2-7	2-2-4
Glover	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-2-3	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
Colen	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
West	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	2-1-3	2-1-3	2-0-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
McNair	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-2-3	2-1-3	2-2-4	4-0-4	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1
Hill	1-1-2	0-0-0	2-0-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-2-2	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-2-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Terry	5-3-8	7-1-8	10-2-12	6-2-8	3-4-7	6-1-7	8-2-10	4-2-6	5-0-5	3-2-5	5-1-6	8-1-9	4-1-5
Harper	2-0-2	6-1-7	6-2-8	2-4-6	10-2-12	6-2-8	5-6-11	4-2-6	5-1-6	5-2-7	5-4-9	5-5-10	3-2-5
S.Taylor	0-1-1	1-1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Snyder	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-2-5	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
Douglas	2-0-2	4-1-5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Hyden	1-2-3	5-3-8	7-3-10	6-4-10	4-2-6	1-5-6	8-3-11	7-0-7	9-5-14	6-3-9	3-3-6	6-2-8	3-0-3
Hunter	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0
Goodwell	2-1-3	2-1-3	2-0-2	1-1-2	3-0-3	2-0-2	5-2-7	5-1-6	2-2-4	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1
Ballard	5-0-5	4-2-6	4-1-5	2-2-4	7-1-8	10-1-11	7-3-10	4-2-6	6-3-9	5-2-7	7-1-8	6-1-7	4-1-5
Mott	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Vogel	4-2-6	5-0-5	3-2-5	5-3-8	1-1-2	3-4-7	5-1-6	5-3-8	4-3-7	1-1-2	2-1-3	3-2-5	5-0-5
Essex	1-0-1	2-3-5	0-1-1	3-1-4	1-0-1	2-2-4	3-0-3	4-2-6	5-2-7	3-1-4	1-1-2	2-1-3	1-0-1
Hayes	0-0-0	1-2-3	2-1-3	1-2-3	2-0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Thomas	1-1-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	2-0-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-1-2	2-1-3	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
W.Smith	2-5-7	7-3-10	2-4-6	2-7-9	5-4-9	6-6-12	3-3-6	4-3-7	2-5-7	4-3-7	6-2-8	3-2-5	5-0-5
Rufus	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	2-1-3	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Pieh	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-1-2	1-1-2	2-0-2	0-0-0	1-2-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Collins	0-0-0	2-4-6	3-1-4	1-0-1	3-1-4	2-0-2	0-0-0	4-1-5	0-4-4	4-1-5	0-0-0	3-1-4	1-0-1
Pollard	3-0-3	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0
McCrary	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1
Brewer	0-1-1	2-0-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	2-3-5	4-2-6	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1
Whitely	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP

(Game leaders are in bold)

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Tiger Participation



Name	Tenn Tech	Ole Miss	USM	Ark State	UAB	Miss State	Houston	Tulane	ECU	Louisville	UC	USF	UNT
Jermaine Anderson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Navin Ausley	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Maurie Avery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	✓
Derrick Ballard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aaron Bentley	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jared Bidne	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Greg Billingslea	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓
Sam Brewer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blake Butler	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel Byram	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Patrick Byrne	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jermaine Chambers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rusty Clayton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Derek Clenin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LaKendus Cole	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Haracio Colen	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
O.C. Collins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
James Corder	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Chase Crawford	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Issac Daniel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brian Davis	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Charles Davis	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
David Davis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tavarious Davis	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Doucette	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Robert Douglas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cameron Essex	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gene Frederic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trey Friend	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jamarcus Gaither	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Bobby Garafolo	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Darren Garcia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lane Garcia	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Tavares Gideon	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kenyun Glover	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓
Tim Goodwell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stephen Gostkowski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andrew Handy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP
Greg Harper	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lee Hayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Danny Haynes	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Willie Henderson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓
Shaka Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abraham Holloway	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Cole Hoppe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jerran Humphrey	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Carson Hunter	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓
Will Hyden	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ryan Ivey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anthony Johnson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jason Johnson	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Kelley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Khalid Khowaja	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Taz Knockum	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Treveco Lucas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jason Matthews	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bruce McCaleb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Quniton McCrary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jared McGowan	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Adam McKenzie	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
David McNair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Albert Means	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cato Mott	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tim Myers	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

Name	Tenn Tech	Ole Miss	USM	Ark State	UAB	Miss State	Houston	Tulane	ECU	Louisville	UC	USF	UNT
Derron Parquet	✓	DNP	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Patterson	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Lionel Pih	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Javar Pollard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mario Pratcher	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LaDarius Price	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brandon Roberson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bobby Robison	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jeremy Rone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jamaal Rufus	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stephen Schuh	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP
Ryan Scott	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andy Smith	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Wesley Smith	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike Snyder	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Michael Spurlock	✓	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brandon Stewart	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Eddie Strickland	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Eric Taylor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sheldon Taylor	✓	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Coot Terry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tristan Thomas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scott Vogel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LaVale Washington	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Von Webb	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Marcus West	DNP	DNP	DNP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Darron White	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Olen Whitely	✓	✓	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Erskine Williams	✓	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
DeAngelo Williams	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	DNP	DNP
Danny Wimprine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

2003 START CHART

OFFENSE

OPPONENT	QB	TB	WR	WR	WR	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Tennessee Tech	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Garcia	Doucette	Johnson	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
Ole Miss	Wimprine	Williams	White	Avery	Daniel (TE)	Doucette	Johnson	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
at Southern Miss	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Garcia	Doucette	Johnson	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
Arkansas State	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Garcia	White (WR)	Johnson	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
UAB	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Garcia	White (WR)	D.Davis	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
at Miss State	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Garcia	White (WR)	D.Davis	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
at Houston	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Scott	Doucette	D.Davis	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
at Tulane	Wimprine	Williams	Garcia	Avery	Scott	Doucette	D.Davis	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
East Carolina	Wimprine	Williams	Garcia	Avery	Scott	White (WR)	D.Davis	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
at Louisville	Wimprine	Williams	T.Davis	Avery	Daniel (TE)	Doucette	D.Davis	Handy	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
Cincinnati	Wimprine	Williams	Garcia	White	Scott	Doucette	D.Davis	Butler	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
USF	Wimprine	Parquet	Kelley	White	Daniel (TE)	Doucette	D.Davis	Butler	Frederic	Matthews	Rone
North Texas	Wimprine	Parquet	Garcia	White	Scott	Doucette	D.Davis	Butler	Frederic	Matthews	Rone

DEFENSE

OPPONENT	DE	NT	DE	LCS	WLB	MLB	SLB	RCS	CB	FS	CB
Tennessee Tech	Lucas	Glover	Taylor	Vogel	Washington (DE)	Terry	Harper	Ballard	Hayes	W.Smith	Collins
Ole Miss	Lucas	Washington	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Hayes	W.Smith	Collins
at Southern Miss	Lucas	Washington	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Hayes	W.Smith	Collins
Arkansas State	Lucas	Washington	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Hayes	W.Smith	Essex
UAB	Lucas	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Hayes	W.Smith	Essex
at Miss State	McNair	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
at Houston	McNair	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
at Tulane	McNair	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
East Carolina	Lucas	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
at Louisville	Lucas	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
Cincinnati	Lucas	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
USF	Lucas	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex
North Texas	Lucas	Means	Taylor	Vogel	Terry	Hyden	Harper	Ballard	Collins	W.Smith	Essex

'03 Key Departures



44 DERRICK BALLARD, Cat Safety 6-2, 205, 4L, Madison, GA (Morgan County)

Was a four year starter for the Tigers at both linebacker and safety ... Was voted as a permanent team captain for the 2003 season ... Was named to the 2003 preseason and post season All-Conference USA Team ... Started 38 consecutive games for the Tigers on defense ... Was credited with 314 career tackles including 101 as a junior ... Had five career pass interceptions, 31 tackles for lost yardage, seven quarterback sacks and two blocked kicks ... His 31 tackles for lost yardage ranks as the eighth highest career total in school history and his minus 112 yards is the sixth highest total in Tiger history ... Was named the Tigers' Outstanding Defensive Lineman in 2002 and was named to the All-Conference USA Team and *The Sporting News* All-Conference USA Team ... Tallied a career high 15 tackles against Houston and Cincinnati in 2002... Had 13 solo tackles in the Houston game ... Returned his 2002 pass interception against Southern Mississippi for a touchdown ... Received Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week honors for the 2002 Southern Miss game.

BALLARD'S STATISTICS

Defense	G/S	UT	AT	Tot.	FR	Int	Loss	Sacks
2000	11/7	36	26	62	0	0	3-14	1-7
2001	9/7	44	16	60	0	1	8-22	1-5
2002	12/12	76	25	101	1	3	13-46	3-27
2003	13/13	71	20	91	2	1	7-30	2-11
Total	45/39	227	87	314	3	5	31-112	7-50

16 DARREN GARCIA, Receiver 6-1, 192, 4L, Millington, TN (Millington)

Was a four year letterman for the Tigers at wide receiver ... Was the team's fifth leading receiver in 2003 but save his best performance for the final game of his career ... Caught two passes for 109 yards in the New Orleans Bowl game ... Both were the longest in bowl history ... Had 26 pass receptions for 387 yards in 2003, including a long reception of 63 yards in the New Orleans Bowl ... Averaged 14.9 yards per game ... Had 104 yards receiving in the 2003 Mississippi State game ... Caught 19 passes for 207 yards during the 2002 season ... Had a long pass reception of 30 yards versus Houston in 2002 ... Served as a kick returner in 2000 and had two returns for 48 yards in the Tulane game ... Finished his career with 53 pass receptions for 672 yards ... Was named the Chris Faros Most Improved Player in the spring of 2002.

GARCIA'S STATISTICS

Receiving	G/S	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2000	8/0	1	18	18.0	0	18
2001	10/3	7	63	9.0	0	24
2002	12/2	19	204	10.7	0	30
2003	12/8	26	387	14.9	0	63
Totals	42/13	53	672	12.7	0	63

42 GREG HARPER, Outside Linebacker 6-1, 235, 4L, Memphis, TN (Wooddale)

Was a four year starter for the Tigers at linebacker ... Started all 13 games in 2003 including the New Orleans Bowl ... Was the Tigers' third ranked tackler last season ... Was credited with 97 hits including 64 solo stops ... Had ten tackles for lost yardage and five quarterback sacks ... Tallied one pass interception and nine quarterback pressures ... Led the team with 12 tackles in the UAB game, 11 in the victory over Houston and 10 against South Florida ... Was the team's third leading tackler in 2002 before suffering a broken leg in the Tulane game ... Came back late in the season and finished the year with 37 total tackles ... Had a career high 12 tackles in the 2003 UAB game ... Finished his playing career at Memphis with 253 career tackles, four fumble recoveries and 30 tackles for lost yardage ... His 30 tackles for lost yardage ranks as the ninth highest career total in school history and his minus 110 yards is the seventh highest total in Tiger history ... Voted one of the permanent team captains for 2003.

HARPER'S STATISTICS

Defense	G/S	UT	AT	Tot.	FR	Int	Loss	Sacks
2000	11/9	23	23	46	1	0	3-6	1-4
2001	11/10	49	24	73	2	1	13-41	5-25
2002	7/5	24	13	37	1	0	4-9	0-0
2003	13/13	64	33	97	0	1	10-54	5-38
Total	42/37	160	93	253	4	2	30-110	11-67

36 DANNY HAYNES, Kicker 5-10, 200, 1L, Florence, AL (East Central Miss)

Came to the Tigers as a junior college transfer ... Worked as a kicker for two seasons but due to a groin injury as a junior was unable to see playing time in 2002 ... After spending over half of the 2002 season rehabbing his injury, returned to practice and worked with the Tiger special teams ... Served as a backup for kicker Stephen Gostkowski ... Returned for the 2003 season but struggled with a sore knee throughout most of the fall but managed to work as Gostkowski's backup ... Saw his game action as a Tiger in the victory over Tulane in New Orleans ... Would certainly be a candidate for a courage award as Haynes played football at the collegiate level despite a birth defect that left him with literally no arms or hands.

87 COLE HOPPE, Kick Returner 5-9, 187, 1L, Memphis, TN (Briarcrest HS)

Came to the Tigers as a transfer from Georgetown College ... Walked-on with the Tiger football team ... Worked as a receiver and kick returner for one season after setting out during the 2002 season ... Had 27 punt returns for 211 yards in 2003 ... Averaged 7.8 yards per return in 2003 ... Had a long return of 16 yards in the Houston victory.

HOPPE'S STATISTICS

Punt Ret.	G/S	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2003	13/0	27	211	7.8	0	16



Derrick Ballard
Cat Safety



Darren Garcia
Receiver



Greg Harper
Outside Linebacker



Danny Haynes
Kicker



Cole Hoppe
Punt Returner

99 WILL HYDEN, Inside Linebacker

6-1, 231, 1L, Franklin, TN (Franklin)

A two year letterman for the Tigers who became the starter at inside linebacker in 2003 ... Led the defensive unit in tackles in 2003 ... Was credited with 101 total tackles including 66 solo stops ... Registered five tackles for lost yardage, two quarterback sacks and one pass interception returned for 36 yards ... Interception return was a touchdown against Houston and helped the Tigers to a victory ... Was named the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week for his work against Houston ... Led the team in tackles in the Arkansas State game with 10, in the East Carolina game with 14 and in the Louisville victory with nine ... His 14 tackles against Louisville were a career high ... Received the Chris Faros Most Improved Player Award in the spring of 2003 ... Spent his first three seasons working with the Tiger special teams ... Logged two tackles against Army in 2002 ... Finished the 2002 season with four tackles ... Played in two games in the 2000 season ... Caught a 19-yard pass against Army on a fake punt to pick up a key first down.

HYDEN'S STATISTICS

Defense	G/S	UT	AT	Tot.	FR	Int	Loss	Sacks
1999			redshirted					
2000	2/0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
2001	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
2002	10/0	4	0	4	0	0	0-0	0-0
2003	13/12	66	35	101	0	1	5-17	2-12
Total	26/12	70	35	105	0	1	5-17	2-12

91 TREVECO LUCAS, Defensive End

6-1, 242, 3L, Memphis, TN (Westside)

Came to the Tigers as a walk-on candidate and quickly earned a scholarship ... Lettered for three years as a member of the Tiger defensive unit ... Was the Tigers' ninth leading tackler in 2003 ... Was credited with 49 total tackles including 31 solo hits ... Tied for the team lead in tackles for lost yardage with 10 for minus 41 yards ... Also had four quarterback sacks and two fumble recoveries ... Had a team leading 10 tackles against Cincinnati which also marked a career high ... Received the Glenn Jones 12th Man Award in 2002 ... Finished his career with 139 career tackles, 22 tackles for lost yardage and nine quarterback sacks.

