



BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: (16)
1946, 1947, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1973, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 2012, 2013

TENNESSEE STATE FOOTBALL

SET THE SCENE

Location: Memphis, Tenn.
Stadium: Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium
Capacity: 58,325
Surface: AstroTurf
Forecast: Day 85° Sunny // Night 67° Clear

TUNE IN

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Chris Sanders (Analyst)



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Keith Burns Special Teams Coord. /
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Clyde Simmons Defensive Line
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Spencer Wheeler Offensive GA

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GAME 2 • SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 • 6:00 PM

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF

0-1, 0-0 SWAC
Head Coach: Alanzo Hampton
Record at UAPB: 0-1 (1st Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 0-0 | Road: 0-1 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: L1

AT

TENNESSEE STATE

0-1, 0-0 BIG SOUTH-OVC
Head Coach: Eddie George
Record at TSU: 9-14 (3rd Season)
Career Record: Same
Home: 0-0 | Road: 0-1 | Neutral: 0-0
Streak: L1

BETWEEN THE LINES

	7.0	Points/Game	3.0
42.0	Points Allowed/Game		56.0
102.0	Rush Yards/Game		89.0
260.0	Rush Yards Allowed/Game		221.0
150.0	Pass Yards/Game		67.0
257.0	Pass Yards Allowed/Game		336.0
252.0	Total Offense/Game		156.0
517.0	Total Defense/Game		557.0



GAME NOTES

SERIES INFORMATION: This will be the fourth meeting between TSU and UAPB with TSU leading the series 2-1. The two HBCU programs first met in 2012 in Nashville with TSU winning 40-13, followed by a second straight Tiger win in 2016 (44-0). The two programs last met on September 21, 2019, with UAPB earning their first win of the series in a close 37-31 game.

NEW RIVALRY.... WE SHALL SEE: The Southern Heritage Classic was first played in 1990 to enhance the rivalry between TSU and JSU, two HBCU regional powers. There have been 31 games played all-time in the classic, with 29 between TSU and JSU. Tennessee State is 17-14 all-time in the Southern Heritage Classic. UAPB will be just the fifth team to compete in the SHC after JSU could not appear in 1991, 1993, and now being out of the picture for at least the next two years. TSU took on Mississippi Valley State in 1991, and Grambling State in 1993, both of which resulted in losses. TSU won the first matchup vs. JSU in 1990 23-14. JSU won last year's meeting 16-3.

WHERE TO WATCH & LISTEN: TSU Football can be heard on WNSR's flagship network, 560 AM, 95.9 FM (Nashville), 107.9 FM (Smyrna), and WNSR.com. Globally, the broadcast can be heard on Sirius XM. Additionally, WNSR will offer in-depth pregame and postgame analysis, exclusive interviews with coaches and players, and behind-the-scenes content to engage fans on a deeper level. "The Voice of the Tigers" Greg Pogue returns for his 12th season behind the mic and will be joined by former Tennessee Titans wide receiver Chris Sanders. Nashville broadcasting legend Albert Dawson will fill-in for Sanders. The action can also be heard on the TSU Tigers app.

TSU BY THE NUMBERS —WEEK 2

6: The number of current TSU players that played in the 2019 TSU vs. UAPB matchup. Dayron Johnson, Kenyon Garlington, Fondren Hollis III, Josh Green, and Cameron Stewart all saw playing time for the Tigers. Monroe Beard III was a freshman for UAPB at the time and recorded two tackles and a sack against TSU. Hollis III recorded his first career stop, while Josh Green had one tackle. Johnson returned two kickoffs for 37 yards.

23: The number of players that made their TSU debut against Notre Dame this past Saturday. The breakdown includes four true

2023 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

Sept. 2 // 2:30 PM
at #13 Notre Dame
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Sept. 9 // 6:00 PM
vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
HBCUGO/560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Sept. 16 // 5:00 PM
Gardner-Webb
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Sept. 23 //
Bye Week



Sept. 30 // 6:00 PM
at UT Martin
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 7 // 2:00 PM
at Kennesaw State
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 14 // 5:00 PM
Norfolk State
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 21 // 2:00 PM
Lincoln
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Oct. 28 // 2:00 PM
Lindenwood
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 4 // 3:00 PM
at Charleston Southern
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 11 // 2:00 PM
at Eastern Illinois
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



Nov. 18 // 2:00 PM
Tennessee Tech
ESPN+ / 560AM,
95.9 FM, 107.9 FM



All times listed are in CT



TSU TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

OFFENSE

Table with columns for position, number, name, height, weight, class, and hometown. Includes players like Romello Tarver, Nicholas Green, Alex Valbuena, Chazan Page, Kennedy Wilbert, Aarion Harvey, Darrell Branch, Jamari Freeman, Hadine Diaby, Draylen Ellis, Deveon Bryant, Jalen Rouse, Jordan Gant, Avery Williams, Gerand Turner, Karate Brenson, Chayil Garnett, Da'Shon Davis, Dayron Johnson, Trenton Gillison, and Austin Yankowky.

DEFENSE

Table with columns for position, number, name, height, weight, class, and hometown. Includes players like Terrell Allen, Eriq George, Cameron Stewart, Joey McNeely, Jalen Bell, Lathun Snipes, Chris Walker, Emmanuel Baez, Ahmad Nelson, Brent Rowe, Monroe Beard III, Ken Andrews, James Green, Kenyon Garlington, Darius Harper, Jashon Watkins, Jeremiah Josephs, Tyler Jones, Josh Green, Dion Villiers, Bryce Phillips, and Fondren Hollis III.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Table with columns for position, number, name, height, weight, class, and hometown. Includes players like James Lowery, Jackson Foster, Dayron Johnson, Boogie Trotter, Delanie Majors, Dayron Johnson, Boogie Trotter, Carson Buchanan, Connor Ridderhoff, and Jackson Foster.

OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

Table with columns for position, number, name, height, weight, class, and hometown. Includes Edwin Rhodes III and Amari LeFlore.

PRONUNCIATION CHART (Alphabetical order)

Table with columns for Name and Pronunciation. Lists names and their corresponding pronunciations, such as Canen Adrian, Abraham Alabi, Terrell Allen, Ken Andrews, Emmanuel Baez, Monroe Beard III, Jalen Bell, Malik Billingsley, Jahee Blake, Tre Boone III, Darrell Branch, Karate Brenson, Lucien Brunetti, Deveon Bryant, Carson Buchanan, Terence Carpenter II, Mecca Carr-Bordeaux, Jarrell Cole, Demeatric Crenshaw, Craig Cunningham, Da'Shon Davis, Hadine Diaby, Jace Dobbis, Zachery Drake, Solomon Dunn, Kamden Edwards, Draylen Ellis, Jacorris Foreman, Jackson Foster, Trevahn Foster, Jamari Freeman, Jordan Gant, Kenyon Garlington, Chayil Garnett, Micah Gay, Dorian George, Eriq George, Trenton Gillison, Amar Gist, James Green, Josh Green, Nicholas Green, Terry Grove, Mack Guice III, Ryder Hagan, Darius Harper, Mayson Harris, Aarion Harvey, Jordan Helton, Jason Hoath Jr., Denzel Holder, Fondren Hollis III, Tysean Jefferson, Dayron Johnson, Ethan Jones, Rodricus Jones, Tyler Jones, Jeremiah Josephs, Xavier Keegan, Dylan King, Amari LeFlore, James Lowery, Delanie Majors, Jalen McClendon, Joey McNeely, Joshua Meriwether, Ahmed Mohamed, Jonathan Moore, Zion Morris, Darius Neals, Ahmad Nelson, Kaleob Onyeahialam, Chandon Page, Brandon Palmer, Antwone Parker, Bryce Phillips, Edwin Rhodes III, Connor Ridderhoff, Willie Robinson Jr., Jalen Rouse, Peter Rouse, Brent Rowe, DuJuan Sharp III, Josiah Smith, Rayqwon Smith, Lathun Snipes, Amari Southall, Cameron Stewart, Chayse Tapp, Romello Tarver, Sammy Taylor, Boogie Trotter, Gerand Turner, Alex Valbuena, Dion Villiers, Chris Walker, Jashon Watkins, Romello Watson, Cody Webb, Kennedy Wilbert, Avery Williams, Brandon Wilson, and Austin Yankowky.





ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF TWO-DEEP DEPTH CHART & PRONUNCIATIONS

OFFENSE

LT	60	Ryan Atkins	6-5	280	Sr.	Gary, Ind. / Merrillville / Garden City CC
	71	Corace Hudson	6-1	270	Sr.	Pine Bluff, AR
LG	73	Tre Lester	6-2	296	Jr.	Shreveport, La. / Byrd
	64	Damien Toney	6-0	304	Fr.	Monroe, La. / Carroll
C	51	Rolando Jones	6-4	285	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Southwind
	66	Jamarkius Garrett	6-1	293	Fr.	Lepanto, Ark. / East Poinsett County
RG	61	Thomas Prater	6-3	300	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / City College of San Fran
	68	Daniel Bostic	6-3	300	R-Fr.	Pine Bluff, Ark. / Arkansas Baptist
RT	74	Christon Love	6-3	290	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther King
	77	Courtney Van Buren	6-3	300	R-So.	Stafford, VA. / North Stafford
QB	9	Mekhi Hagens	6-3	204	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Cisco CC
	14	Jalen Macon	6-5	230	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
RB	6	Michael Jamerson	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Flint, Mich. / Cambell
	32	Johness Davis	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Athens, Ga. / Athens Christian
WR-X	2	Kenji Lewis	6-1	200	So.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis East
	82	Derrick White	5-11	171	R-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Creekside
WR-Y	10	Javaughn Williams	6-3	200	Gr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Kent State
WR-Z	1	Daemon Dawkins	5-10	170	Jr.	District Heights, Md. / Potomac
	88	Claude Coleman	6-2	209	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Grambling State
WR-H	4	Maurice Lloyd	5-11	170	Sr.	Oakland, Calif. / Laney College
	80	Donald Johnson	5-9	170	Sr.	Ruston, La. / Grambling State
TE	15	Tristan Ballard	6-5	241	Gr.	Youngstown, Ohio / Wheeling
	85	Kevin English	6-5	225	R-So.	Norwood, Ohio / Norwood

DEFENSE

DE	55	Isaiah Ward	6-2	240	R-Jr.	Sacramento, Calif. / Butte CC
	58	Javien Blanks	6-0	248	Fr.	Demopolis, Ala. / Demopolis
NT	65	JaVonn Gray	6-1	324	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central
	69	Ralph Covington	6-3	266	R-Fr.	Independence, Mo. / William Chrisman
DT	95	Kendarius Clark	6-2	290	Jr.	Lexa, Ark. / Barton
	90	Cameron Roetherford	6-4	293	R-Fr.	Detroit, Mich. / Martin Luther Jr
DE	91	Anas Luqman	6-4	230	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Princeton
	56	Elijah Jenkins	6-1	248	Jr.	Jefferette, La. / Pearl River CC
WILL	0	Rico Dozier	6-0	221	Jr.	Abbeville, Ala. / Abbeville
	37	Khiry Morrison	6-1	221	R-Jr.	St. Francesville, La. / LA Tech
MIKE	8	Timon Akins	6-1	222	R-Jr.	Marion, Ark. / Marion
	45	Rocky Jack	6-0	230	R-Fr.	Humble, Texas / Summer Creek
ROVER	21	Grant Ewell Jr	6-0	207	Sr.	Portland, Ore. / Butte CC
	22	Marcus Askew II	6-0	191	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Germantown
CB	27	Kyle Knox	6-1	186	R-So.	Bryant, Ark. / Bryant
	29	Tyquan Fleming	5-9	170	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Kentucky Christian
SS	33	Shawn Wilson	6-1	196	Jr.	Burbank, Calif. / LA Valley CC
	23	Kaleb Knox	6-1	192	Jr.	Bryant, Ark. / Bryant
FS	3	Kyre Williams	5-11	201	Jr.	Akron, Ohio / Iowa Western CC
	36	Derrell Holston	6-2	190	R-Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. / Highland CC
CB	5	Laprel Boyd	5-11	183	Sr.	Oakland, Calif. / Laney College
	13	Jewel Fletcher	5-11	170	So.	Wichita Falls, Texas / Hirschi

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	38	Dean Sarris	6-0	176	Sr.	Canton, Ohio / Baldwin Wallace
	48	Trey Glymph	5-8	190	R-Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Denmark
P	81	Jeremy Baker	5-11	187	Jr.	Oakland, Calif. / Santa Rosa JC
LS	98	Thomas Reny	6-1	242	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio / Central Catholic

PRONUNCIATION CHART
(Alphabetical order)

Name	Pronunciation
Tim Akins	Ti-Mon
Sam Anthony	
Khalil Arnold	Ka-Leal
Marcus Askew II	
Ryan Atkins	
Japhen Baker	Ja-Fen
Jeremy Baker	
Tristan Ballard	
Jamoni Benton	Ja-Money
Kam Bizor	Bye-Zer
Javien Blanks	Jae-Vien
Daniel Bostic	Bo-Stick
Laprel Boyd	La-Prel
Darries Boyd	Dare-rius
Kendarius Clark	Ken-Darius
Chrysten Cochran	Christ-en / Coch-Ran
Cameron Coleman	
Claude Coleman	
Donavann Collins	
Dae'Trell Cooper	Dae-Trell
Deuce Cooper	
Ralph Covington	
BJ Curry	
Johness Davis	John-Ness
Daemon Dawkins	Dae-Mon
Rico Dozier	
Chancellor Edwards	
Joshua Edwards	
Kevin English	
Shahid Evans	Sha-Heed
Grant Ewell Jr	U-Well
Allen Fennett	
Mekhi Ferrell	Me-Ky
Tyquan Fleming	Tie-Quan
Marc Flemming	
Jewel Fletcher	
Nathaniel Floyd III	
Jamarkius Garrett	Ja-Markus
Trey Glymph	Glimp
JaVonn Gray	
Mekhi Hagens	Ma-Ky
Elijah Hardin	Eee-Ky-Jah
Tavon Hardwick	Tae-Von
Cameron Harris	
Derrell Holston	
Corace Hudson	Core-Us
Rocky Jack	
Antwon Jackson	
Reco Jackson	Ree-Co
Michael Jamerson	
Elijah Jenkins	Eee-Ly-Jah
Donald Johnson III	
Isaiah Jones	
Rolando Jones	
Marcus Jones Jr.	
Charles Joseph	
Kaleb Knox	
Kyle Knox	
Calvin Lester III	
Kenji Lewis	Ken-Jee
Maurice Lloyd	
Christon Love	
Anas Luqman	Uh-Nas
Bryce Lusk	
Jalen Macon	
Elijah McDonald	Eee-Ly-Jah
Martavious Miller	Mar-Tae-Vious
Khiry Morrison	Ky-Ree
Matthew Moses	
Anthony Newman	
Prince Okojie	Oko-Gee
Abdulbasit Osholake	Ab-dul-ba-sit / O-sho-Lake
Thomas Prater	Prae-Ter
Marcus Prude	
Thomas Reny	Ren-Nae
Mike Riley	
Braden Robinson	
Cameron Roetherford	Roe-The-Fur
Kierstan Rogers	Kirst-Stan
Dean Sarris	Sa-Ris
AC Swadling	Swad-ling
Michai Tate	
Myron Thomas	
Damien Toney	
Ikenna Ujuagu	I-Keena / Nu-Go-Away
Courtney Van Buren II	
Isaiah Ward	
Derrick White	
Jaylen White	
Javaughn Williams	
Johnny Williams	
Kyre Williams	Ky-Ree
Shawn Wilson	
Rylan Woods	