LUCAS' STATISTICS

Defense	G/S	UT	AT	Tot.	FR	Int	Loss	Sacks
1999			redshirted					
2000	0/0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
2001	11/2	31	16	47	0	0	7-21	4-18
2002	12/7	23	20	43	0	0	5-12	4-11
2003	11/9	31	18	49	2	0	10-41	4-27
Total	34/18	85	54	139	2	0	22-74	12-56

2 LADARIUS PRICE, Receiver

6-0, 182, 2L, Memphis, TN (East HS)

A two-year letterman who caught 21 passes for 202 yards in 2003 ... Averaged 9.8 yards per reception ... Had three catches for a career high 61 yards against Tennessee Tech ... Caught three passes for 46 yards vs. Mississippi State ... Finished his career with 25 receptions for 224 yards.

PRICE'S STATISTICS

Receiving	G/S	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LG
2002	10/0	4	22	5.5	0	10
2003	13/0	21	202	9.8	0	47



Will Hyden
Inside Linebacker



Treveco Lucas
Defensive End



Ladarius Price
Receiver



Eric Taylor
Defensive Tackle



Coot Terry
Outside Linebacker

50 ERIC TAYLOR, Defensive Tackle

6-3, 295, 4L, Winchester, TN (Franklin County)

Lettered for four years as a defensive lineman ... Was an All-Conference USA selection in 2003 (2nd) ... Started all 13 games of the 2003 season at tackle ... Was credited with 82 total tackles including 47 solo hits ... Also logged a team leading 10 tackles for lost yardage, four quarterback sacks, one pass interception, eight blocked passes and two fumble recoveries in 2003 ... Returned his pass interception in the Louisville game for 56 yards and a touchdown which led to Memphis' 37-7 win ... Had a team high 10 tackles in the Tigers win over Cincinnati in '03 which also ranked as a career high ... Was voted a permanent team captain in 2003 and received Tommy West's Top Tiger Award for the 2003 season ... Had 30 tackles in 2002 and 32 tackles as a sophomore in 2002 ... Started 24 games in his career despite playing with injuries ... Finished his career with 151 career tackles and 20 tackles for lost yardage.

TAYLOR'S STATISTICS

Defense	G/S	UT	AT	Tot.	FR	Int	Loss	Sacks
2000	6/0	4	3	7	0	0	3-10	0-0
2001	11/6	23	9	32	0	0	4-7	1-1
2002	12/5	15	15	30	0	0	3-6	1-2
2003	13/13	47	35	82	2	1	10-62	4-42
Total	42/24	89	62	151	2	1	20-85	6-45

37 COOT TERRY, Outside Linebacker

6-0, 223, 4L, Manchester, GA (Manchester)

Was a four year letter winner for the Tigers who started 31 consecutive games ... Was the fourth leading for Memphis in 2003 with 96 total hits ... Logged 10 tackles for lost yardage, a team leading seven quarterback sacks, one pass interception, 11 quarterback pressures and one fumble recovery ... Was named to the 2003 All-Conference USA team (2nd)... Was voted a permanent team captain for 2003 ... Had a pass interception in the Ole Miss game which helped the Tigers to a 44-34 victory ... Led the Tigers in tackles in the Southern Miss and Tennessee Tech games in 2003 ... Had 12 tackles against USM ... Closed the 2003 New Orleans Bowl with back-to-back quarterback sacks to seal UM win ... Had a career high 14 tackles against Mississippi State in 2002 ... Was named to the Conference USA All-Freshman Team in 2000 ... Finished his career with 262 career tackles.

TERRY'S STATISTICS

Defense	G/S	UT	AT	Tot.	FR	Int	Loss	Sacks
2000	9/6	33	25	58	0	1	8-47	4-34
2001	11/5	28	20	48	0	0	4-14	2-12
2002	7/7	40	20	60	1	0	2-2	0-0
2003	13/13	74	22	96	1	1	11-71	7-44
Total	40/31	175	87	262	2	2	25-134	13-90

2003 Diary



January 1, 2003

The athletic department was closed on New Year's Day. Happy New Year to all.

January 2, 2003

The Tiger football program started the year off right with a commitment from Northeast Mississippi Junior College lineman Jason Matthews. He is the third junior college player to commit to the Tigers this winter. Matthews will enroll along with teammate Chris Kelly and Bobby Garafolo on January 21.

January 3, 2003

The University of Memphis football office announced that punter James Gaither and junior college quarterback Jeff Hilliard had left the U of M to transfer to other schools. Gaither had served as the team's punter for two seasons, while Hilliard had played sparingly as a backup quarterback this season.

January 4, 2003

Junior college quarterback prospect Bobby Robison had his official visit to the University of Memphis campus. Robison, who is also being recruited by Florida State, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas State and Middle Tennessee, has narrowed his choices to the U of M and Florida State. He is a midterm player who could participate in spring drills with the Tigers.

January 6, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West was in the office as most of the Memphis staff headed for New Orleans and the National Coaches Convention. West said that he has not made any headway in hiring assistants to replace Rick Whitt and Charlie Coe.

January 7, 2003

Northwest Mississippi Junior College's Bobby Robison, who was the focal point of a major recruiting effort by Florida, Colorado and Oregon State, as well as Memphis, signed a Memphis National Letter of Intent and sent it to head coach Tommy West. The 6'3, 210 pound left-hander, threw for over 2,200 and 20 touchdowns as a junior and passed for 1,737 yards and 23 touchdowns in 2002.

January 10, 2003

Five high school football players and one junior college punter arrived in Memphis for their official visits with the U of M. Heading the list are Huntsville, AL, linebacker Jarren Humphrey, Orlando wide receiver Bobby Good, Georgia defensive backs J.T. Nash and Sherrod Martin and Nashville Hillsboro High tight end Joe Sanders. Brandon Roberson, a punter from Northeast Mississippi C.C., also attended despite the fact that he had already committed to Arkansas.

January 11, 2003

Jarren Humphrey, a linebacker from Huntsville (AL) Grissom High School who is also related to former Alabama running back Bobby Humphrey, officially committed to head coach Tommy West. Humphrey is the eighth player to announce that they will sign with the Tigers for the 2003 season.

January 12, 2003

Orlando wide receiver Bobby Good didn't take long to make his decision on where to play college football. The 6'1, 190 pound wide out who had 17 touchdown receptions for Lake Highland Prep in Orlando, committed to Tommy West before returning home with his parents. Good played for Tiger letterman Tim Borcky at Lake Highland Prep.

January 13, 2003

Andy Smith, an offensive lineman from Fayette, Georgia, committed to the Tigers. Smith made his decision while on his official visit to C-USA sister institution UAB. Smith is the fifth offensive lineman to commit to Memphis.

January 14, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West and assistant coach Russ Huesman traveled to Huntsville, Alabama, to visit with Tiger commitment Jarren Humphrey and recruit Jason Jude. Jude had committed to Auburn but may be considering the University of Memphis.

January 16, 2003

The Tigers will soon be back in their own weightroom for winter workouts. The facility, which received some damage from a Halloween morning fire, has been renovated and Balfour Restoration Company started returning the weights and cardio-equipment.

January 17, 2003

The Tiger coaching staff began to make ready for 12 high school and junior college recruits to make their official visit to the U of M. This weekend's group includes a strong Memphis area presents. The list includes area all-star like Jeremy Palmoore and Ivora Hall of Hamilton High School, Jamaal Rufus and Jamarcus Gaither of Frayser High School and Tyus Jackson from Northeast Mississippi CC. Several Louisiana players will also attended including Antron Dillon, a defensive end from Independence, LA, Lane Garcia and Taz Knockum of Baton Rouge Catholic High and Mike Snyder of John T. Curtis High in New Orleans.

January 18, 2003

Joe Lee Dunn, who served as the defensive coordinator at Mississippi State University for seven seasons, arrived in Memphis to assume the same position with Tommy West's football staff. Dunn, one of the nation's most innovative defensive coaches, served as defensive coordinator at Memphis in the early 1990's before stops at Ole Miss

and Arkansas led him to Mississippi State.

January 20, 2003

Tiger football recruiting took another huge step when two area players, Jamaal Rufus and Jamarcus Gaither committed to play for Tommy West. The two, who have been best friends for many years, had narrowed their choices of schools to Memphis and Arkansas. Rufus, who is the Shelby-Metro's top prospect, played quarterback and defensive back at Frayser High School but will be a safety for the Tigers. At 6'3, 210, he will be one of the Tigers' biggest defensive backs. Gaither was the area's second leading running back in 2003 with over 1,800 yards rushing. In addition to Rufus and Gaither, the Tigers received commitments from Taz Knockum and Lane Garcia from Baton Rouge Catholic High, Mike Snyder of John Curtis High in New Orleans and Tyus Jackson, a junior college defensive end.

January 21, 2003

A press conference was held on Tuesday morning at the Athletic Office Building to announce the hiring of Joe Lee Dunn as defensive coordinator. Dunn comes back to the Tigers after spending 12 years in the SEC. Dunn has been defensive coordinator at Ole Miss, Arkansas and Mississippi State since leaving Memphis in 1991. Tommy West still has one position, that of receiver coach, open on his staff. He expects to begin working on hiring the receiver coach after National Signing Day on February 5.

January 22, 2003

Tiger strength coach Mike Stark began winter workouts at Murphy Complex. The 6:15 AM conditioning program marked the first time the

Tommy West called Joe Lee Dunn's hiring in 2003 as his "best signee for the '03 season".



weightroom had been opened since the Halloween morning fire destroyed the turfroom. Tiger players have been working out at the HMSE Building on campus.

January 23, 2003

Keith Butler, who was an all-American linebacker for the Tigers in the 1970s and more recently the linebacker coach for the Cleveland Browns, has been hired as the linebacker coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Butler's son, Blake, is a freshman offensive lineman for the Tigers.

January 24, 2003

The Tiger coaching staff regathered at the Athletic Office Building and prepared to welcome several football recruits to campus for their official visits. Expected this weekend are Mississippi prep standouts Quinton McCrary and Javar Pollard, Jackson (TN) Central-Merry tight end Orlandus Kirby and New Orleans Jesuit High defensive end Will Norton. The Tigers currently have 17 commitments for the 2003 season.

January 25, 2003

High school recruits toured the Memphis campus and city as part of their official visit to the U of M. The group of four high school recruits marks the smallest group on official visits since the first weekend of recruiting. The Tigers have received 17 commitments to date and have just nine scholarships available.

January 28, 2003

Former Tiger safety Glenn Sumter, who left school a year early to enter the 2002 NFL Draft, has signed a free agent contract with the Houston Texans for the 2003 season. Sumter was cut by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2002. Tommy West and Russ Huesman traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, for a home visit with tight end Joe Sanders of Hillsboro High. Sanders has narrowed his choice of schools to Memphis and Michigan State.

January 29, 2002

The Commercial Appeal sent a photographer to the U of M campus to spend time with new defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn. The pictures are to be used in conjunction with a story being written by Phil Stukenborg.

January 30, 2003

Head coach Tommy West flew to Tampa, Florida, to visit with Tiger commitment Bobby Good. Good, a 6'0 receiver from Lake Highland Prep, is expected to sign with Memphis in February. He is the nephew of Clemson assistant coach Rick Stockstill, who also worked for West at Clemson.

January 31, 2003

Head coach Tommy West returned from Florida in time to greet several recruits on the final weekend of official visits. Junior college defensive back Lee Hayes and JC punter Tim Wright were joined by prep linebacker Quintin Williams, as well as several area high school walk-on candidates. Hayes, a Prep All-American from Kentucky, originally signed with Arkansas after high school but left for junior college in 2002. Williams, an inside linebacker from East High School in Memphis, is considered one of the top prospects in Memphis. At 6'2, 225, he

dominated play for East High School.

February 1, 2003

Football recruiting took another huge leap as defensive back Lee Hayes and linebacker Quintin Williams both committed to play for the Tigers. Hayes, who will be used as a cover corner, is described by his junior college coach as one of the fastest players to ever play at Northeast Mississippi Junior College. Williams tallied over 130 tackles as a junior at East High and added more than 90 hits as a senior despite being slowed by injuries.

February 3, 2003

Communications began on Monday with junior college punter Brandon Roberson of Northeast Mississippi Junior College. Roberson, who visited the U of M in January, had originally committed to Arkansas. However, the Corinth, MS, native appears to have reassessed his options and is considering the Tigers.

February 4, 2003

Memphis lost a commitment when Clarksdale, MS, lineman Darryl Harris announced that he would sign with Ole Miss instead of the University of Memphis as he had earlier stated. Harris received a late offer from the Rebels.

February 5, 2003

Tommy West and his staff have landed yet another outstanding recruiting class as 23 prep and junior college players officially signed their Letters-of-Intent to play for Memphis next fall. Included in the class were Bobby Robison, the number one junior college quarterback prospect in the nation, Taz Knockum, a highly regarded running back from Baton Rouge, LA, Quintin McCrary, the number seven ranked outside linebacker in the nation, as well as local standouts Jamaal Rufus and Jamarcus Gaither of Frayser High School and Quinton Williams, an all-state linebacker from East High School who was listed as the number one prospect in the Memphis area. In addition, the Tigers were able to land three previously unannounced players in junior college punter Brandon Roberson, Jackson (TN) Central-Merry receiver Ryan Scott and Prentiss, Mississippi, lineman Abraham Holloway. West made the official announcement of the class at a 3 PM news conference and then took his staff to a booster signing party at The Rendezvous.

February 6, 2003

The Tiger football staff took the day off to recover from the long recruiting season. However, head coach Tommy West was in the office and making calls to prospective wide receiver coaches. West is expected to replace former receiver coach Charlie Coe before spring practice on March 18.

February 7, 2003

Head coach Tommy West flew out of Memphis to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was one of the featured speakers at the annual Nike Coaches Clinic.

February 8, 2003

Tommy West spoke at the annual Nike Coaches Clinic in St. Louis, Missouri. His topic was defensive play. West returned to Memphis on Sunday night.

February 9, 2003

New Tiger defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, to speak at a Football Coaches Association convention. Dunn spoke on pressure defense. He is expected to return to Memphis on Monday and then begin moving his family from Starkville, MS, to Memphis.

February 11, 2003

Tiger football coaches began meeting as offensive and defensive staffs to set up off season conditioning programs and to lay groundwork for spring drills. Players have been lifting weights with the strength staff since the South Campus weight room reopened in January.

February 13, 2003

Tiger defensive line coach Craig Boller, who had to leave his wife behind last fall when he became a member of Tommy West's staff, returned from Iowa with his wife to set up their home in Memphis. Boller's wife Jane had to remain in Iowa to complete her job contract as a manager of a country club.

February 17, 2003

Tiger defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn began early morning meetings with his defensive staff at the Athletic Office Building.

February 18, 2003

The Tiger football team began winter conditioning drills with the Tiger coaching staff and 6 AM came early. The team was required to be a Murphy Complex at 6 AM to begin outdoor drills with the strength and conditioning staff. Gray skies and cool temperatures greeted the team. Early morning temps hovered around the 30 degree mark.

February 21, 2003

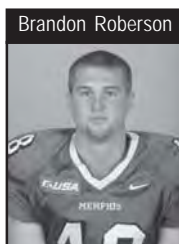
With an over abundance of defensive backs returning for the 2003 season, senior Jason Brown has decided to give up his last season of eligibility and graduate in May. Brown had lettered for three years in the secondary working as a strong safety and free safety. He was regulated to a backup role in 2002 working behind starter Scott Vogel at strong safety.

February 22, 2003

Equipment manager Marc Hohorst assigned new numbers for the four junior college transfers who arrived on campus in January. Quarterback Bobby Robison will wear number 11. Wide receiver Chris Kelley will have jersey number 81, while offensive linemen Bobby Garafolo and Jason Matthews will wear 74 and 78 respectively.

February 25, 2003

Defensive backs Henry Washington and Sean Garriss have left the Tiger squad and will transfer for next season. Washington was a starter at cornerback for the Tigers in 2002 and registered 72 tackles. Garriss worked as a corner and as a member of the special teams and was credited with 11 tack-



les and one pass interception.

February 26, 2003

The Tiger football worked out in an early morning snow storm at Murphy Athletic Complex. It was off-season conditioning as usual as the team took to the practice fields at the south campus facility. Approximately two inches of snow was on the ground as strength coach Mike Stark put the team through their paces.

March 6, 2003

Tim Banks, who has coached the Tiger outside linebackers for the past two seasons, is leaving the U of M to coach middle linebackers for the University of Maryland. In addition to the announcement that Banks was leaving the staff, head coach Tommy West announced that running backs coach Clay Helton will move to receivers and that tight end coach Russ Huesman will take over running backs. West has two open positions to fill, tight ends coach and outside linebacker coach.

March 13, 2003

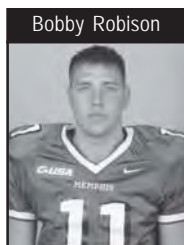
Coach Kim Helton, the defensive line coach of the Washington Redskins and the father of Tiger receiver coach Clay Helton, was in Memphis reviewing game film with the Tiger offensive staff.

March 18, 2003

The day has arrived that all Tiger coaches and players have been awaiting. The opening day of spring practice. If the weather permits, the Tigers will practice today at Murphy Athletic Complex. The day will mark the start of tenure for new defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn. Long known for his pressure-style defense, Dunn arrived in Memphis in January after serving for seven years as defensive coordinator at Mississippi State. The Tigers took to the field at 4 PM and participated in a two-and-a-half hour.

March 20, 2003

One change made for spring practice was the move of quarterback Maurice Avery to wide receiver. The speedy signal-caller lettered in the fall as a backup quarterback for Danny Wimprine and as a backup "rugby-style" punter. However, with the signing of junior college quarterback Bobby Robison, Tommy West was able to move Avery to a receiver position. West called Avery a great athlete who had to be more involved in the offense than just in the role of a backup.



Bobby Robison

March 21, 2003

The Tigers practiced at Murphy Athletic Complex and for the first time this spring, the team was outfitted in full pads. The NCAA dictates that all teams must spend the first two days of the spring on shorts and helmets.

March 20, 2003

The Tigers traveled to Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium for their first scrimmage of the spring but according to head coach Tommy West, they should have stayed at the complex. The offense made nu-

merous mistakes and showed very little hustle causing West to end the scrimmage early and take the team back to the complex. There were seven turnovers including three pass interceptions. Safety Wesley Smith had two pass interceptions, one of which he returned 75 yards for a touchdown and defensive end Marcus West returned a fumble 33 yards for another score. Defensive back Lionel Pieh also registered an interception, while Sam Brewer and Haracio Colen recovered fumbles.

March 21, 2003

Despite a steady drizzle of rain and cold temperatures, the Tigers worked out at Murphy Athletic Complex. The offense spent the first part of practice undergoing reminder drills designed to help the squad get over their lack of effort in Thursday scrimmage.

March 22, 2003

The Tiger football team returned to Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium to scrimmage for the second time in just three days and he was pleased with the offensive improve to say the least. Danny Wimprine threw for 105 yards and two touchdowns and junior college transfer Bobby Robison threw for 86 yards and two additional scores. Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams ran for 86 yards and one score it helping the offense make its best showing of the spring.

April 1, 2003

Two members of the Tiger football squad had their spring seasons cut short by injuries in practice. Starting offensive tackle Jason Johnson suffered what is expected to be a torn MCL and will be out of action for six weeks or more. He will have an MRI to make sure the damage is not more extensive. Tailback Sir Ernest sustained a separated shoulder and will be out for the remainder of the spring. Ernest had scored one touchdown this spring.

April 2, 2003

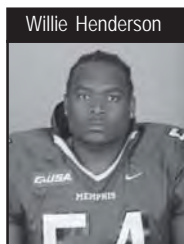
Tiger head coach Tommy West was the radio guest on the Tennessee Titans Radio Network as draft day approaches. West talked about the abilities of tackle Wade Smith who is expected to an early round selection in this year's NFL Draft.

April 3, 2003

Redshirt freshman Willie Henderson, who has been working at defensive tackle, has been moved to offensive tackle for the remainder of the spring. At 6'7, 355, Henderson would be the largest of the Tiger offensive linemen. Tackle Jason Johnson underwent an MRI on his injured knee and it was determined that he had suffered a torn MCL. He is expected to be out of the knee brace in three weeks and able to return to workouts. Tiger freshman offensive lineman Phillip Walls became the sixth football player to leave the team this spring. Walls, a native of Tyler, Texas, was redshirted last fall. He was expected to work as a backup at offensive guard.

April 4, 2003

Over 75 area college and high school football coaches at-



Willie Henderson

tended the weekend Coaches Clinic hosted by Tommy West and his staff. The coaches attended a scrimmage at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium and a "smoker" at the newly renovated Murphy Athletic Complex. The Tigers' scrimmage, which lasted one hour was highlighted by the passing of Danny Wimprine who connected on 9-of-15 attempts for 149 yards and two touchdowns. Junior college transfer Bobby Robison was 6-of-9 for 62 yards and tossed two touchdown passes to Darron White and Tavares Gideon. DeAngelo Williams rushed for 104 yards on 19 attempts.

April 5, 2003

The Tigers watched film from their scrimmage and went through a light workout at Murphy Athletic Complex.

April 7, 2003

A Liberty Bowl Stadium meeting was held in preparation for Saturday's Blue-Gray Scrimmage. Pre-game ceremonies were talked about and attendees walk around the stadium to seek locations for interactive games for children.

April 8, 2003

It was back to the Liberty Bowl for a final scrimmage in preparation for the Blue-Gray Scrimmage. Tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 142 yards and one touchdown. Walk-on LaKendus Cole gained 36 yards and LSU transfer Derran Parquet gained 25 yards. Danny Wimprine threw for 94 yards and one score, while Bobby Robison had 86 yards passing and two touchdowns and Patrick Byrne added 60 yards and another score. Tavares Gideon led all receivers with eight catches for 116 yards and one touchdown.

April 10, 2003

The Commercial Appeal wrote a story on strength coach Mike Stark and his training of professional football players at the South Campus facility.

April 11, 2003

The Tiger football team and coaches participated in annual Picture Day at Murphy Complex. Photographer Troy Glasgow set up his lights and cameras in the newly added Hall of Fame room.

April 12, 2003

The Tiger football team concluded spring drills with the playing of the Blue-Gray Scrimmage at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. A crowd of over 1,500 fans attended the event and all were pleased with the outcome. Junior quarterback Danny Wimprine opened the Blue-Gray Scrimmage and connected on 9-of-13 pass attempts for 89 yards and two touchdowns in his only two series of the afternoon. Backup quarterbacks Bobby Robison and Patrick Byrne both had stellar performances as well. Robison hit on 5-of-8 pass attempts for 109 yards and one touchdown. Redshirt freshman quarterback Patrick Byrne, who was voted the Paul Gingold MVP of the Blue-Gray Scrimmage, hit on 11-of-23 attempts for 129 yards and three touchdowns. Byrne connected with Darron White, Tavares Gideon and Maurice Avery for scores. Gideon led all receivers with six pass receptions for 65 yards. Tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 41 yards on 17 attempts and scored three rushing touchdowns and also added a pass reception for a fourth

score. In pregame award ceremonies, numerous Tigers were honored. Deep snapper Rusty Clayton received the Rex Dockery Memorial Scholarship. Center Gene Frederic, receiver Tavarious Davis and linebacker Will Hyden were given the Chris Faros Most Improved Player Award, while quarterback Danny Wimprine and defensive tackles Eric Taylor and Kenyun Glover were named the winners of the Glenn Jones Award. Linebacker Tim Goodwell was named as the recipient of the Ralph Hatley Scholarship.

April 15, 2003

Head coach Tommy West appeared as a guest on WHBQ-AM radio with host Chris Vernon. The two discussed the recently ended spring drills. The Tiger football team participated in Pro Timing Day at Murphy Athletic Complex. Tailbacks DeAngelo Williams and Brian Davis both posted times of 4.2 in the forty-yard dash.

April 25, 2003

Head coach Tommy West joined John Calipari and Joy-Lee McNelis as speakers at the annual Media Appreciation Luncheon held at The Pyramid. The event marks the end of the school year and is designed to thank the media for their coverage of the Tiger teams throughout the school year. Athletic Director R.C. Johnson told the attending press corps about future projects designed to assist our coaches in building stronger programs. West left immediately after the program to speak at a coaches convention in Tunica, Mississippi.

April 26, 2003

The first three rounds of the NFL Draft were held today and the Tigers hit paydirt with offensive lineman Wade Smith being drafted in the third round by the Miami Dolphins. Smith, who lettered for two seasons as a tight end, was the 78th overall selection and became the first Tiger lineman to be drafted that high since tackle Jeff Walker was taken in the third round in 1987.

Former Tiger tailback Dante Brown made the Pittsburgh Steeler roster in 2003 after signing as a free agent.



April 27, 2003

Travis Anglin, who played quarterback for three years and receiver for one campaign, was drafted by the Detroit Lions in the seventh and final round of the draft. Anglin was the 260th player taken in 2003.

April 29, 2003

Four Tiger football players signed free agent contracts with NFL teams. Center Jimond Pugh and tailback Dante Brown signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers, while offensive tackle Joe Gerda inked an agreement with the Minnesota Vikings. Defensively, tackle Tony Brown signed a contract with the Carolina Panthers.

April 30, 2003

Athletic Department officials issued a release to the media outlining the new policies and procedures for the operation of the Tiger weight training facilities located on campus. Several newspaper stories had been written about UM strength coaches working out professional players for payment from agents. The new rules allow to strength coach to train a professional player but with 60% of the funds going to the University to replenish the weightroom equipment. The rules went into effect immediately.

May 1, 2003

Head coach Tommy West, assistant athletic director Bob Winn and equipment manager Marc Hohorst met to determine jersey numbers for the Tiger players for the 2003 season. Thursday was also study day for the U of M as exams begin on Friday.

May 2, 2003

Final exams for the Tigers began today and will run through the eighth of the month.

May 4, 2003

A story in The Commercial Appeal quoted Miami Dolphin's coach Dave Wannstead as saying that Memphis offensive tackle Wade Smith has the talent and technique to come in an start as a rookie for the Dolphins.

May 9, 2003

A reception was held in the Tiger Athletic Academic Center for athletes who are graduating in May from the U of M. Several Tiger football players are set to receive their degrees including tight end Jeff Cameron, defensive back Elijah Bell, fullback Darche' Epting, offensive guard Trey Eyre, receiver Tripp Higgins and offensive tackle Wade Smith. Smith was recently drafted by the Miami Dolphins of the NFL.

May 12, 2003

Head coach Tommy West left Memphis to attend Conference USA meetings in Destin, Florida. Athletic Director R.C. Johnson was already in Destin and he was expected to be joined by senior women's administrator Lynn Parkes, as well as basketball coaches John Calipari and Joye Lee-McNelis.

May 13, 2003

As reported by the Commercial Appeal, the ACC approved by vote an expansion of their confer-

ence from nine to 12 schools. Speculation surrounds Miami, Syracuse and Boston College joining the Atlantic Coast Conference thus opening three spots in the Big-East Conference. Memphis, Louisville and Cincinnati are reported to be among the several schools listed as possible replacements for the Big-East.

May 14, 2003

Tiger coach Tommy West was quoted at the Conference USA meetings in Destin that if the Big-East is planning to pick up three teams to replace Miami, Syracuse and Boston College, that Memphis came not afford to be left out of the package.

May 17, 2003

Head coach Tommy West and media relations director Bob Winn met to discuss aspects of the 2003 Football Media Guide. West informed Winn that he had hired two new assistant coaches and that the official announcement would be made in June. The two will replace Charlie Coe and Tim Banks.

May 19, 2003

Former Tiger offensive lineman Bob Jordan called the Athletic Media Relations Office and talked with Bob Winn for the first time in several years. Jordan is living in Houston, Texas, but has kept in touch with his former roommate Bob Rush. Jordan also said that former Tiger receiver Keith Wright is a head football coach in the Houston area.

May 20, 2003

Head coach Tommy West and several members of his staff participated in the "Brat" Golf Tournament in Tunica, MS. The event is held each year in memory of Steve Bratkowski, who was killed in a water skiing accident. Former NFL great Zeke Bratkowski, Steve's father, sponsors the event. Tiger administrative aid John Flowers and his team placed second in this year's tournament.

May 22, 2003

Tommy West and his family left Memphis for a vacation to visit family in Georgia. He is expected to be gone through the weekend. Director of Football Operations John Flowers, Assistant AD Bob Winn and assistant coaches Russ Huesman and Randy Fichtner represented to the athletic department in the Cystic-Fibrosis Benefit Tournament in Southaven, MS.