2023 TSU ROSTER

ALPHABETICAL			No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / High School / Previous School
11	Canen Adrian	WR							
91	Abraham Alabi	DL	0	Karate Brenson	WR	6-2	215	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers College / Ball State
9	Terrell Allen	DL	0	Bryce Phillips	CB	6-1	195	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif. / LaHabra / Santa Ana College
7	Ken Andrews	LB	1	James Green	LB	6-1	220	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / Olympia
17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	1	Gerand Turner	WR	6-0	205	Jr.	Miami, Fla. / South Miami Senior
3	Monroe Beard III	LB	2	Ryder Hagan	QB	6-1	210	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
5	Jalen Bell	DL	2	Jashon Watkins	CB	6-4	215	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / East Nashville Magnet / Memphis
82	Malik Billingsley	WR	3	Monroe Beard III	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Notre Dame HS / Arkansas-Pine Bluff
13	Jahee Blake	WR	3	Solomon Dunn	LB	6-1	210	So.	Johnson City, Tenn. / Science Hill / VMI / East Tennessee State
20	Tre Boone III	RB	4	Chayil Garnett	WR	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Wales
64	Darrell Branch	OL	5	Jalen Bell	DL	6-1	280	Sr.	Detroit, MI. / Martin Luther King Jr. / Mississippi Valley State
0	Karate Brenson	WR	5	Dayron Johnson	WR	5-9	180	Jr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield
16	Lucien Brunetti	WR	6	Josh Green	S	5-11	195	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. / Olympia
8	Deveon Bryant	QB	6	Tysean Jefferson	WR	5-7	170	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Beech / Western Kentucky
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	7	Ken Andrews	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	Baton Rouge, La. / Southern Lab
98	Terence Carpenter	IDL	7	Draylen Ellis	QB	6-1	175	Sr.	Olive Branch, Miss. / Kirby / Austin Peay
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	8	Deveon Bryant	QB	6-5	225	R-Sr.	Bellwood, Ill. / Proviso West
16	Jarrell Cole	DB	8	Jeremiah Josephs	DB	5-10	185	Gr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Gateway / Miami Ohio / Duquesne
10	Demeatric Crenshaw	QB	9	Terrell Allen	DL	6-0	275	Sr.	North Little Rock, Ark. / North Little Rock / Austin Peay
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	5-11	195	Sr.	Quincy, Fla. / Jefferson County
9	Da'Shon Davis	WR	10	Demeatric Crenshaw	QB	6-1	220	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio / Pickerington Central / Youngstown State
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia
19	Jace Dobbins	DB	11	Canen Adrian	WR	5-10	180	So.	Kingwood, Texas / Kingwood Park / Houston / Blinn
36	Zachery Drake	DB	11	Brent Rowe	LB	6-1	230	So.	Milwaukee, Wis. / Hendersonville
3	Solomon Dunn	LB	12	Edwin Rhodes III	QB	6-1	210	Jr.	Miami, Fla. / American
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	12	Dion Villiers	DB	5-11	165	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
7	Draylen Ellis	QB	13	Jahee Blake	WR	6-5	220	So.	Lynchburg, Va. / Fork Union Military Academy
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	13	Dylan King	DB	6-3	200	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Oakland
24	Jackson Foster	P	14	Brandon Wilson	DB	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Montgomery, Ala. / Park Crossing
88	Trevahn Foster	TE	15	Kenyon Garlington	DB	5-9	185	Gr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	16	Lucien Brunetti	WR	6-0	165	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy / Tennessee
29	Jordan Gant	RB	16	Jarrell Cole	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Hazelwood Central
15	Kenyon Garlington	DB	17	Emmanuel Baez	DL	6-4	265	Jr.	Plant City, Fla. / Plant City
4	Chayil Garnett	WR	17	Delanie Majors	WR	5-9	155	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Overton
31	Micah Gay	LB	18	Amar Gist	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	East Orange, N.J. / Bergen Catholic
33	Dorian George	DB	19	Jace Dobbins	DB	6-0	165	Fr.	Dandridge, Tenn. / Jefferson County
44	Eriq George	DL	20	Tre Boone III	RB	6-0	195	Jr.	Clinton, Md. / St. Stevens-St. Agnus School
81	Trenton Gillison	TE	21	Tyler Jones	DB	6-0	200	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla. / West Orange / Missouri
18	Amar Gist	WR	22	Jalen Rouse	RB	5-11	195	Jr.	Richmond Hill, Ga. / Richmond Hill
1	James Green	LB	22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB	5-8	170	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
6	Josh Green	S	23	Boogie Trotter	DB	5-9	180	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Tennessee Valley Prep
73	Nicholas Green	OL	24	Jackson Foster	P	6-2	220	Jr.	Danville, Calif. / San Ramon Valley / Western Michigan
93	Terry Grove	DL	24	Jordan Helton	S	6-1	205	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Memphis Univ. School
32	Mack Guice III	CB	25	Sammy Taylor	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Ensworth
2	Ryder Hagan	QB	26	Jonothan Moore	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Smyrna, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
30	Darius Harper	DB	28	Jalen McClendon	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Tampa, Fla. / Chamberlain
74	Mayson Harris	OL	28	Antwone Parker	RB	6-1	225	Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas / Kennedale / Cisco JC / Butler JC
57	Aarion Harvey	OL	29	Jordan Gant	RB	5-10	205	R-Fr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Kathleen
24	Jordan Helton	S	30	Darius Harper	DB	6-0	185	Gr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood / Campbellsville
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	31	Micah Gay	LB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
71	Denzel Holder	OL	32	Mack Guice III	CB	5-11	170	Gr.	Huntsville, Ala. / Madison Co. / Kentucky Wesleyan
10	Fondren Hollis III	DB	33	Dorian George	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Germantown
6	Tysean Jefferson	WR	34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL	6-4	265	Fr.	Rocky Point, N.C. / Pender