May 30, 2003

Head coach Tommy West, assistant coaches Randy Fichtner, Clay Helton, Craig Boller, Tim Keane and Russ Huesman, Director of Football Operations John Flowers and Associate Athletic Directors Bob Winn and Bill Lofton traveled to Trenton, TN, for the annual West Tennessee Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Pine Valley Country Club. The event was won by the team of Clay Helton, Bob Winn, Craig Boller, Todd Lewis and Lee Hayes. Following the golf outing, a social gathering was held at the home of Lee Harrell. Playing with West in the event was one of his former Tennessee teammates, Ernie Ward. Ward, a native of Memphis, is now living in Jackson, TN.

June 2, 2003

Gene Corrigan, a former conference commissioner and head of the NCAA, was in Memphis to meet with athletic department officials and coaches in hopes of putting together a plan for admission to the Big East Conference should expansion come about this summer. The spring golf tournament season continued as Tommy West and his staff played in the annual Highland 100 Golf Scramble at Wedgewood Golf Club in Olive Branch, MS.

June 3, 2003

Rumors continue to spread about the coming expansion of the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Big East Conference attempting to retain members. The University of Memphis has had several in-house meetings to discuss the ramifications of such a move and the best path for the Tigers to follow to remain in the national football spotlight.

June 4, 2003

The University of Memphis continues to be mentioned as one of eight possible schools to join the Big East Conference if the ACC expands. Other schools mentioned are Louisville, Cincinnati, South Florida, East Carolina, Marshall and Central Florida.

June 5, 2003

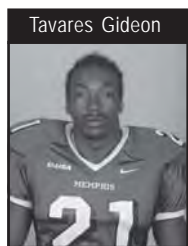
Memphis senior wide receiver Tavares Gideon suffered a knee injury while working out at Murphy Athletic Complex. Trainers have scheduled Gideon to have his knee scoped to determine the extent of the injury.

June 10, 2003

University of Memphis officials were notified that senior linebacker Derrick Ballard has been named to the 2003 Preseason All-Conference USA Team as one of three linebackers selected by the league's coaches. Ballard was a second team all-conference pick in 2002 after logging over 100 tackles.

June 12, 2003

The Tigers received bad news when it was discovered that receiver Tavares Gideon had sustained a torn ACL during workouts and will miss the 2003 season. Gideon, who was the team's second leading receiver in 2002, will have surgery on June 16 and will be lost for the year. He does have a red-shirt remaining and will be able to play his senior season in 2004.

*June 17, 2003*

Memphis head coach Tommy West and Johnny Lyons are set to participate in the Memphis MGA Four-Ball Golf Tournament which will be played over two days at Ridgeway Country Club and Windyke Country Club.

June 18, 2003

Chris Rumpf, the defensive backs coach at South Carolina State arrived in Memphis to talk with Tommy West about a defensive coaching position on the Tiger staff. Rumpf, a four-year letterman at

South Carolina, played under West when the current Tiger coach worked as the linebacker coach for the Gamecocks. Tommy West and his staff ended the annual Tommy West Football Camp at Murphy Complex. Heavy rains and lightning forced the camp to be called off on the final day. Area high school coaches remained for a "chalkboard and chat" session with the Memphis staff.

June 19, 2003

Head coach Tommy West officially offer a coaching position to Chris Rumpf and will make the recommendation to the State Board of Regents this week. Rumpf is expected to coach linebackers for Memphis.

June 20, 2003

Tiger wide receiver Tavares Gideon injured his knee during workouts at Murphy Athletic Complex. Gideon was running pass routes with other receivers during late afternoon individuals workouts at the Complex. He will be scoped to determine the damage to his knee.

June 22, 2003

Senior wide receiver Tavares Gideon has suffered a torn ACL in his left knee and will be lost for the 2003 season. Gideon, who has never been redshirted, is expected to return for the 2004 season. He will be replaced in the Tiger lineup by junior letterman Tavarious Davis.

June 25, 2003

Head coach Tommy West participated in the Celebrity Pro-Am at the 46th annual FedEx St. Jude Classic Golf Tournament at TPC at Southwind in Memphis. West's Pro-Am team was paired with tour professional Fred Wadsworth.

June 27, 2003

Appearing for the second time in three days, Tommy West participated in the Memorial Pro-Am at the FedEx St. Jude Golf Classic. West and his teammates were paired with TOUR veteran Duffy Waldorf. The group posted a score of 19 under par 51 to place second in the event. Each team member received a piece of Waterford Crystal.

June 29, 2003

Tiger defensive back O.C. Collins was named to the 2003 Athlon Football Magazine All-Conference USA team. Linebacker Derrick Ballard, tailback DeAngelo Williams and wide receiver Tavares Gideon were named to the second team.

July 1, 2003

Jeep Hunter, the former director of football operations for Tommy West at Clemson University, is

Chris Rumpf, who played for Tommy West at USC, was hired on the Memphis staff in June.



in Memphis to interview for a coaching position on West's Tiger football staff. Hunter is currently coaching at Eastern Kentucky University. If hired Hunter will replace Charlie Coe as a member of the offensive staff.

July 2, 2003

Rumors continue to swirl as Miami and Virginia Tech have decided to join the ACC, leaving the Big East Conference without two of its strongest members. The media has reported that Conference USA Commissioner Britton Banowsky and Big East Commissioner Mike Tranchese held talks late on July 1st to discuss the future of both leagues. Rumors also have C-USA's TCU, Houston and Tulane all joining the WAC. Jeep Hunter continued his interview with head coach Tommy West and is expected to be hired as an assistant coach.

July 3, 2003

Work continues on the U of M's Murphy Athletic Complex. The construction of the turfroom is ahead of pace and is expected to be completed by the start of fall camp. The turfroom, which was destroyed in a Halloween morning fire, is the final phase of the south campus project.

July 6, 2003

The Tennessee State Board of Regents approved the hiring of Chris Rumpf as an assistant coach and the story was released to the Memphis area media. Rumpf joins the Tigers after coaching the secondary last season at South Carolina State.

July 7, 2003

Head coach Tommy West and his family left Memphis for a family vacation in Destin, FL.

July 9, 2003

The Commercial Appeal ran a story on the return of defensive tackle Albert Means. Means, who sat out last season while concentrating on academics, regained his eligibility and has started his workout program for the fall of 2003.

July 10, 2003

The United States Military Academy announced that it will pull out of Conference USA and return to its days of playing collegiate football as an independent. Army will compete during the 2003 and 2004 seasons to completed its obligation to C-USA.

July 12, 2003

A birthday party was held for TOM II, the Tiger Bengal Tiger mascot which is housed at St. Nick's Farms in Collierville, TN. Tiger coaches, players and fans attended the afternoon event and cake was served to all in attendance. Head coach Tommy West returned from a family vacation in time to attend the gathering and speak to the fans about the importance of their support during the season.

July 14, 2003

University of Memphis head coach Tommy West granted Lake Highland Prep wide receiver Bobby Good a release from his National Letter of Intent in order for Good to attend East Carolina University. Good, who is the nephew of ECU offensive coordinator Rick Stockstill, had a life long dream

to play for his uncle. West, who hired Stockstill at Clemson and has been friends with the former Florida State quarterback for many years, granted the receiver his release because of the importance to the Good and Stockstill families.

July 15, 2003

Chris Rumph, who was recently hired by Tommy West as a defensive coach, arrived in Memphis to begin work. The U of M also announced that Jeep Hunter has been hired as an offensive coach for West and that he has filled the final available spot on the football staff. Hunter, who is on his honeymoon, is expected in Memphis next week.



July 16, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West announced that wide receiver Mario Pratcher had made his grades and would be eligible to compete for the Tigers in the fall. Pratcher sat out the 2002 season while concentrating on his grades. The Trezevant High School graduate was one of the top prep receivers in the state during the 2001 season.

July 18, 2003

Former Tiger quarterback and Hall of Fame member Billy Fletcher took the entire football staff to TPC Southwind for a final round of golf before the start of the season. The group was joined by Washington Redskin coach Kim Helton, his son Tyson Helton and Associate Athletic Director Bob Winn. The 2003 edition of the Tiger Football Media Guide arrived on campus.

July 19, 2003

Conference USA officially announced its preseason All-Conference team. Tiger linebacker Derrick Ballard was named to the prestigious squad.

July 20, 2003

Coaches and players from the Conference USA football playing schools began arriving in Memphis for the annual Football Media Days. The AXA Liberty Bowl staff kicked off the festivities with a reception at the Marriott Downtown. Also in attendance were coaches and athletic directors of the Mountain West Conference.

July 21, 2003

C-USA Media Day activities continued with the playing of two golf scrambles at TPC Southwind. Heavy thunderstorms interrupted the morning round after 12 holes but the afternoon session was able to play a full 18 holes.

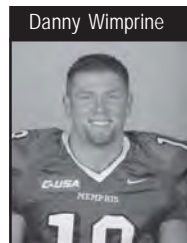
July 22, 2003

As members of the University of Memphis staff

were attempting to travel to downtown Memphis for the working sessions of Conference USA Media Day, a severe line of thunderstorms hit the city. Straight line winds that reached speeds of 101 miles per hour ripped up trees and telephone poles and blacked out most of the city. Fortunately, the downtown area maintained its electricity and the event went on as planned. Members of the media interviewed coaches and players which helped promote league play around the country. Tigers Danny Wimprine and Derrick Ballard attended to represent the University of Memphis.

July 24, 2003

Memphis quarterback Danny Wimprine was named to the 2003 Davie O'Brien National Quarterback Award watch list. The list includes the leading candidates to win the award which presented annually to the nation's top collegiate quarterback. There are 42 candidates on this fall's list.



July 25, 2003

Jeep Hunter, the newest member of the Tiger football staff arrived in Memphis and began to set up his office in the Memphis football department. Hunter, who coached with West at Clemson, will work with the Tiger offense.

July 31, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West celebrated his birthday while preparing for the Tiger football team to arrive back on campus. West turned 49 years old this year.

August 1, 2003

Don Wade of the *Commercial Appeal* came to campus to interview both Tommy West and defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn for the paper's preseason football section. Wade also spent time with linebackers Derrick Ballard and Greg Harper. West spent the early afternoon taping a cable access show with State Senator Steve Cohen.

August 4, 2003

Memphis head coach Tommy West announced that he had reassigned several of his coaches for the 2003 season. Newly arrived assistant Jeep Hunter will coach the Memphis running backs. Russ Huesman, who had coached the tight ends before moving to running backs in the spring of 2003, will work with the tight ends and offensive tackles. Line coach Rick Mallory will concentrate with the guards and centers. West said that the offensive line is the youngest position we have and he wanted two coaches working with the large number of young players.

August 5, 2003

The Tiger coaching staff welcomed 98 players to campus for the start of fall camp. Under new NCAA guidelines, veteran players and newcomers arrived at the same time and will begin workouts together. The players spent the afternoon

checking in and filling out NCAA Forms and then departed for Campbell Clinic and this year's physiotherapy.

August 6, 2003

The 2003 edition of the Tiger football team hit the field this morning for the first practice of the season. Led by such notable players as quarterback Danny Wimprine, tailback DeAngelo Williams, linebacker Derrick Ballard and defensive tackle Eric Taylor, the Tigers went through a spirited two hour workout. Tiger newcomers had to jump in and attempt to follow the lead of the veteran players since they did not have the advantage of being in camp ahead of the upper classmen. Tommy West singled out the play of freshmen Jamaal Rufus, Arron Bentley, Mario Pratcher and Quinton McCrary during the first practice.

August 7, 2003

Conditioning workouts continued at 6:30 AM at Murphy Complex. Still missing from the action was junior college defensive end Tyus Jackson, who is awaiting the outcome of a final exam at Northeast Mississippi CC to gain his eligibility. It is hoped that Jackson will arrive in Memphis by the weekend.

August 8, 2003

The Highland Hundred Club held its annual Kick-off Banquet at the new Holiday Inn-University of Memphis and a sellout crowd of over 500 people cheered every word spoken by head coach Tommy West. The third-year coach told the crowd that he expected the team to go to a bowl game every year and that with two recruiting classes on campus, the team was getting closer to reaching its goal. This years class of newcomers attended the event and took turns introducing themselves to those in attendance. Quarterback Danny Wimprine and linebacker Derrick Ballard also spoke on behalf of the team.

August 9, 2003

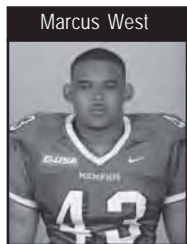
The Tiger football team was allowed to sleep-in for an extra hour or two and did not have to practice until 11:30 AM on Saturday. With no summer school classes to attend, the coaches set the practice later. However, the later hour did mean that the heat of the day had arrived and the Tigers fought through the temperature.

August 10, 2003

After completing the four days of conditioning,



the Tigers donned their pads for the first time of the 2003 camp and hitting was the order of the day. Senior linebacker Coot Terry sustained a pulled hamstring and sophomore defensive end Marcus West suffered an injured toe. Both were expected to miss practice on Monday. Area media members from all four television stations, as well as reporters from *The Commercial Appeal* and *Tiger Times* were in attendance. Several spirited encounters took place during the two-hours of drills. The day ended with Coach West again running his punt team drills.



Marcus West

August 11, 2003

The football team began its first week of two-a-day practices with a 6:30 AM gathering on Monday. A little tired after their first full week of workouts, the Tigers had to shake off the effects of tired legs and Memphis coaches turned up the intensity. "The players are giving us the effort but they must realize that we will keep turning up the pressure until the first game," West said. "I'm a perfectionist and we will get it right." The team practiced in shorts during the morning and returned to full pads for the evening. During the afternoon session, junior tailback Derron Parquet, a transfer from LSU, suffered a severely sprained right ankle. He is expected to be out of action for one to two weeks.

August 12, 2003

Under new NCAA guidelines the Tiger football team was allowed just one practice session on Tuesday. The team worked out at 6:30 AM in full pads as head coach Tommy West continued to toughen his squad. Junior wide receiver Chris Kelley stunned those in attendance when he went up for a pass, was undercut and landed on his head. The junior college transfer was knocked unconscious for several minutes and remained motionless on the field. He regained his senses and was escorted to the sideline by Tiger trainers. He is expected to be out for two days.