**2023 TSU ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown / High School / Previous School
35	Rodricus Jones	LB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Huffman
36	Zachery Drake	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Maplewood
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB	5-11	205	Fr.	Pahokee, Fla. / Everglades Preparatory Academy
38	Amari LeFlore	S	5-11	185	Jr.	Ridgeland, Miss. / St. Andrews Episcopal
41	Ahmed Mohamed	K/P	5-11	185	Fr.	Suwanee, Ga. / Peachtree Ridge
43	Kamden Edwards	TE	5-10	225	R-So.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Tyner Academy
44	Craig Cunningham	RB	5-10	190	R-Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate
44	Eriq George	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy
45	Josiah Smith	LB	6-1	245	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
47	Ahmad Nelson	LB	6-2	225	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Minor
48	Chris Walker	DL	6-4	225	Jr.	Sanford, Fla. / Seminole
50	Ethan Jones	DL	6-2	285	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Lausanne Collegiate School
51	Alex Valbuena	OL	6-0	275	R-Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Ezell-Harding Christian
52	Carson Buchanan	LS	6-0	265	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Antioch
54	Darius Neals	OL	6-4	335	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. / Cedar Grove
55	Joey McNeely	DL	6-3	305	Gr.	Kinder, La. / Kinder / Northwestern State / McNeese
55	Romello Tarver	OL	6-5	275	R-Sr.	Delray Beach, Fla. / Oxbridge Academy / McNeese
56	Romello Watson	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	Arlington, Texas / Seguin / Kilgore JC / Grambling
57	Aarion Harvey	OL	6-5	300	Gr.	Chicago, Ill. / Penn Foster / Central Michigan / Austin Peay
58	Hadine Diaby	OL	6-3	300	Fr.	Loganville, Ga. / Grayson
60	Jacob Wooden	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Stewarts Creek / Central State
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Middle College
62	Chazan Page	OL	6-1	295	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Lipscomb Academy
62	Rayqwon Smith	DL	6-2	270	Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Lawton Chiles
63	Jamari Freeman	OL	6-4	300	R-Fr.	Fairburn, Ga. / Langston Hughes
64	Darrell Branch	OL	6-2	300	R-Jr.	Gilbert, Ariz. / Higley / Arizona
65	Cody Webb	OL	6-2	275	Fr.	Oxon Hill, Md. / Bishop McNamara
68	Peter Rouse	OL	6-2	280	Gr.	Cleveland, Ohio / Cleveland Heights
69	Chayse Tapp	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Malden, Mo. / Malden
71	Denzel Holder	OL	6-4	310	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. / Huffman / North Alabama
72	Kaleob Onyehialam	OL	6-6	325	Fr.	Harvest, Ala. / Sparkman
73	Nicholas Green	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Cedar Park, Texas / Cedar Park / Trinity Valley
74	Mayson Harris	OL	6-0	335	R-Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
79	Xavier Keegan	DL	5-10	270	Fr.	Grand Prairie, Texas / Grace Preparatory Academy
80	Avery Williams	WR	6-2	185	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Brentwood / Chattanooga
81	Trenton Gillison	TE	6-5	245	Gr.	Columbus, Ohio / Pickerington Central / Youngstown State / Michigan State
82	Malik Billingsley	WR	5-10	190	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Christian Brothers / Iowa Western / Winston-Salem
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE	6-2	230	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Montgomery Bell Academy / Tufts
84	Amari Southall	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Hillsboro
85	Austin Yankowy	TE	6-5	250	Gr.	Allentown, Pa. / Allentown Central Catholic / Bethune-Cookman
87	Brandon Palmer	WR	6-0	180	R-Fr.	Johns Creek, Ga. / Johns Creek
88	Trevahn Foster	TE	6-7	260	So.	Medford, Ore. / St. Mary's / Western Oregon / Shasta College
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE	6-2	235	Fr.	Columbia, Tenn. / Page
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS	6-2	240	R-Fr.	Chelsea, Ala. / Chelsea
91	Abraham Alabi	DL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	Reynoldsburg, Ohio / Pickerington Central / Eastern Kentucky
93	Terry Grove	DL	6-5	230	So.	Greeneville, Tenn. / Greeneville
94	Zion Morris	DL	6-0	265	So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy / Sewanee
95	Chandon Page	OL	6-3	305	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
96	Cameron Stewart	DL	6-3	380	Sr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. / McCallie
97	Willie Robinson Jr.	DL	6-3	240	So.	O'Fallon, Ill. / O'Fallon / College of DuPage
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL	6-3	225	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Blackman
99	James Lowery	K/P	5-10	210	R-Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. / American Heritage / Northern Illinois
99	Lathun Snipes	DL	6-1	290	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif. / Monterey Trail / Butte College

ALPHABETICAL		
5	Dayron Johnson	WR
50	Ethan Jones	DL
35	Rodricus Jones	LB
21	Tyler Jones	DB
8	Jeremiah Josephs	DB
79	Xavier Keegan	DL
13	Dylan King	DB
38	Amari LeFlore	S
99	James Lowery	K/P
17	Delanie Majors	WR
28	Jalen McClendon	DB
55	Joey McNeely	DL
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE
41	Ahmed Mohamed	K/P
26	Jonothan Moore	RB
94	Zion Morris	DL
54	Darius Neals	OL
47	Ahmad Nelson	LB
72	Kaleob Onyehialam	OL
95	Chandon Page	OL
62	Chazan Page	OL
87	Brandon Palmer	WR
28	Antwone Parker	RB
0	Bryce Phillips	CB
12	Edwin Rhodes III	QB
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS
97	Willie Robinson Jr.	DL
22	Jalen Rouse	RB
68	Peter Rouse	OL
11	Brent Rowe	LB
22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB
45	Josiah Smith	LB
62	Rayqwon Smith	DL
99	Lathun Snipes	DL
84	Amari Southall	WR
96	Cameron Stewart	DL
69	Chayse Tapp	OL
55	Romello Tarver	OL
25	Sammy Taylor	LB
23	Boogie Trotter	DB
1	Gerand Turner	WR
51	Alex Valbuena	OL
12	Dion Villiers	DB
48	Chris Walker	DL
2	Jashon Watkins	CB
56	Romello Watson	OL
65	Cody Webb	OL
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL
80	Avery Williams	WR
14	Brandon Wilson	DB
60	Jacob Wooden	OL
85	Austin Yankowy	TE





QUICK FACTS & GAME NOTES

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School.....Tennessee State University (TSU)
 City/Zip.....Nashville, Tenn. 37209
 Founded.....1912
 Enrollment.....8,088
 Nickname.....Tigers
 School Colors.....Reflex Blue and White
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
 Conference.....Ohio Valley Conference (OVC)
 Stadium.....Nissan Stadium (69,143)
 Surface.....TifSport Bermuda Sod

President.....Dr. Glenda Glover
 Director of Athletics.....Dr. Mikki Allen
 Athletics Department #.....615-963-1248
 Asst. AD / Communications.....Nick Guerriero
 SID Phone #.....615-963-6638
 Official Web Site.....TSUTigers.com

TSU FOOTBALL

First Season.....1912
 All-Time Record:.....578-322-33
 First Year in OVC:.....1988
 OVC Record:.....112-136
 OVC Championships:.....2 (Last-1999)
 NCAA FCS Playoff Appearances:.....5 (Last-2013)
 HBCU National Championships:.....16 (Last-2013)
 Cumulative All-Americans:.....339
 Pro Football Hall of Famers:.....Richard Dent 2011, Claude Humphrey 2014

2023 OVC-BIG SOUTH PRESEASON POLL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)

1. Southeast Missouri State (6) - 96
2. Gardner-Webb (2) - 86
3. UT Martin (1) - 85
4. Tennessee Tech (1) - 58
5. Tennessee State - 57
6. Bryant - 48
7. Lindenwood - 45
8. Eastern Illinois - 33
9. Charleston Southern - 30
10. Robert Morris - 12

2022 TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record: 4-7 Home: 2-3 Away: 2-3 Neutral: 0-1
 OVC Record: 2-3 Home: 1-2 Away: 1-1

2022 RESULTS

9/3 at Eastern Washington.....L, 29-36
 9/10 vs. Jackson St.....L, 3-16
 9/17 at Middle Tennessee.....L, 6-49
 10/1 LANE.....L, 27-28
 10/8 BETHUNE-COOKMAN.....W, 41-17
 10/15 TENNESSEE TECH*.....W, 30-14
 10/22 EASTERN ILLINOIS*.....W, 28-0
 10/29 at Murray State*.....L, 3-19
 11/5 SEMO*.....L, 0-42
 11/12 UT MARTIN*.....L, 3-20
 11/19 at Texas A&M-Commerce.....W, 22-14

FUTURE SCHEDULED GAMES

9/7/2024 at North Dakota State.....TBA
 9/6/2025 NORTH DAKOTA.....TBA

freshmen, three redshirt freshmen, and 16 transfer players.

8: The number of kickoff return yards TSU allowed against ND, which currently leads the Big South-OVC. James Lowery had two attempts, with the first being a 65-yard touchback to start the game. Lowery's second attempt was fielded at the four-yard line, but not before ND's Devyn Ford was leveled by Zachery Drake who forced a fumble which was recovered by freshman Sammy Taylor at the 12-yard line.

5: The number of receivers that caught a pass against ND. Eight total players showcased their hands as three running backs also hauled in a pass. The Tigers were able to show off their deep WR room as Da'Shon Davis, Chayil Garnett, Delanie Majors, Karate Brenson, and Dayron Johnson all had receptions.

271: The number of passing yards Draylen Ellis needs to hit 6,000 in his career. Ellis is currently 9th in FCS active passing leaders with 5,729 passing yards. The Mississippi native tallied 1,811 yards through the air in his first season as a Tiger, and 3,894 in two seasons at Austin Peay.

FIVE IS ALIVE: Dayron Johnson made the most of his return to the field after missing the 2022 season with a leg injury. The electric return man showcased his skills to the nation as he logged a 58-yard kick return in the second quarter to set the Tigers up in great field position. The Springfield native tallied 76 yards on two returns for an average of 38 yards. The 76 yards now give Johnson 1,207 kick return yards. His average of 23.21 yards ranks fourth in school history.

INSTANT START: Tennessee State had six transfers that earned starts in their first game against Notre Dame. Jeremiah Josephs, Jalen Bell, and Monroe Beard III all started on the defensive side of the ball, while Aarion Harvey, Nicholas Green, and Trenton Gillison all got the starting nod on offense. Josephs, Beard, and Bell combined for 18 tackles, with Josephs leading the team with nine, followed by Beard with seven. Both of Bell's tackles were for loss.

BEHIND THE LINE: In a game that did not showcase much offensively for the Tigers, there was one defensive statistic that stood for TSU against ND, as the Tigers finished with six tackles for loss to the Fighting Irish's five. Jalen Bell finished with two TFLs in his Tiger debut, while Josh Green, Ahmad Nelson, Bryce Phillips, and Terrell Allen all tallied one TFL.

LOCAL FRESHMAN IMPACT: On the first play of his collegiate career, Eriq George, an MBA product took down Sam Hartman for no gain as the QB scrambled up in the pocket. He was met by the freshman DE who was coming off the right side from a two-point stance. George would go on to finish with four solo tackles, as he was one of four true freshmen to see playing time, all of which are from the Nashville area. Ensworth product Sammy Taylor recovered a fumble at the 12-yard line for TSU, while Overton product Delanie Majors hauled in his first reception. Jason Hoath Jr., who played at both Columbia and Page also made his debut, seeing a significant number of snaps on special teams.

1KWATCH: Junior running back Jalen Rouse is on pace to hit 1,000 yards rushing this season as he enters his second year as the full-time starter. Rouse crossed the 800-yard mark threshold against ND as he tacked on 28 yards to give him 808 for his career. The Georgia native logged just 167 yards in his first two seasons, before rushing for a career-high and team-leading 613 yards in 2022.

TSU BY THE NUMBERS –WEEK 1

356: The number of combined tackles between Josh and James Green. Josh Green is the current team leader with 225 career tackles, while James ranks third on the team with 131 tackles under his belt.

207: The number of yards head coach Eddie George rushed for against Notre Dame in 1995. George's three touchdowns helped Ohio State defeat the Fighting Irish 45-25.

39: The number of players from Tennessee that are on the roster this year after having 35 in 2022. 26 of those players are local products that played their high school ball in Nashville.

17: The number of players on TSU's roster who have already completed their bachelor's degrees.

14: The number of FBS transfers on TSU's roster. The Tigers picked up two SEC transfers this summer in defensive back Tyler Jones (Missouri) and wide receiver Lucien Brunetti (Tennessee). Former Michigan State product Trenton Gillison arrives from the Big Ten and is expected to contribute in big ways this season.

TSU IN SEASON OPENERS: TSU is 51-31-4 in season openers dating back to the 1933 season. The Tigers' largest margin of victory in a season opener came in 1966 when they took down North Carolina A&T 58-0 to open the season. John Merritt's team would finish that season 10-0 and take down Muskingum 34-7 in the Grantland Rice Bowl. TSU's 55-19 loss to Middle Tennessee to open 1987 is the worst opening-day loss that the Tigers have suffered. TSU has posted 17 shutout wins in season openers since 1933, with the last one coming in the 2016 opener as the Tigers shutout Arkansas-Pine Bluff 44-0.

THE BIG STAGE: Tennessee State is 1-5 against FBS teams dating back to 2006. The Tigers



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have taken on Vanderbilt twice, Georgia State, Middle Tennessee Twice, and Mississippi State in that span. The Tigers picked up their first-ever FBS victory in the 2017 season opener as they defeated Georgia State. The Tigers have dropped their last four games against FBS opponents including two in the Eddie George area, a 49-6 loss to MTSU last season, and a 55-10 loss in 2021.

OUT EAST: The Tigers will play three games in the Eastern time zone this season. The last time TSU played in the Eastern Time Zone was in the 2021 season opener against Grambling State in Canton Ohio, as Eddie George made his coaching debut in a 16-10 loss. After opening up the season against Notre Dame in South Bend, the Tigers will also travel to Charleston S.C., and Kennesaw, Ga., for their others games in the Eastern Time Zone.

KEEPING IT 100: The Tennessee State defense has four players with 100+ career tackles heading into 2023, with three more players on the brink of reaching the century mark. Josh Green leads the team with 225, followed by Monroe Beard III who transfers into TSU with 141 career tackles that he tallied at Arkansas-Pine Bluff. James Green has notched 131 tackles, while Jalen Bell made 113 stops at Mississippi Valley State before transferring to TSU for his final year. Terrell Allen (87), Kenyon Garlington (77), and Jeremiah Josephs (70) will all took hit the 100 mark this season.

ELITE EIGHT: Eight true freshmen have made the travel roster for the season opener and will look to make their college debuts live on NBC against Notre Dame. Hadine Diaby (OL), Delanie Majors (WR), Jason Hoath Jr. (TE), and Ryder Hagan (QB) represent the offense, while Eriq George (DL), Terrence Carpenter (DL) and Sammy Taylor (LB) made the flight as defensive freshmen. Kicker Ahmed Mohammed will also travel as the backup kicker.

OLD HEADS: With redshirt years, injury redshirts, and extra years of eligibility from Covid, teams across the country have an abundance old 5th, 6th, and even 7th-year players. TSU has a combined 25 guys that are in their 5th-7th year of playing college football. James Green leads the in years in college football as he enters his 7th season. When James was a freshman at TSU in 2017, the current TSU freshmen were in the 6th grade. The Tigers have 10 6th years guys and 14th players in their 5th season.

OVC PRESEASON SELECTION: The Tigers received 57 points in the poll, a promising position for Eddie George as he enters his third year as head coach. Last season, TSU recorded a 4-7 overall record and a 2-3 standing in the OVC.

Adding to the optimism, six players from George’s squad have been selected to the Conference’s Preseason Watch List.

The players on the Preseason Watch List are as follows:

Draylen Ellis - Senior
2021 2nd Team All-OVC
2020 OVC Freshman of the Year

Terrell Allen - Senior
2022 1st Team All-OVC
2x All-Conference

James Green - Graduate
2021 2nd Team All-OVC

Josh Green - Senior
2019 Freshman All-American
OVC All-Newcomer

Bryce Phillips - Sophomore
2022 2nd Team All-OVC
OVC All-Newcomer





2023 SEASON PREVIEW

SCOUTING THE OFFENSE

In the second year of Coach Eddie George's tenure, TSU's offense faced challenges, taking a step back in terms of performance. The team's scoring average dwindled to 18.27 points per game, while they were outscored 272-201 in total. Their offensive statistics positioned them at the 5th spot in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) for total offense, achieving an average of 314.1 yards per game. Additionally, they secured the 6th rank in total touchdowns, amassing a mere 23. Their offensive efforts yielded 1,459 rushing yards and 1,997 passing yards.