August 13, 2003

The football team participated in their first scrimmage of fall camp and despite a steady rain, head coach Tommy West complimented the effort and tempo of his young squad. Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams ran 74 yards for a touchdown on the second play of the morning and finished the two hour session with 114 yards rushing. Redshirt freshmen tailbacks Brian Davis and Lakendus Cole added 72 and 48 yards, respectively with Davis scoring twice. Junior quarterback Bobby Robison threw for 83 yards and one touchdown and sophomore receiver Mario Pratcher led all receivers with four catches for 32 yards. Lee Hayes logged the only pass interception of the day and Albert Means and Erskine Williams recovered fumbles for the defense.

August 14, 2003

With just one practice available on Thursday, Tommy West put the team through an abbreviated scrimmage during the 6:30 AM workout. Once

again, tailback DeAngelo Williams broke the first run from scrimmage for 80 yards and a touchdown. Brian Davis added a second score on a 64 yard run, while receiver Von Webb caught a 60-yard touchdown pass from Bobby Robison. West singled out the improved play of Davis as a real plus for the team with Derron Parquet out of action with an ankle injury.

August 15, 2003

Freshman offensive lineman Aaron Grimes decided to give up college football and left the team. Grimes, who had had back surgery as a junior in high school, had pain in his back and despite a clear MRI, decided not to risk further back trouble.

August 16, 2003

The football team held its first big scrimmage of the fall at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium and to say head coach was pleased, is to say the least. The Tigers had just one turnover during the 95-play scrimmage. Junior quarterback Danny Wimprine threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Chris Kelley to the scrimmage's first series and finished the day with 151 yards passing and two touchdowns. Redshirt freshman tailback Brian Davis led all rushers with 48 yards, while Lakendus Cole gained 42 yards and DeAngelo Williams added 32 yards. Linebacker Greg Harper led all tacklers with eight and Derrick Ballard and Wesley Smith, both defensive backs, contributed seven tackles each. The only downside of Saturday's scrimmage occurred when wide receiver Mario Pratcher sustained a broken collarbone. He is expected to miss four to six weeks.

August 17, 2003

Tommy West had his team watch films of Saturday's scrimmage and then canceled the afternoon workout to allow the squad to rest before another hard week of work.

August 18, 2003

Senior linebacker Will Hyden and junior punter/holder Ryan Ivey, both walk-on members of the Tiger football team, were awarded football scholarships by head coach Tommy West. Hyden has been a special teams member for two seasons and is expected to start at linebacker this fall. Ivey replaced Scott Scherer as the Tiger holder at mid-season last year and earned his first varsity letter. In 90-plus degree temperatures and high humidity, the Tiger football team worked out twice on Monday at Murphy Athletic Complex.

August 19, 2003

Battling temperatures in the high 90s and heat indexes approaching 110 degrees, the Tiger football team scrimmaged for the second time in four days at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium and the results were pleasing to head coach Tommy

West. "I think Danny Wimprine is playing the best he has ever played. He made some big-time throws this afternoon like the touchdown pass to LaDarius (Price). Young quarterbacks do not even see that receiver, yet Danny picked him up immediately." Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams led all rushers with 51 yards on seven attempts, while sophomore LaKendus Cole gained 27 yards on eight attempts. Freshman Brian Davis scored the only rushing touchdown on a one yard run. Wimprine appears ready for the start of the 2003 season as he connected on nine-of-14 pass attempts for 143 yards and two touchdowns. He hooked up with Maurice Avery for a 39-yard scoring strike and on the ensuing series, tossed a 61-yard touchdown to LaDarius Price. Junior college transfer Bobby Robison had 84 yards on five completions. Price was the leading receiver with three receptions for 72 yards, while Avery had four catches for 70 yards.

August 20, 2003

The Tiger football team had a big surprise when they arrived at football practice at 6:30 AM. NFL Hall of Famer Joe Theismann was on the field and asked to speak to the squad. Head coach Tommy West introduced the former Washington Redskin quarterback to the team and stepped aside. Theismann told the squad that he had lived in Memphis for several years and the Tigers were his collegiate team despite the fact that he graduated from Notre Dame. "I follow you and I want to be proud of what you accomplish. Never let anyone tell you what you can't do on the football field. I was only 5'11" and I excelled at Notre Dame and in the NFL. You can do the same". The former all-American and Super Bowl champion then began a full morning of working with the Tiger quarterbacks and receivers and capped off the workout by spending two more hours watching film with the quarterbacks. Arron Bentley, a true freshman who had been working as a backup at linebacker, was moved to tight end in an attempt to get him on the field this season.

August 21, 2003

The "dog days" of August are beginning to take their toll on the Tiger football team but the players continue to battle under Tommy West's camp motto of "shut-up and work". The defensive unit went through coordinator Joe Lee Dunn's graduation day which included 15 consecutive minutes of "packer

Former NFL quarterback and Memphian Joe Theismann attended the Tigers practice sessions on August 20 and told the team, "I follow you each week. You are my team and I want to be proud of what you accomplish".



NFL Hall of Famer Joe Theismann returned to the Tiger practice field a second time and visited with the Memphis quarterbacks, (l to r) Bobby Robison, Danny Wimprine, Theismann, coach Randy Fichtner and Patrick Byrne.



drills". West approached the unit after the completion of the three-period session and literally took his hat off to the players. "I'm mighty proud of what you just completed. That's a fine example of shut-up and work."

August 22, 2003

As the sun rose over Murphy Athletic Complex at 6:30 AM the Tiger football team participated in the final day of two-a-day drills. The full-pad session was highlighted by a two period scrimmage, the final of camp. The team went through a shell practice on Friday afternoon prior to participating in FanFest 2003. Approximately 1,600 fans attended the annual event. The players and coaches mingled with the fans and signed autographs.

August 23, 2003

The "dog days" of August are beginning to take their toll as a tired Tiger football team took to the field for their final 6:30 AM practice of fall camp. The team worked out in full pads and had an extended special teams scrimmage that lasted for most of the 19 periods. Junior college transfer Brandon Roberson proved why Tommy West and his staff were so excited about signing the punter as he boomed punt after punt. Sophomore kicker Stephen Gostkowski was impressive with his kick-off duties and the team worked overtime on the punt and kick returns.

August 25, 2003

Head coach Tommy West hosted his first weekly media luncheon at the Athletic Office Building and gave the large group of media attending a very bright picture of what he expected from the team this fall. West detailed the strides made by the young team and how the squad appeared ready to win this season. Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine, linebacker Derrick Ballard and offensive tackle Jason Johnson also attended the luncheon.

August 26, 2003

The Tigers returned to the practice fields for the first time since Saturday and began final preparations for this weekend's Tennessee Tech game. Lightning and thunder failed to force the team off the practice field as game plans were put in place for Saturday's opener. LSU transfer tailback Derron Parquet was suited up for practice and attempted to go through drills but appeared to still be hobbled with an ankle injury. He is doubtful for

the weekend.

August 27, 2003

With finishing touches being put in place at Murphy Athletic Complex, the University hosted the "Grand Opening" at the south campus facility. University president Dr. Shirley Raines attended as did project benefactors Willard Sparks and

David Bronczek of FedEx. A large crowd estimated at 200-300 attended and took a tour of the new football facility. A ribbon cutting ceremony officially opened the \$6.3 million renovation project which features new locker rooms, meeting rooms, equipment room and training room. Numerous ex-players attended including Earnest Gray, Nyrone Hawkins, Stan Weaver, Jeff King, Bryan Chadwick and Danton Barto. Head coach Tommy West told the gathering that he would no longer avoid the complex while showing recruits around Memphis. "This is a world-class facility and something that we are all very proud of."

August 28, 2003

The Tiger football team boarded buses and rode to Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium for the final dress rehearsal before Saturday's season opener against Tennessee Tech. The majority of the practice was used for special teams work and to get the squad prepared for playing under the lights. West concentrated his efforts with the punt team and new punter Brandon Roberson. The junior college transfer responded with numerous booming kicks. Placekicker Stephen Gostkowski also appeared ready for the opener as he kick field goal after field goal from 50 yards out.

August 30, 2003

The Tiger football team opened the 2003 season with a resounding, 40-10, victory over Tennessee Tech University at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine completed 15-of-21 pass attempts for 266 yards and two touchdowns. In doing so, Wimprine set a new Memphis record for career passing yards with 4,415 and for career completions with 352. Wimprine overtook Danny Sparkman for career yardage (4,311) and Steve Matthews for career completions (341). When Wimprine left the game in the third quarter, he was replaced by

junior college transfer Bobby Robison. Robison threw for 124 yards in his first outing. The aerial performance by Wimprine and Robison marked the first time since the 1978 season that two Tiger quarterbacks had thrown for more than 100 yards each in a single game. Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams led the team in rushing with 61 yards and one touchdown and also led the squad in receiving with four receptions for 135 yards and two additional scores. His 135 yards receiving were the most ever by a Memphis running back. Tiger wide receiver Maurice Avery ran for two touchdowns in the win. Derrick Ballard and Coot Terry both recovered fumble for the Tiger defense and punter Brandon Roberson averaged 49.5 yards per punt.

September 1, 2003

Head coach Tommy West had his second press luncheon of the season and told the attending media members that he was very pleased with the Tigers' performance against Tennessee Tech. West said that the staff had preached "no turnovers" throughout fall camp and that the two takeaways and no turnover effort against the Golden Eagles had been the difference in the game. West also singled out the play of Danny Wimprine and DeAngelo Williams. The Tigers returned to the practice field on Monday afternoon.

September 2, 2003

The Tigers were met with a slow and steady rain at Murphy Complex but managed to get in their entire Tuesday practice session. A large number of media members attended the workout to talk with both head coach Tommy West and defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn. Dunn was asked how his defense planned to stop the passing attack of Eli Manning.

September 3, 2003

Tiger linebacker Derrick Ballard suffered a bruised thigh when he was accidentally kneed by fellow linebacker Coot Terry. He is expected to be ready for Saturday's game with Ole Miss.

September 4, 2003

Tiger linebacker Derrick Ballard was held out of practice for a second day in hopes of having him prepared for the Ole Miss game. Ballard sustained

On August 27th, the final ribbon cutting ceremony was held to officially open the Billy J. Murphy Athletic Training Facility. Left to right are David Bronczek of FedEx, Athletic Director R.C. Johnson, Memphis President Dr. Shirley Raines, Willard Sparks of Vining Sparks and head coach Tommy West.



a deep thigh bruise in practice. The ESPN2 crew arrived in Memphis on Thursday afternoon and went through a site survey with Associate Athletic Director Bob Winn at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

September 5, 2003

ESPN2 announcers Pam Ward and Chris Spielman came to the Memphis campus to watch game tapes and to talk with Tiger head coach Tommy West and his coordinators, Joe Lee Dunn and Randy Fichtner. Tiger wide receiver Von Webb underwent ACL surgery Friday to repair damage sustained in fall camp. Webb, a redshirt junior, is expected to be out for the entire season but should return to the team for the fall of 2004. He is the third Tiger receiver lost this season.

September 6, 2003

With ESPN2 cameras carrying the game to the nation, the Tigers took to the field at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium to take on the Rebels of Ole Miss in a battle of backyard rivals. Memphis struck first when tailback DeAngelo Williams hauled in a 20-yard pass from Danny Wimprine and sprinted to the end zone for a score. The Tigers scored again in the opening moments of the second quarter when Williams took a handoff and raced 43 yards down the sideline to give Memphis a 14-0 lead. After Ole Miss took a 17-14 lead just before the half, Wimprine marched the team down the field and with the final seconds ticking off the clock, launched a 31-yard pass to Maurice Avery to give the Tigers a stunning 21-17 halftime lead. Eli Manning, the Ole Miss Heisman Trophy candidate quarterback seemed to take over the game in the third period and as the fourth quarter started, Ole Miss led 34-21. But this Tiger football did not give up. Instead these Tigers dominated the fourth period compiling 278 yards of total offense while holding the Rebels to just 79 yards. Williams opened the fourth period with a 20-yard touch-

down run, his third of the day, to cut the Rebel advantage to 34-28. After holding Ole Miss and getting the ball back, Wimprine drove the team 76 yards for a Stephen Gostkowski field goal. One series later, lightning struck as Wimprine found wide receiver Tavarious Davis streaking down the field and hit him for a 92-yard touch-

down and a 38-34 Memphis lead. The Tigers received the ball back after just four Rebel plays and it led immediately to a 42-yard Gostkowski field goal. Inspired by a 41-34 lead, the Tiger defense immediately got the ball back when linebacker Coot Terry intercepted a Manning pass. Milking the clock, Wimprine used up over three minutes before Gostkowski sealed the game with a 17 yard field goal. Tiger linebacker Derrick Ballard ended the game when he picked off Manning with just :20 remaining in the contest. A celebration began that surely lasted most of the night for Tiger fans.

September 8, 2003

Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine was named the **Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week** for his performance against Ole Miss and kicker Stephen Gostkowski was selected as the **C-USA Special Teams Player of the Week**. Wimprine completed 18-of-32 pass attempts for a record tying 355 yards and three touchdowns. His 92-yard pass to Tavarious Davis was the second longest pass play in school history and his 355 yards passing tied Rusty Trail for the most in a single game. Gostkowski scored 14 points in the game on three field goals and five PATs. His three field goals came in the fourth period and sealed the victory.

September 9, 2003

Tiger honorary assistant coach Joe Theismann returned to the Murphy Complex and spent the afternoon working with the Memphis quarterbacks. The NFL Hall of Famer and ESPN football analyst gave Danny Wimprine, Bobby Robison and Patrick Byrne tips to help hone their skills as a passer and talked with Tiger receivers about how to best run pass routes. Following practice head coach Tommy West called on Theismann to speak to the team. The current Memphian told the squad how proud he was of his adopted team and how he was pulling for "his Tigers" in every game. He stated that the team had put itself into position to have a great season and no one could stop them but themselves. The team gave Theismann a rousing ovation.

September 12, 2003

The Tiger football team boarded buses and left Memphis for Hattiesburg, MS, and this weekend's game with the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi. The team stopped in Jackson, MS, for lunch and were delayed 35-minutes while President Bush, who was speaking in Jackson, made his way

NFL great Joe Theismann returned to the Murphy Athletic Training Facility on September 9th and as honorary coach, spent the afternoon talking with head coach Tommy West and working with the quarterbacks.



to the airport and Air Force One. The team arrived in Hattiesburg at 3:30 PM and went through a short workout at M.M. Roberts Stadium.