The upcoming season anticipates the return of senior quarterback Draylen Ellis as the starting quarterback. Ellis made his mark in his first season at TSU, passing for 1,807 yards and eight touchdowns. Notably, he garnered four rushing touchdowns and 55 ground yards. With a cumulative career record of 5,705 passing yards and 41 touchdowns, Ellis's remarkable performance earned him a unique position on the Big South-OVC Watch List. Backing up Ellis is Deveon Bryant, in his fifth season. Bryant concluded the previous season with one passing touchdown and one rushing touchdown, with 531 passing yards and three touchdowns to his credit. His ground game included 269 yards and five touchdowns. True freshman Ryder Hagan and Youngstown State transfer Demeatric Crenshaw, an All-MVFC honoree in 2021, are also poised to make their presence felt.

Jalen Rouse, a fourth-year running back, is expected to see the bulk of the carries this season. He secured 613 yards and two touchdowns from his ground efforts across 11 games last season. Additionally, he showcased his versatility with 12 receptions for 158 yards and a touchdown. Rouse has rushed 780 yards in his career. Supporting the running back position are Tre Boone III, with 59 career rushing yards, and Jordan Gant, who registered 92 yards from just 18 attempts in his freshman year. JUCO transfer Antwone Parker, boasting an imposing 6'1", 225-pound stature, has impressed in training camp, presenting an intriguing prospect for fans. Red-shirt freshman Craig Cunningham adds to the depth.

With the departure of key players, including JJ Holloman, the Tigers are on the lookout for new play makers in the receiving department. Second-year Tiger Karate Brenson is expected to emerge as a favorite target for Ellis. Having secured 25 receptions for 329 yards and a score, Brenson showcased his potential in 2022. Dayron Johnson, with 49 career catches accounting for 465 yards and three touchdowns, is set to make a return after missing the previous season due to an ACL injury.

Gerard Turner, entering his fourth season, is expected to assume a more significant role in the wide receiver position. Having played in 10 games, Turner accumulated 15 receptions for 264 yards. Da'Shon Davis, entering his fifth season, caught 19 passes for 210 yards in the previous season. Chayil Garnett, transitioning from quarterback to wide receiver, is a notable addition, showcasing promise in his new role along with his 6'2" stature.

Coach George introduced several new transfers and freshmen to the wide receiver lineup, enhancing the team's versatility. Canen Adrian, who arrived from Blinn in the spring, excelled in the slot during fall camp. With 28 receptions for 338 yards from his junior college experience, Adrian is a promising addition. Solomon Dunn, a transfer from East Tennessee State, boasts a 6'4" frame and is anticipated to make his mark on the outside. Avery Williams returns after an injury sidelined him in the previous season. Williams, a Nashville native, impressed the coaching staff after playing three seasons at Chattanooga. True freshman 3-star Delanie Majors, noted for his blazing speed, and Amar Gist are expected to bring fresh energy to the team.

To bolster their tight end roster, the Tigers expanded their room to accommodate six players, including a mix of transfers and freshmen. Noteworthy among them is Trenton Gillison, poised to take on the role of the top tight end. Gillison, with experience from 37 career games at Michigan State and Youngstown State, caught 21 passes for 231 yards. Austin Yankow, a transfer from Bethune-Cookman, and former Montgomery Bell Academy player Joshua Meriwether are also expected to contribute. True freshman Jason Hoath Jr., part of the travel squad, provides further depth.

Chazan Page stands as the sole returning starter on the offensive line. His performance in all 11 games last season demonstrated his reliability. The arrival of junior college transfer Nicholas Green positions him as the starting left tackle. Darrell Branch and Alex Valbuena gained substantial playing time as guards during camp. Jamari Freeman is set to play right tackle, while Romello Watson's can play both guard and tackle. Providing depth are Kennedy Wilbert, Austin Peay transfer Aarion Harvey, and true freshman Hadine Diaby.

SCOUTING THE DEFENSE

Transitioning to the defensive aspect, Coach Brandon Fisher aspires for his defensive unit to maintain its formidable reputation from last year. Several talented transfers and freshmen have enhanced the roster. Notably, four defensive players from the team earned spots on the Big South-OVC Watch List, drawing attention from the conference. The Tigers showcased outstanding pass defense last season, allowing fewer than 200 yards per game (190.1). Moreover, they claimed the second-best position in total defense, permitting 363.5 yards per game.

Replacing key players in the defensive line, who moved on to FBS and graduation, proved to be a success for TSU. First-Team All-OVC defensive end Terrell Allen, returning for his second season, emerged as a pivotal player. With 36 tackles, he led the team in tackles for loss (12.0) and sacks (4.5). Chris Walker, boasting 50 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss, and four sacks in three seasons, complements Allen on the opposite end. Cameron Stewart, now in his 5th season, joins Jalen Bell, a transfer from Mississippi Valley State, in the interior. Bell, an All-SWAC honoree, has notched impressive statistics, including 113 tackles, 26.5 for loss, and 12 sacks across 31 games.

The defensive line introduces three newcomers, each expected to contribute. True freshman Eriq George showcased his potential during fall camp. Juco transfer Lathun Snipes and DII transfer Zion Morris also displayed promise. Snipes, with 48 tackles and 3.5 sacks from two years at Butte College, and Morris, with 21 tackles and two sacks at Sewanee, offer added depth. Additionally, Emmanuel Baez, returning after missing the previous season, is set to enhance the defensive end position.

The linebacking core is led by 7th-year player James Green, who missed the last season but brings his experience from 38 career games. Former UAPB All-American linebacker Monroe Beard III, arriving in the spring, further solidifies the middle linebacker position. Ahmad Nelson, Ken Andrews, and Brent Rowe provide valuable depth.

The secondary showcases the leadership of 6th-year safety Josh Green. With 225 career tackles and nine interceptions, Green stands as the team's current leader in these categories. Grad transfer Jeremiah Josephs and 6th-year player Kenyon Garlington are instrumental in their roles. Garlington, expected to start at nickel, returns after missing the previous season. Boogie Trotter, with substantial experience from the previous season, adds to the team's defensive strength. Dion Villers and Missouri transfer Tyler Jones provide backup at Safety.

The cornerback position boasts four skilled players with extensive experience. Bryce Phillips, an All-OVC Second Team performer, excelled last season with 35 tackles and 10 pass breakups. Fondren Hollis III, equipped with 25 games over four seasons, steps into a significant role at corner. Darius Harper, contributing two interceptions, including a pick-six, in the 2022 season finale, offers depth. Jashon Watkins, who played seven games with 21 tackles, and Jalen McClendon, who demonstrated proficiency in his first two seasons, are poised to make an impact.

SCOUTING THE SPECIAL TEAMS

Jackson Foster steps in as punter, succeeding Kaleb Mosley. Foster's journey spans Western Michigan, Diablo Valley, and Nevada before joining TSU. The role of placekicker transitions to James Lowery, who previously served as the kickoff specialist for three seasons. Lowery is 2-of-2 in his career, with a long of 43 yards. Freshman Ahmed Mohamed is slated to back up Lowery. Carson Buchanan, returning for his 4th season, maintains the long snapper position, while redshirt freshman Connor Ridderhoff offers support.

Dayron Johnson, returning after a season's absence, is positioned as TSU's premier return man. His track record includes 451 kick return yards and a score, along with 156 punt return yards in 2021. His career numbers reach 1,131 kick return yards over 50 attempts, averaging 22.62 yards per return. Boogie Trotter and Delanie Majors are additional contenders in the return game.





COACHING STAFF



EDDIE GEORGE
HEAD COACH

Eddie George is entering his third season as the 22nd head football coach at Tennessee State University. He was appointed to this position on April 13, 2021.

During his inaugural season, George led the Tigers to a 5-6 overall record and secured spots for 10 players on the All-OVC team. In the following year, the Tigers finished with a 4-7 record and placed seven players on the All-OVC team.

George's college football journey began at Ohio State University, where he won the Heisman Trophy in 1995. In that remarkable season, he set a school record by rushing for 1,927 yards and scoring 24 touchdowns. He also showcased his versatility by catching 47 passes for 417 yards and an additional touchdown. He left Ohio State as the second-highest career rusher (3,768 yards) and third in rushing touchdowns (44), with a total of 4,284 all-purpose yards and 45 touchdowns.

In 1996, George was the first-round draft pick of the then-Houston Oilers. He earned the NFL Rookie of the Year award and went on to serve as the starting tailback for the Oilers/Titans until 2003, impressively never missing a start. He achieved four consecutive Pro Bowl selections (1997-2000) and contributed to the Titans' appearance in Super Bowl XXXIV. Notably, George is one of only two NFL running backs to surpass 10,000 rushing yards without missing a start, alongside Jim Brown. His 130 consecutive regular season starts are second only to Walter Payton's 170.

In 2004, George signed a one-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys, starting eight games and finishing the season with 432 yards and four touchdowns. He officially retired in 2006, culminating his career with 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing and 10 receiving).

After retiring from playing football, George has been involved in various endeavors, including acting, broadcasting, and business ventures.

Recognized for his exceptional contributions, George was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and holds a board position with Music City Baseball. Hailing from Philadelphia, George earned his bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from Ohio State in 2001, later completing an MBA from Northwestern in 2009. He is married to Tamara "Taj" George, and they are parents to two sons, Eriq and Jaire.

COORDINATORS



TERON AYCH
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR /
QB

Aych has more than 20 years of experience coaching in the college ranks. Aych spent two seasons (2020-21) as the inside wide receivers coach at UTEP. He was there previously as assistant wide receivers coach in 2016. He spent the four years in between as wide receivers and tight ends coach at Arizona. This won't be Aych's first time to be an offensive coordinator. He held the position along with being assistant head coach at Angelo State from 2011-15 and was offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Mesabi Range (Minnesota) Community College in 1997. At Angelo State, he was named a finalist for the Division II AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year award. Aych, who played receiver at Northern State (1992-95), also had coaching stints at Houston (2000-02), Washington (2003) and Fort Scott (Kansas) Community College (1998-99)



BRANDON FISHER
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Entering his third season as defensive coordinator, Fisher brings over a decade of high-level NFL and collegiate coaching experience to the Tigers. Prior to TSU, Fisher spent time with Auburn (2020) and Southern Utah (2019) as the defensive coordinator. The son of former Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans and St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, Brandon Fisher spent eight seasons as an NFL assistant coach. Fisher began his coaching career in 2010 as an offensive assistant for the Tennessee Titans. In 2011, Fisher held the position of assistant secondary coach with the Detroit Lions under Jim Schwartz and Gunther Cunningham. After one season, Fisher joined the Rams as an assistant secondary coaching, a position he held for three seasons. Fisher was a two-year starter at Montana, playing in two FCS National Championship Games and made 169 career tackles.



KEITH BURNS
SPECIAL TEAMS/
DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Renowned as one of the most exceptional special teams players in NFL history, Burns boasts an impressive record of two Super Bowl victories with the Denver Broncos and a notable 13-year tenure in the NFL as a player. Following the conclusion of his playing career, Burns transitioned into a prominent NFL assistant role, specializing in coaching special teams. He has lent his expertise to teams including the Los Angeles Chargers, Washington Football Team, and the Broncos. Burns initially showcased his talents as a standout linebacker at Oklahoma State, which led to his selection by the Broncos in the seventh round of the 1994 NFL Draft.





COACHING STAFF / RECRUITING



JOSH CRAWFORD, RUNNING BACKS

A former SEC player at Vanderbilt, Crawford returned to TSU as the running backs coach in July of 2023. He brings a wealth of experience to the role. He returned to the Tigers after a year as an offensive graduate assistant at Utah, where he contributed to the Utes' 2022 Pac-12 Championship victory, primarily focusing on wide receivers and scouting. Earlier, he excelled as a graduate assistant at Tennessee State, closely collaborating with linebackers and coaching standout James Green. Crawford's coaching journey extends to roles at the Orleans Darkwa Youth Football Camp and Autauga Academy in Alabama.



SCOTT BAUMGARTNER, WIDE RECEIVERS

Baumgartner arrived at TSU in March of 2023, and brings a wealth of experience to the position. With a coaching career spanning over three decades, Baumgartner has traversed various institutions and roles. His tenure includes significant stints in the Mountain West Conference at UNLV, New Mexico, and Nevada, where he notably worked with running backs, wide receivers, and special teams. Prior to his time in the Mountain West, Baumgartner also honed his coaching prowess at Central Missouri State, West Valley College in California, and his alma mater, Pacific University.



ANTHONY LEWIS OFFENSIVE LINE

Lewis started his playing career at Cisco Junior College before joining Angelo State for the 2012 and 2013 seasons on the offensive line. He was a Don Hansen third-team All-Super Region Four selection and a first-team All-LSC selection in 2013. He helped the Ram offense break the ASU single-season record for total yards per game average with 457.9. Lewis helped pave the way for Kyle Washington to become the first player to pass for at least 2,000-yards and rush for at least 1,000-yards in a single season. In 2013, Lewis also helped ASU for the most rushing yards in a single season at 3,034 yards.the 1988 NFL Draft.



MICHAEL BREWSTER, TIGHT ENDS

Former Ohio State center Michael Brewster spent the previous two seasons as a quality control coach at the University of Cincinnati. Brewster joined former Ohio State teammate Marcus Freeman on UC's defensive coaching staff in 2020. He then moved to the offensive side of the ball in 2021.. Brewster started 49 consecutive games for the Buckeyes from 2008-2011. He was a freshman All-American, first-team All-Big Ten, first-team All-American, Rimington Trophy finalist and team captain who helped Ohio State win three Big Ten titles.



JOE BOWDEN, ASST. HEAD COACH / LINEBACKERS

A former Tennessee Titans linebacker and a nine-year NFL veteran, Bowden brings over a decade of coaching experience to Tennessee State. Bowden's coaching journey encompasses roles such as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Missouri Baptist over the last four seasons, following his tenure as the inside linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers in 2016 and the assistant linebackers coach for the St. Louis Rams from 2012 to 2015. His coaching portfolio also includes stints at Central Oklahoma, in NFL Europe, and a completed internship with the Washington Football Team. Having earned All-America honors at Oklahoma, Bowden was selected in the fifth round of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers. During his time in the NFL, he was a teammate of Eddie George for several seasons.



CLYDE SIMMONS, DEFENSIVE LINE

A two-time All-Pro and Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer, Simmons played in the NFL for 15 seasons and led the league with 19 sacks in 1992. His 121.5 career sacks ranked 11th in NFL history at the time of his retirement, prior to spending the last decade in coaching. Simmons served as the defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2017-18, mentoring the No. 1 pick Myles Garrett before coaching the defensive lines at Missouri Baptist and Western Carolina. He also worked as an assistant defensive line coach with the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams and held a coaching internship with the New York Jets. During his tenure with the Rams, Simmons coached the three-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle and the 2014 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, Aaron Donald, alongside defensive end Robert Quinn. Quinn notably set a single-season franchise record with 19 sacks in 2013. Simmons' contributions extended beyond coaching, as he earned a place on the Philadelphia Eagles 75th Anniversary Team and the Western Carolina Athletics Hall of Fame.