September 13, 2003

Thunderstorms rolled through Hattiesburg all afternoon and a steady rain fell just prior to kickoff as the Tigers and Golden Eagles prepared for kickoff. The damp conditions would play a major roll in the outcome of the game as Memphis would commit six turnovers and the Golden Eagles, three, before USM prevailed, 23-6. The Tigers managed two field goals by Stephen Gostkowski, while Southern Miss scored on a one-yard run by quarterback Mickey DeAngelo, a punt return by Marvin Young, and a 38-yard run by Tim Blackwell. The Tigers only bright spot was the running of sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams. The **Doak Walker Award** candidate rushed for 158 yards on 28 attempts but was held out of the end zone for the first time this season.

September 15, 2003

Head coach Tommy West told media members attending the weekly press luncheon that he was not as disappointed with the Tigers' effort against Southern Mississippi as he had been after the game. West stated that after reviewing the game tape he saw a good deal of execution and effort against the Golden Eagles but the turnovers killed any chance of victory.

September 16, 2003

It was back to work for the Memphis football team despite the fact that the squad has an open date this weekend. Attempting to recover from last week's loss to USM, the team practiced in full pads for two hours at Murphy Athletic Complex. One of the main goals of the week will be to find a backup tailback for DeAngelo Williams. Junior Derron Parquet, who fumbled on his first carry against Southern Miss, is trying to prove to coaches that he is the best candidate for the job. West had stated at his press luncheon that Parquet had not used the proper technique to take a handoff and that had caused the fumble.

September 17, 2003

The Tigers' afternoon practice session at Murphy Athletic Complex was highlighted by a spirited goal line scrimmage that featured the scout defense against the number one offensive unit. Attempting

Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine earned C-USA Player of the Week honors after passing for 355 yards and three TDs in the win over Ole Miss.



to punch the ball in from three yards out, the scout defense rose to the challenge and held on nine consecutive snaps. Led by tackles Haracio Colen and Erskine Williams, the unit made hit after hit on tailback Derron Parquet. Former linebacker Robert Douglas, who had been moved to fullback in the Southern Miss game, took over and plowed into the end zone twice before fumbling on his third carry. The turnover brought the ire of head coach Tommy West.

September 18, 2003

Despite being in full pads, the Tigers went through a light workout before Tommy West dismissed his squad for the weekend. With an open date, most of the Tigers were preparing to travel to their homes for a relaxing weekend.

September 21, 2003

It was back to the practice fields for the Tiger football team and time to prepare for the upcoming Arkansas State game. A light rain greeted the team on Sunday afternoon and instead of using the newly completed indoor turf room, West challenged his team to be "tough guys" and practice outside. The team responded with a spirited practice.

September 22, 2003

Tommy West told media members attending his weekly press luncheon that tailback Derron Parquet had given a strong effort in the previous week of practice but was still bothered by his high ankle sprain. The coach was hoping that four consecutive days off had helped the ankle heal and that Parquet would be available for the Arkansas State game. If not, redshirt freshman LaKendus Cole could even have more extended playing time in order to give starter DeAngelo Williams a break from the action. Some controversy swirled at the press luncheon over Arkansas State coaches not supplying Tiger coaches with their most recent game against Tulsa. Memphis has contact Tulsa coaches to obtain a tape of the game. ASU coach Steve Roberts said that the U of M requested their first

games and not their fourth contest of the season.

September 23, 2003

The Memphis athletic media relations staff had one of its busiest afternoons at Tiger football practice when a dozen members of the press arrived for pre-practice interviews with coaches and players. Reporters from the *Jonesboro Sun* and from Wynne, AR, arrived to speak with star running back DeAngelo Williams. Three writers from *The Commercial Appeal* were on hand to talk with Stephen Gostkowski, Haracio Colen and Williams. The U of M radio network staff was on hand for interviews as was the editor of the new *Tiger Times*. George Lapides of WREG-TV used the time for interviews with O.C. Collins and Danny Wimprine and WHBQ-TV talked with linebacker Derrick Ballard.

September 24, 2003

Tiger wide receiver Mario Pratcher, who sustained a broken collarbone in fall camp, was cleared by team doctors to start running and catching passes in practice. The Trezevant High School graduate, who was expected to be a part of the Tiger passing game this fall, ran laps around the practice fields and caught passes from Memphis quarterbacks. Pratcher did not wear pads during the Wednesday workout. It is anticipated that Pratcher will begin contact work next week and could be ready for some work in the UAB game.

September 25, 2003

Head coach Tommy West told a reporter from the school newspaper, *The Helmsman*, that he did not think that backup tailback Derron Parquet had recovered enough from an ankle injury to play against Arkansas State this weekend. Parquet has been plagued by a high ankle sprain since fall camp.

September 26, 2003

The University of Memphis athletic department hosted the annual M Club Hall of Fame Banquet at Goldsmith's Botanic Garden on Friday evening and seven former Tiger athletes were inducted into the prestigious organization. Three former Tiger football players were installed including former record setting quarterback Steve Matthews, Tiger fullback Ray Jamieson and defensive lineman Bobby Russell. The group will also be introduced at halftime of the Arkansas State game.

September 27, 2003

After sputtering offensively for the first half of the game, the University of Memphis Tiger football team came out of the locker room and outscored the Indians, 35-6, in the second stanza to win their third football game in four starts this season. Led by the passing of Danny Wimprine and the running of tailback DeAngelo Williams, Memphis won the game before 38,093 sun soaked Tiger fans. ASU opened the scoring in the first half and took advantage of several Memphis mistakes to stop Tiger drives. Down 10-0 in the second quarter, the U of M managed a field goal by Stephen Gostkowski

St. Louis Rams' All-Pro and former Memphis Tiger receiver Isaac Bruce arrived in the city on October 4th for a halftime ceremony to officially retire his old Memphis jersey. Memphis President Dr. Shirley Raines made the presentation.



and went in for the half down 10-3. However, the second half was a different story. The Tigers scored on a Wimprine to Darron White 15-yard pass, a three-yard White run, a four-yard run by Wimprine, an 18-yard run by DeAngelo Williams and a Wimprine to Maurice Avery pass. Defensive tackle Eric Taylor recovered two fumbles for Memphis and Wesley Smith logged his first career pass interception in the victory.

September 29, 2003

Head coach Tommy West announced at his weekly press luncheon that offensive tackle Jason Johnson would undergo an MRI on Monday afternoon to determine the extent of damage to his right knee. Johnson was injured in the second quarter of the Arkansas State game. West also stated that nose tackle LaVale Washington had suffered a sprained ankle against ASU and could miss the UAB game.

September 30, 2003

The Tigers returned to the practice field on Tuesday and began preparing for the UAB game. Test results from Jason Johnson's MRI came in and it was determined that he had suffered a slight tear in his MCL and would be lost to the team for three to four weeks. It was feared that he had also torn his ACL but test results indicated no problem with his anterior cruciate ligament. The full contact practice session lasted two hours and Tommy West appeared pleased with the team's work ethic.

October 1, 2003

Offensive guard David Davis has been moved to a tackle position to replace the injured Jason Johnson. Johnson is expected to miss several weeks while his injured knee heals. Davis, a redshirt junior, has worked at guard this fall but played tackle in the spring.

October 3, 2003

St. Louis Rams' All-Pro wide receiver Isaac Bruce arrived in Memphis for ceremonies Saturday to officially retire his Tiger jersey, number 83. Bruce, who played for Memphis in 1992 and 1993, is the Rams all-time record holder for catches, yards and touchdowns. Bruce will be honored at halftime of the Memphis vs. UAB football game at the Liberty Bowl.

October 4, 2003

The Memphis Tigers were favored by nine-and-a-

Memphis sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams made rushed for 108 yards and one touchdown in the Tigers' win over ASU.



half points entering the Conference USA game with UAB but after a lackluster first half that spotted the Blazers a 17-point lead, the Tigers were unable to mount a comeback and lost to UAB 24-10. Tailback DeAngelo Williams had his fourth consecutive game with 100 yards rushing to tie the Memphis record set by Gerard Arnold, and quarterback Danny Wimprine completed 32 passes for 257

yards and one touchdown. The highlight of the day for Memphis was the play of wide receiver Maurice Avery. The sophomore caught a school record 13 passes for 125 yards and one score. Cornerback Lee Hayes, the Tigers' best defensive back, sustained a fracture dislocation of his right ankle and will miss the

remainder of the season. He will undergo surgery on Tuesday to have screws inserted to aid the healing process. Tiger defensive end Treveco Lucas suffered a sprained ankle and could be out of action for several days. A ceremony was held at half-time to retire Isaac Bruce's Memphis jersey.

October 5, 2003

The Memphis Tigers were treated to a special dinner following Sunday night's workout. Linebacker Will Hyden's father had made a promise to the team that if the Tigers defeated Ole Miss, he and a group of friends would barbecue a hog for the football team. Living up to his wager, the Hydens and several members of the Highland Hundred spent all day Sunday preparing the feast for the team.

October 6, 2003

Tiger football coach Tommy West told media members attending his weekly luncheon that he did not know why the Tiger offense had failed to get on track until the second half of two consecutive games but that it had cost the Tigers a loss against UAB. Several members of the Mississippi media attended the press luncheon and talked with Tiger players from the state of Mississippi. The media also spoke with former Bulldog defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn, who now holds the same position with Tommy West.

October 7, 2003

Tiger cornerback Lee Hayes underwent successful surgery at Campbell Clinic to repair a fracture dislocation of his right ankle. Dr. Barney Freeman led the surgery team that placed several pins in Hayes' ankle to promote healing. He is expected to be running by the time the Tigers start spring practice in March.

October 8, 2003

Defensive end Treveco Lucas, who suffered an ankle sprain during the first series of the UAB game, is still extremely sore and is not expected to play in the Mississippi State game. Marcus West, a native of Columbus, MS, is expected to share some of the playing time with David McNair in place of Lucas. McNair played almost all of the UAB game but West, who is coming off a turf toe injury, did manage some second half action.

October 9, 2003

Football practice was moved up one hour to try and workout before rain and thunderstorms hit the Mid-South area. The Tigers spent a great deal of time working on special teams plays before ending the one-and-a-half hour session. The team will leave for Starkville, MS, on Friday for this weekend's game with Mississippi State.

October 10, 2003

The Memphis Tigers arrived in Columbus, MS, Friday evening and checked-in the Holiday Inn to begin final preparations for the Mississippi State game. Former Tiger quarterback Rick Strawbridge, who lives in the Columbus area, came by the hotel on Friday evening to say hello to the staff.

October 11, 2003

It was Homecoming for Mississippi State University and the Tiger football team unfortunately did its part to make the day a happy event for Bulldog fans as Memphis committed several special teams mistakes that gave MSU a 35-27 win on Memphis. Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine threw for a school record 398 yards on a school record 32-of-60 attempts and logged one touchdown pass but to no avail as Memphis would lose its third game of the season. Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 119 yards, his fifth consecutive 100-yard performance of the season, as the Tigers piled up 568 yards of total offense. But State used a fumbled punt snap and a 100-yard kickoff return to stop the U of M for the 10th consecutive time in the series. Following the game, Memphis head coach Tommy West and Bulldog coach Jackie Sherrill had some sharp words pertaining to Tiger defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn. Sherrill wanted West to deliver a stinging message to Dunn and West let Sherrill know in no uncertain terms that he was not a messenger-boy.

October 12, 2003

The Tigers returned to work on Sunday afternoon to begin preparations for the Houston trip. Several players were limited in their Sunday workouts. Linebacker Greg Harper had a bruised thigh and limped through the run. Safety Derrick Ballard suffered a bruised heel and was also visibly limping. Defensive end Treveco Lucas, who missed the Mississippi State game, was still nursing a sore ankle and could be doubtful for this weekend.

October 13, 2003

Tommy West used his Monday press luncheon to readdress his confrontation with Mississippi State head coach Jackie Sherrill following last weekend's football game. West stated that "everyone has his own personality and after a game, tempers run high. But I'm not going to stand by and let someone say something about my people. I'm going to defend my staff and players. You are either one of us or you're not. And if you're not, then you are the enemy." West has been defended by media and individuals from around the country.

October 14, 2003

Offensive tackle Jason Johnson, who suf-

fered a torn MCL in the Arkansas State game, visited with team doctors after Monday's practice. It was hoped that doctors would allow the junior to begin his rehabilitation of his right knee. Junior David Davis has been playing in place of Johnson at tackle.

October 16, 2003

The Tigers went through their final workout before boarding a plane for Houston, Texas, and a weekend match-up with the Houston Cougars. Head coach Tommy West told his team that he was proud of the way they had worked throughout the week and that if they will play hard and eliminate mistakes, the Tigers will win the game. Defensive end Treveco Lucas is the only team member who is doubtful for the game. Lucas is still nursing a sprained ankle.

October 17, 2003

It was an early morning flight for the Memphis football team. The squad left campus at 9 AM and boarded their plane after an extensive security check. Upon arrival in Houston, TX, the team bused to Robertson Stadium on the University of Houston campus for an afternoon walk-through.

October 18, 2003

Middle linebacker Will Hyden intercepted a Kevin Kolb pass in the first quarter and returned it 39-yards for a touchdown igniting a spark that would propel the Tigers to a 45-14 Conference USA victory over the Houston Cougars. On the ensuing series of plays, safety Derrick Ballard recovered a UH fumble and immediately quarterback Danny Wimprine tossed a nine-yard pass to Maurice Avery. After forcing a Cougar punt, Wimprine hooked up with sophomore receiver Mario Pratcher for 36 yard and another Memphis score. Before the first quarter ended, Wimprine fired a bomb to



DeAngelo Williams

Linebacker Will Hyden's 36-yard interception return for a touchdown against Houston helped the Tigers to a 45-14 road victory. Hyden was named the C-USA Defensive Player of the Week for his play.



Avery for yet another score. The play covered 55 yards. When the first period ended, Memphis led 28-0. The Tiger running backs took over at that point and controlled the clock and the ball in continuing to build the lead. DeAngelo Williams would gain 120 yards and score two rushing touchdowns, and have two more called back on penalties, while LSU transfer Derron Parquet would pick up 97 yards on 16 carries and LaKendus Cole would add 112 yards on two attempts. Houston, which was held scoreless until the final stanza, managed two late touchdowns to avoid the shutout.

October 19, 2003

The Tigers returned to Murphy Complex on Sunday for a light workout. Two members of the Houston travel squad sustained injuries that will knock them out of action for the season. Backup linebacker Sheldon Taylor suffered a torn ACL in his right knee and will miss the remainder of the season. In addition, backup offensive tackle Bruce McCaleb suffered a torn MCL and may miss the remainder of the 2003 campaign.

October 20, 2003

Linebacker Will Hyden was named the **Conference USA Co-Defensive Player of the Week** for his work against the University of Houston. Hyden logged 11 tackles and a pass interception which he returned for 36 yards and the Tigers' first touchdown of the game.

October 21, 2003

Memphis cat safety Scott Vogel, who has started each game for the past two seasons, suffered a neck injury in practice and will undergo x-rays on Wednesday to make sure there was no major damage. Vogel sustained a blow to the side of his helmet and complained of pain between his shoulder blades. He was examined by team doctors and held out of the remainder of practice. Linebacker Sheldon Taylor will undergo surgery next week to repair the torn ACL he suffered in the Houston game. It is Taylor's second ACL tear in his career.

October 22, 2003

Memphis cat safety Scott Vogel was cleared by team physicians after x-rays and an MRI revealed no injury to the junior's neck. Injured offensive tackle Jason Johnson was watching practice on Wednesday but without his crutches and knee brace. Johnson, who started rehab on his knee on Monday, wore only a rubber sleeve on his right knee. Coaches would like to have Johnson back for the East Carolina game on November 4 but anticipate his return for the final three games of the season.

October 24, 2003

The Tigers boarded a charter jet for New Orleans, LA, and this weekend's match-up with Tulane University. Leaving at 1 PM, Memphis arrived in the "Big Easy" at 2:45 PM and went immediately to the Superdome for a one-hour workout. Many of the players had never been in the Dome before Friday afternoon.

October 25, 2003

Led by the rushing of tailback DeAngelo Williams and the passing of quarterback Danny Wimprine,

the Tigers scored 21 first half points and cruised to a 41-9 win over C-USA foe Tulane. The victory marked the first time in Memphis' C-USA history that the Tigers had won back-to-back conference road games and the first time that a Tommy West coached Memphis team had accomplished the same. Williams, who leads the nation in all-purpose yards per game and is ranked fifth in rushing, pounded out 195 yards on the ground, added 41 yards in receiving and had 69 yards in kickoff returns to total 305 yards in all-purpose yards. He scored two touchdowns on runs of three and 49 yards. Wimprine, a New Orleans native who saw little action in the second half, threw for 176 yards and two touchdowns in leading Memphis to its fifth victory of the season. Defensively, safety Scott Vogel intercepted a J.P. Losman pass and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown.

October 26, 2003

Only two members of the Tiger football team were held out of practice on Sunday. Linebacker Tim Goodwell suffered an ankle sprain and defensive end David McNair bruised his knee. Both are expected to be ready for the East Carolina game.

October 27, 2003

DeAngelo Williams received **Conference USA Co-Offensive Player of the Week** honors for his play against Tulane. The sophomore gained 195 yards rushing and had 305 yards in all-purpose yardage. In related matters, the University received a letter from PETA asking for the school to drop TOM II as its mascot. The group, which supports the fair treatment of animals, has been invited to Memphis on several occasions to witness firsthand the habitat of TOM II. Local media reported that TOM II lives extremely well in a 3,500 square-foot area complete with a pond and waterfall. The big cat resides at St. Nick's Farm in Collierville, TN.

October 28, 2003

Offensive tackle Jason Johnson, who was the starter during the first month of the 2003 season, returned to practice after missing five weeks due to a torn MCL. Johnson could be available to the team this weekend against East Carolina but will have to beat out junior David Davis who has played extremely well since taking over in late September.

October 29, 2003

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams left the Mem-

phis practice field after a defensive lineman stepped on his foot during Wednesday's workout. He complained of soreness in his foot and was checked by team physicians. Williams was x-rayed later in the evening and was cleared by doctors.

October 30, 2003

Members of the Memphis media wanted to interview Tiger defensive tackle Albert Means about the indictment of Memphis businessman Logan Young. Young is accused of paying a high school coach to assure Means signed with the University of Alabama. The junior denied all interview requests stating that he knew nothing of the alleged scheme and that all of this was in his past.

October 31, 2003

One year ago today, the turfroom at Murphy Athletic Complex burned to the ground in an overnight fire. The blaze destroyed all the Tigers' football equipment. The grand opening of the rebuilt facility was held in August. TV trucks from ESPN Regional arrived in Memphis for Saturday's football game with East Carolina.

November 1, 2003

The University of Memphis Tigers again relied on the arm of quarterback Danny Wimprine and the legs of tailback DeAngelo Williams to gain a victory over Conference USA foe East Carolina. Wimprine, the record setting junior, threw for 268 yards and four touchdowns in leading the team to its sixth win of the season, making the Tigers bowl eligible for the first time since the 1994 season. Williams rushed for 137 yards and one touchdown. It was his eighth 100-yard performance of the season and the 12th of his career. The super sophomore broke the Memphis record for rushing yards in a season when he surpassed former Tiger Gerard Arnold's mark of 1,059 yards in 1999. Williams would finish the game with 1,140 yards. Wide receiver Maurice Avery caught four passes for 98

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams earned C-USA Player of the Week honors after rushing for 195 yards and scoring two TDs in the win over Tulane.



Quarterback Danny Wimprine received C-USA Player of the Week honors for his performance against East Carolina.



yards and two touchdowns and Darron White grabbed three passes for 69 yards and two scores. Coot Terry led the defensive unit with five tackles, three quarterback sacks, four tackles for lost yardage and one forced fumble. Scott Vogel and Marcus West had fumble recoveries and Wesley Smith logged his second pass interception of the season.

November 3, 2003

Tiger quarterback Danny Wimprine was named the **Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week** for his work against East Carolina. The junior completed 17-of-31 pass attempts for 268 yards and four touchdowns in leading the team to a 41-24 victory. Wimprine threw touchdown passes of 27, 29, 32 and 51 yards in the game. The award was Wimprine's second of the season. He had also been named the C-USA Offensive Player of the Week for his play against Ole Miss.

November 4, 2003

Conference USA and the Big East Conference made it official on Tuesday when it was announced that Louisville, Cincinnati and South Florida would leave C-USA and join the Big East Conference. C-USA immediately announced that WAC Conference members SMU, Rice and Tulsa, as well as MAC Conference members Marshall and Central Florida, would join Conference USA beginning in 2005. Rumors about conference realignments have swirled for months. Lamar Chance, who has spent the past seven years as the Associate SID at Ole Miss, has joined the staff at the University of Memphis as the Basketball Media Relations Director. Chance, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, has also worked at the University of Massachusetts.

November 5, 2003

Tiger senior cat safety Derrick Ballard remained out of practice while his big toe continued to heal. Ballard has been bothered by a turf-toe type injury for the past few weeks and the off date could not have come at a better time. He is expected to be ready for the Louisville game on November 15.

November 6, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West gave his football team the weekend off and told the players to enjoy the open date before preparing for the final three game run at a bowl bid. The squad will return to the Murphy Athletic Complex on Sunday afternoon to begin preparations for the Louisville game next weekend.

November 10, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West told media members attending his weekly press luncheon that he saw no reason his team could not win the remainder of the games on this year's schedule. West stated that the Memphis-Louisville game looked like a "dead-heat" and that the outcome of the contest could be determined by the play of the Memphis and or Louisville special teams.

November 11, 2003

The Tigers returned to the football practice field for the first time since last Thursday and a great deal of time was spent on the special teams. Off

the field work continued on a mailing to promote DeAngelo Williams for All-America honors.

November 12, 2003

Rain and lightning chased the Tigers off the outdoor practice fields and into the newly refurbished turfroom for an afternoon workout. The team worked for over an hour before the storm hit. It was the first time that the team had practiced indoors since the turfroom reopened in August.

November 13, 2003

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams was named to the **CoSIDA All-District IV Academic All-America team** as a running back. He and Maurice Hall of Ohio State were the two first team backs and will both be placed on the ballot for the national award. It was also learned that former Memphis All-American Lou McLelland, 1949-51, had passed away in Charlotte, NC. McLelland played end for the Tigers and received All-America honors in 1951.

November 14, 2003

The Tiger football team left for Louisville, Kentucky, for this weekend's Conference USA game against the Louisville Cardinals. Louisville has a 7-2 record, while the Tigers are currently 6-3.

November 15, 2003

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams ran for 154 yards and one touchdown and quarterback Danny Wimprine threw for 201 yards and one score and ran for another, as Memphis defeated Louisville, 37-7, before 30,114 fans at PaPa John's Stadium. The win was the Tigers' first in the city of Louisville since the 1983 season when Rex Dockery's Tigers defeated the Cardinals on Thanksgiving weekend. The Memphis defense set the stage for the victory when end Eric Taylor intercepted a Stefan Lefors pass and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown to tie the game at 7-7. The Cardinals would never threaten again. Tiger wide receiver Darron White caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Wimprine and linebacker Coot Terry registered the team's first safety of the season when he tackled Lefors in the end zone. The victory gave the U of M seven wins on the season marking the first seven win season since 1976. The victory was not without a cost as Memphis lost starting offensive guard Andrew Handy to a broken leg and Maurice Avery to a possible knee injury. Handy will have surgery on Tuesday to repair the broken bone. Avery will have an MRI on Monday and the extent of the injury will be determined later in the week.

November 17, 2003

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams was again honored by Conference USA as the **Offensive Player of the Week** for his work in the Memphis win over Louisville. Williams rushed for 154 yards and one touchdown and caught three passes for 25 yards in helping the Tigers win their fourth consecutive game and their third consecutive road game. Williams, who is considered a leading candidate for the Conference Player of the Year and the 2003 Doak Walker Award, is ranked first in the nation in all-purpose yards and fourth in rushing.

November 18, 2003

The Tigers received some bad news today as it was learned that wide receiver Maurice Avery had sustained a torn MCL in his left knee and will be lost to the team for three to four weeks. The team's leading receiver, Avery had caught 46 passes for 728 yards and eight touchdowns this season. He could possibly return for a bowl trip if his knee responds rapidly. Heavy rains have hit the Memphis area and the team was forced to workout inside the Murphy Complex's newly renovated turfroom.

November 19, 2003

The Tigers practiced in the turfroom for the third consecutive day as wet fields chased the team indoors. Head coach Tommy West did take the Tiger kickers and punters outside for a brief workout. It is hoped that with the rain moving out of the area, the fields will soon dry and the team can get in some outside work before Saturday's game with Cincinnati.

November 19, 2003

Tailback DeAngelo Williams did not make the final cut for the 2003 Doak Walker Award much to the surprise of the Memphis coaching staff and media relations members. Seven juniors and seniors were selected to the finalist list but Walker Award officials told Assistant AD Bob Winn that Williams received a great deal of conversation and that his next season his chances would improve as he reached his junior season.

November 21, 2003

The Cincinnati Bearcats arrived in Memphis for this weekend's Conference USA match-up with the Tigers.

November 22, 2003

The Tigers did not play their best game, but as head coach Tommy West said after the game, "the mark of a good team is one that wins even when it does not play well". The Tigers did not have their best game offensively, but the Memphis defense rose to the occasion and helped the U of M gain its eighth win of the season by beating visiting Cincinnati, 21-16, at Liberty Bowl Stadium. The win would, however, be very costly for the Tigers. Tailback DeAngelo Williams rushed for 135 yards in the victory but suffered a torn MCL in his left knee during the third quarter and will miss three to six weeks of action. It was Williams' 10th consecutive 100-yard performance of the season. Memphis got touchdowns from Chris Kelley on a 65-yard pass from receiver Darron White, on a Danny Wimprine quarterback sneak and on a three-yard run by White. The game winning touchdown was setup by a fourth quarter pass interception by free safety Wesley Smith. Smith returned his pick 36-yards to the UC 9-yard line. From there, it took three plays for White to get the ball into the end zone.

November 24, 2003

Tiger defensive back Wesley Smith was named the **Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week** for his work against Cincinnati. An MRI at Campbell Clinic revealed what doctors had expected, that DeAngelo Williams had indeed suf-

Memphis fans, who turned out in record numbers during the 2003 season, were treated to the Tigers' first eight-win season since 1973 and the first bowl invitation since the 1971 Pasadena Bowl.



ferred a torn MCL in his left knee. He is expected to miss two to four weeks of action and may not be available to the Tigers for their first bowl appearance in 31 years.

November 25, 2003

The Tigers returned to work at Murphy Complex on Tuesday and received several special surprises after practice. Furniture and televisions arrived to decorate the player lounge area of the locker room which had been opened prior to the start of fall camp. In addition, local restaurateur Mike Richmond fed the team following the afternoon practice session.

November 26, 2003

Bowl talk continues to swirl in Memphis and it is becoming a possibility that the Tigers may end up in Mobile, AL, at the GMAC Bowl instead of New Orleans. The team is forced to move indoors for workouts as rain hit the Memphis area.

November 27, 2003

The Memphis football team gathered as a "family" on Thursday afternoon at the Holiday Inn-University of Memphis for a Thanksgiving feast. Players, coaches and staff members had turkey with all the trimmings before moving to Murphy Complex for an afternoon practice. Despite the wet conditions, the team worked outdoors.

November 28, 2003

Representatives of the New Orleans Bowl arrived in Memphis, as did the University of South Florida football team for this weekend's game with the Tigers. Memphis athletic officials entertained the bowl representatives at Folks Folly.

November 29, 2003

Plagued by injuries to several key players including DeAngelo Williams and Maurice Avery, the Tigers struggled on offense and eventually lost to USF 21-16 at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. Memphis committed seven turnovers including four pass interceptions thrown by Danny Wimprine but still managed to stay in the game until the final horn. Backup tailback Derron Parquet rushed for a career high 164 yards but fumbled twice, one of which was returned for a touchdown. Defensively, the Tigers held USF to less than 50 yards rushing and eight first downs, while recovering two Bulls fumbles. The Tigers finished the season with an 8-4 record and await the call from the Conference office as to which bowl Memphis will play in.

November 30, 2003

Conference USA officials and athletic directors held a teleconference at 1 PM but no decision could be reached as to what bowls

the qualified teams would participate in other than Southern Miss. With the GMAC Bowl having the second selection and TCU refusing to attend, the remainder of the bowls were unable to select their teams. Another call was slated for 6 PM in the evening and still no decisions could be reached. Athletic Director R.C. Johnson finally received a call at 11:50 PM and was told that Memphis had been picked for the 2003 New Orleans Bowl to be played on December 16 in the Superdome. Assistant AD Bob Winn immediately called head coach Tommy West and administrative aid John Flowers and informed them of the selection.

December 1, 2003

Athletic director R.C. Johnson, associate athletic directors Kevin Grothe, Bill Lofton and Bob Winn, development office official Tammy Hedges and director of football operations John Flowers boarded a FedEx learjet and flew to New Orleans to spend the day meeting with bowl officials, Superdome management, hotel officials and Tulane athletic department staff about the upcoming bowl week in New Orleans.

December 2, 2003

Tommy West's weekly press luncheon was filled to capacity as reporters fired questions at the coach about the excitement in the city of Memphis about attending a bowl game for the first time in 32-years. West told the media that it was possible that Maurice Avery could be ready for the bowl but tailback DeAngelo Williams was doubtful. Avery has been running in the aquatic rehab pool for several days and will be allowed to return to the practice field next week.

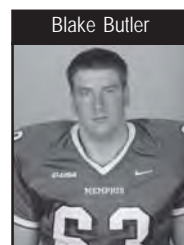
December 3, 2003

Conference USA released its 2003 honors team on Tuesday and each unit was dotted with names of Tiger players. Two sophomores, tailback DeAngelo Williams and safety Wesley Smith, were named to the All-Conference USA first team. Wide receiver Maurice Avery, defensive tackle Eric Taylor and linebacker Coot Terry were selected on the second team. Two offensive linemen, center Gene Frederic and tackle Jeremy Rone were named to the third team as was cat safeties Derrick Ballard and Scott Vogel. Offensive guard Blake Butler was picked on this year's All-Freshman team. New Orleans Bowl officials Ron Maestri and Ralph Morton flew back to Memphis and at halftime of the Tiger basketball game with UT-Martin, officially invited head coach Tommy West and his Tigers to participate in the 2003 New Orleans Bowl. West and 25 of his players took the microphone and gladly accepted on behalf of the University and the fans.

December 4, 2003

Memphis sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams, who set the school single season rushing record in 2003, was named the **Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year**. The Wynne, AR, native led the nation in all-purpose yards for 2003 and was ranked sixth in rushing. Williams finished the

Safety Wesley Smith was named the C-USA Defensive Player of the Week for his work against Cincinnati. Smith's interception return helped the Tigers gain their eighth win of the season.



DEANGELO WILLIAMS
Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year for 2003



regular season with a record setting 1,430 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns. Head coach Tommy West, tailback DeAngelo Williams and quarterback Danny Wimprine were taken downtown by Assistant AD Bob Winn to have photographs taken at *The Commercial Appeal* office. The picture will be used as the cover for a special bowl issue that the newspaper is producing for December 16th. The photo had a distinct New Orleans flavor as the coach and players wore a large number of Mardi Gras beads. The football team returned to workouts at Murphy Complex after taking a few days off. The team will have conditioning drills for three days and will begin bowl practice on Monday afternoon.

December 5, 2003

The Memphis football staff welcomed three junior college players and one local high school star to campus for official visits. The group included Carlton Baker of Hutchinson Junior College, Fabian Dodd of Iowa Central Junior College and Joe Sykes of Holmes Community College. The lone prep player attending was Philip Beliles of Christian Brothers High School in Memphis. Head coach Tommy West spent the day attending the Junior College All-Star game in Mississippi.

December 6, 2003

Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams, the Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year, was allowed to start lifting weights with his injured leg and running in the aquatic rehabilitation pool at Murphy Complex. The sophomore is making every effort to play in the New Orleans Bowl game on December 16th. Memphis players entertained four re-

cruits who are in town on their official visit.

December 7, 2003

The Highland Hundred, the Memphis football booster club, sponsored the annual Memphis Football Banquet at the Park Vista Hotel in East Memphis. The banquet honored the eight seniors on this year's squad. Awards were presented for honors including Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, as well as head coach Tommy West's Top Tiger Award. The Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year Award was presented to freshman lineman Andy Smith. The Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year Award was shared by three players, Haracio Colen, Jarren Humphrey and Carson Hunter. The Offensive Lineman of the Player Award went to center Gene Frederic. The Offensive Player of the Year Award was presented to tailback DeAngelo Williams, who set a new school rushing record in 2003. The Defensive Player of the Year Award was given to the six senior members of the defensive unit, Derrick Ballard, Coot Terry, Greg Harper, Will Hyden, Eric Taylor

and Treveco Lucas. The Tiger Special Teams Player of the Year went to deep snapper Rusty Clayton. The 2003 permanent captains, as voted by their teammates, were announced as Derrick Ballard, Coot Terry, Eric Taylor and Greg Harper. The final presentation of the night was the Top Tiger Award. This award is selected by the head coach and takes into consideration a player's determination and dedication to the game of football. This year two winners were selected, defensive tackle Albert Means and defensive end Eric Taylor.

December 8, 2003

Phillip Beliles, a 6'4, 250 pound offensive lineman from CBHS in Memphis, became the first official commitment for the Tigers for 2004. Beliles visited the school over the weekend and indicated at the time that he wanted to attend the U of M since his parents and sister went to school at Memphis. The Memphis football team returned to workouts at Murphy Athletic Complex in preparations for the 2003 New Orleans Bowl match-up with North Texas. Wide receiver Maurice Avery, injured in the Louisville game, returned to workouts and anticipates playing against UNT.

December 9, 2003

Head coach Tommy West, football operations director John Flowers and assistant athletic director Bob Winn flew to New Orleans, LA, via a FedEx

Lear Jet for a pre-New Orleans Bowl press conference at the New Orleans Sports Authority. North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey attended the event which drew media from the surrounding area. Both coaches expressed an excitement about the game and indicated that their teams were anxious to get to the "Big Easy" to begin practice. Immediately after the conference, the trio returned to Memphis for the Tigers' practice at Murphy Athletic Complex.

December 10, 2003

Brandon Pearce, a standout offensive lineman from CBHS in Memphis, became the second high school player to commit to the Tigers for the 2004 season. Tiger wide receiver Maurice Avery worked out with the offensive unit for the second consecutive day and appeared to be ready to return to action for the New Orleans Bowl. Avery, who suffered a torn MCL in the Louisville game, has not experienced any swelling in the knee since returning to practice and he is expected to play against North Texas. Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams continues to rehabilitate his torn MCL and was allowed to run in the turfroom for the first time since the Cincinnati game in November. A game-day decision will be made as to whether or not Williams will be able to play.

December 11, 2003

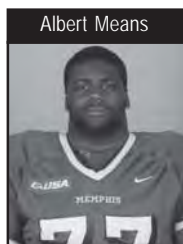
The Tigers practiced for the final time in Memphis before heading off for the New Orleans Bowl. The team will workout at Tulane University for the next four days. Head coach Tommy West presented the team with new warm-ups that carried the logo of the New Orleans Bowl. Players, coaches and staff will rendezvous in New Orleans on the 12th of December. Memphis is expected to have approximately 10,000 fans in the "Big Easy" for the game.

December 12, 2003

Members of the athletic department staff, the coaching staff and the football team left Memphis early on Friday morning for New Orleans, Louisiana, to begin final preparations for the 2003 New Orleans Bowl game. The team rendezvoused at the J.W. Marriott on Canal Street at 3 PM and had a team meeting at 4 PM. Ring manufacturers from Balfour, Inc., attended the meeting and fitted the travel party for their bowl rings. Head coach Tommy West introduced members of the New Orleans police department who told the squad about some of the problems that could arise in parts of the French Quarter. After a quick vote by the seniors, West allowed the team to have a 4 AM curfew.

December 13, 2003

The Tigers awoke to a cold, heavy rain in New Orleans on Saturday morning and decisions had to be reached as to where the team would practice that afternoon. The weather forecast called for the rains to end by early afternoon and the team voted to practice outdoors at Tulane. For two hours the squad battled the cold conditions. Sophomore tailback DeAngelo Williams, who had waited inside the Tulane complex for the media to leave the area, came out in pads and practiced for the first time since his knee injury in the Cincinnati game. Doctors will make a game day decision as to Williams



Memphis fans quickly turned New Orleans into a sea of Blue and Gray as they celebrated the Tigers' first bowl invitation in 32 years.



playing or not in the New Orleans Bowl. The coaches, their wives and the administration attended a social event at the famed House of Blues in New Orleans that evening. Players were allowed to go into the French Quarter again and a 2 AM curfew was imposed.

December 14, 2003

Cold temperatures continued on Sunday morning but did not stop the squad from practicing outdoors at Tulane University. DeAngelo Williams, who had worked out a day earlier, was unable to practice due to soreness in his injured knee and the decision was made that Williams would not play in the bowl game. Later in the evening, Tiger players boarded buses for a special players party at Six Flags. After a picnic-style dinner, rides were made available for members of both teams and a great time was had by all in attendance. Tommy West, his son Turner and football director John Flowers joined with players in riding the rollercoasters The Screaming Zephyr and Batman. Curfew was set for midnight.

December 15, 2003

The New Orleans Bowl hosted their annual Inspirational Luncheon on Monday at The Shearton with former Los Angeles Dodger head coach and major league great Tommy Lasorda as the guest speaker. Tiger tailback DeAngelo Williams received the bowl's academic award, while Mississippi State's Deljuan Robinson was presented the Inspirational Award. The Tigers were able to practice in the Superdome for the first time since arriving in New Orleans. The team arrived at the Dome at 5 PM and used the first 15 minutes to take a team picture in front of the New Orleans Bowl logo. Following practice, Tommy West headed for the French Quarter to do his weekly WMC radio show, this time, live from Silky O'Sullivan's. An arranged Tiger parade that featured eight floats, two carriages that carried Memphis President Dr. Shirley Raines and athletic director R.C. Johnson, the Memphis band and the Tiger cheerleaders, completed its route and

ended in front of O'Sullivan's. A crowd estimated at 2,000 to 3,000 Tiger fans awaited the coach and cheered wildly as West tried to do a live television shot with WMC's Jarvis Greer after the radio broadcast. The party continued well into the night.

December 16, 2003

It has finally arrived. The day that so many Tiger fans have waited for 32-years...the 2003 New Orleans Bowl. The Memphis Tigers spent most of game day in meetings at the Marriott before heading over to the Superdome to challenge North Texas before a national TV audience on ESPN2. A huge pep rally was held outside the Superdome for all fans but the Memphis crowd turned the Dome area into a sea of Blue. Without the services of tailback DeAngelo Williams, some doubted that Memphis, a five point favorite, would be able to win the game. Memphis won the coin toss and opted to defer to the second half. With the nation's leading rusher, Patrick Cobbs, in the backfield, the Mean Green marched down the field on their first series and put three points on the board with a 47-yard Nick Bazaldua field goal. Memphis answered immediately. On the Tigers' first series of game, quarterback Danny Wimprine led his unit on a drive that would end in a seven-yard touchdown run by the signal-caller himself. The biggest play of the drive came on a 63-yard, bowl record,

pass from Wimprine to senior wide receiver Darren Garcia. Stephen Gostkowski added the PAT and the U of M led 7-3, a lead it would never relinquish. Midway through the second quarter, Memphis struck again as Wimprine hit wide out Chris Kelley with a 10-yard pass for another score and a 14-3 lead. North Texas was able to cut into the lead when Cobbs scored on a 34-yard run in the third period. But in the final period, walk-on tailback LaKendus Cole, who had to play most of the game due to a first quarter injury to Derron Parquet, raced five yards for his first collegiate touchdown and a 24-10 Memphis lead. Cobbs would add a second touchdown for UNT and Memphis's Gostkowski would lockup the contest with a 42-yard field goal as Memphis ran it's bowl record to 3-0. Wimprine was named the game's MVP after completing 17-of-23 pass attempts for 254 yards and one touchdown. His 254 yards were a bowl record as was his 63-yard completion to Garcia. The Memphis celebration carried on until sunrise in the French Quarter.

December 17, 2003

Head coach Tommy West and Assistant AD Bob Winn handled the last bit of business for the 2003 New Orleans Bowl. The two attended a 5:45 AM television show at WWL in New Orleans, Louisiana, before packing up and returning to Memphis.

December 18, 2003

Carlton Baker, a junior college linebacker who had committed to the University of North Carolina, called head coach Tommy West and announced that he would sign with Memphis and arrive in time for spring practice. Baker, who is 6'2, 240, is expected to play middle linebacker for the Tigers.

December 19, 2003

The Tiger coaching staff welcomed five future players to campus for their official visits to Memphis. Included in the group were several standout players from Memphis Melrose High and a junior college linebacker. Among the Melrose players was record setting quarterback Antonio Heffner. Willie Green, an outside linebacker from Mississippi, was the lone junior college player.

Tiger football seniors hoist the 2003 New Orleans Bowl Championship Trophy high overhead to the delight of players and fans alike. The victory set off a Memphis celebration in the "Big



December 25, 2003

Tiger fans near and far celebrated Christmas with a smile on their faces and warmth in their hearts, still remembering the exciting 2003 football season.

December 26, 2003

The University of Southern Mississippi arrived in Memphis to begin workouts for the 2003 AXA Liberty Bowl Game. The Golden Eagles will use the U of M complex for their practice sessions.

December 27, 2003

Tiger head coach Tommy West was named as the color analyst for Radio America in their broadcast of the 2003 AXA Liberty Bowl in Memphis. West will be in the broadcast booth for the first time in his career and will work with Eric Haseltine who will handle the play-by-play.

December 29, 2003

Tailback DeAngelo Williams returned to Memphis from Christmas holidays in Wynne, AR, to visit with team doctor Barry Phillips. Dr. Phillips checked the sophomore's knee which had sustained a torn MCL and declared him fit to start full workouts.

December 30, 2003

Memphis and Shelby County mayors announced that on January 14, the city and county would honor the Tiger football team with a luncheon to be held at The Rendezvous in downtown Memphis.

December 31, 2003

Happy New Year to all Tiger fans and here's hoping that 2004 brings us even more success.

2003 MEMPHIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- * Tigers win eight regular season games for the first time since the 1973 season*
- * Tigers receive their first bowl invitation since the 1971 season when Memphis participated in the Pasadena Bowl*
- * Tigers defeat North Texas, 27-17, in the 2003 New Orleans Bowl and finish season 9-4*
- * The nine wins by the Tigers were the most since the 1963 team went 9-0-1 under Billy J. Murphy*
- * DeAngelo Williams is named the Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year*
- * DeAngelo Williams is the first Memphis football player to ever win a C-USA Player of the Year Award*
- * DeAngelo Williams is named to the CoSIDA All-Region IV Academic All-America Team in 2003*
- * Memphis places ten players on the various All Conference USA teams for 2003*
- * Memphis head coach Tommy West is named the Tennessee Coach of the Year by the Tennessee Sportswriters Association*

Tiger football players continue to excel in the classroom as well as on the football field. Seventeen Memphis players received their degrees during the 2003 calendar year, including (l to r) Shakorr Bryant, Eric Anderson, Jason Brown and Doug Whittaker.



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