RICHARD MCNUTT, DEFENSIVE BACKS

McNutt, who won a national championship as a player at Ohio State, brings over 15 years of collegiate coaching experience to Tennessee State. In his most recent role, McNutt excelled as the defensive backs coach at Southeastern University. Prior to this, he devoted four seasons as the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Youngstown State, playing a pivotal role in guiding the Penguins to an appearance in the 2016 FCS National Championship Game. McNutt's coaching journey also encompasses successful tenures at institutions including Toledo, Kent State, Northern Illinois, and NC State. He additionally spent a productive season as part of the Cleveland Browns staff.



KEVIN MASHAK / RECRUITING

Renowned as one of the most exceptional special teams players in NFL history, Burns boasts an impressive record of two Super Bowl victories with the Denver Broncos and a notable 13-year tenure in the NFL as a player. Following the conclusion of his playing career, Burns transitioned into a prominent NFL assistant role, specializing in coaching special teams. He has lent his expertise to teams including the Los Angeles Chargers, Washington Football Team, and the Broncos. Burns initially showcased his talents as a standout linebacker at Oklahoma State, which led to his selection by the Broncos in the seventh round of the 1994 NFL Draft.

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1st Season



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2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
Scoring	3	56
Points per game	3.0	56.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	14
First Downs	12	26
Rushing	5	10
Passing	4	15
Penalty	3	1
Rushing Yardage	89	221
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Overall Team Statistics
All games

	TSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	100%	0%
Sacks by-Yards	0-0	1-5
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	0	8
Field goals - attempts	1-3	0-0
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(1-3) 33%	(3-3) 100%
Red-zone touchdowns	(0-3) 0%	(3-3) 100%
PAT-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(8-8) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	0	77622
Games / Avg per game	0/0	1/77622
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	3	0	0	0	0	3
Opponents	7	28	14	7	0	56





2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
8	Jeremiah Josephs	1	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Monroe Beard III	1	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	James Green	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Darius Harper	1	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
47	Ahmad Nelson	1	4	.	4	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Eriq George	1	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Zachery Drake	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
17	Emmanuel Baez	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Josh Green	1	2	1	3	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Dion Villiers	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Jalen Bell	1	2	.	2	2-8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	
28	Jalen McClendon	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Ken Andrews	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Cameron Stewart	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Bryce Phillips	1	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Terrell Allen	1	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Tre Boone III	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Kenyon Garlington	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Carson Buchanan	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	Boogie Trotter	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Tyler Jones	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Chandon Page	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Sammy Taylor	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.
Totals		1	46	10	56	6-15	0-0	0-0	1	1	1-0	1	0	0
Opponents		1	32	24	56	5-14	1-5	2-33	4	10	0-0	1	1	0





2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
Team Game Highs
All games

Tennessee St. - Game Highs

RUSHES	36	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	89	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.5	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
TD RUSHES	0	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	22	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	8	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
YARDS PASSING	67	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER PASS	3.0	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
TD PASSES	0	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
TOTAL PLAYS	58	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
TOTAL OFFENSE	156	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER PLAY	2.7	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
POINTS	3	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
SACKS BY	0	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
FIRST DOWNS	12	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PENALTIES	5	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PENALTY YARDS	45	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
TURNOVERS	2	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PUNTS	6	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PUNTING AVG	40.2	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT	48	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Notre Dame (09/02/2023)





2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
 Combined Team Statistics
 All games

##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
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2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
Red-Zone Results
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Tennessee St. Inside Opponent Red-Zone

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			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game	
09/02/2023	at Notre Dame	L 3-56	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 1 of 3 (33.3%)			3	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0

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2023 Big South-OVC Football Association Standings

Table with columns: Team, Big South-OVC (W, L, PCT, PF, PA), Overall (W, L, PCT, PF, PA), Home, Road, LIO, Streak. Lists teams like Charleston Southern, Eastern Illinois, Lindenwood, etc.

SLANT ROUTES

* BRYANT: The Bulldogs are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the second-straight season ... BRYANT defeated LIU last year, 31-29, which was its first win of 2022.
* CHARLESTON SOUTHERN: The Buccaneers are looking to officially start 2-0 for the first time since 2013 ... CSU is playing its fifth-ever ACC opponent on Saturday.
* EASTERN ILLINOIS: The Panthers are looking to start 2-0 for the first time since 2013 (3-0) ... EIU is facing a MAC opponent for the second-straight year.
* GARDNER-WEBB: The Runnin' Bulldogs are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the first time since 2021 ... GWU last defeated Elon in the 2021 Spring season (W, 42-20).
* LINDENWOOD: Lindenwood is looking to start 2-0 for the second consecutive season ... The Lions amassed an Association-best 696 yards in its Week 1 victory (349 rushing, 347 passing).
* ROBERT MORRIS: The Colonials are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the second-straight year ... RMU is also seeking its first home win since Nov. 20, 2021 (current 5-game skid).

WEEK 2 SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE TABLE with columns: SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, TIME, WATCH, SERIES. Lists games like Eastern Illinois at Bowling Green, Charleston Southern at Clemson (#21), etc.

All Times subject to change
* - Big South-OVC Association game
Big South-OVC Association member in ALL CAPS

2-MINUTE OFFENSE

OPENING KICKOFF: The first conference game of the Big South-OVC Association is Saturday, as Lindenwood visits preseason favorite Southeast Missouri ... The first cross-over game between the two conferences is next week when Gardner-Webb travels to Tennessee State ... The Association went 1-1 last week against FCS foes, as Eastern Illinois picked up a 27-0 road win at Missouri Valley member Indiana State.

1st DOWN: Eastern Illinois recorded the first victory in the history of the Big South-OVC Association, as the Panthers downed Indiana State, 27-0, for their first season-opening shutout since 2003 (W, 27-0 vs. California-Pa. on Aug. 30, 2003) ... JUSTIN BOWICK's 35-yard TD catch marked the first points in Association history.

2nd DOWN: With his first quarter sack at Appalachian State, Gardner-Webb's TY FRENCH tied the Big South Conference career record of 25.0 sacks.

3rd DOWN: Southeast Missouri carries a 6-game conference win streak into Saturday's league lidifter against Lindenwood. The Redhawks won all five OVC games last season, as well as the 2021 season-finale vs. UT Martin.

4th DOWN: Lindenwood is playing its third nationally-ranked opponent during its FCS transitioning period, all of which have been conference games. Last year, the Lions fell to No. 18/19 UT Martin, and No. 24 Southeast Missouri State.

* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI: The Redhawks are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the first time since 2021 (started 0-3) ... SEMO is seeking to start 1-0 in conference play for the fifth-straight season.
* TENNESSEE STATE: The Tigers are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the fourth consecutive season ... TSU last defeated Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 2016 (W, 44-0 at Nissan Stadium).
* TENNESSEE TECH: The Golden Eagles are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the first time since 2021 (started 0-4) ... Tech has scored a point in 20 consecutive games.

ABOUT THE Big South-OVC Football Association

This year marks the first season of the Big South-OVC Football Association. On Feb. 22, 2022, the Big South Conference and Ohio Valley Conference announced the creation of an association of their football member institutions, to begin with the 2023 NCAA Division I football season and have an initial term of at least four years. The unique agreement combines the two conferences' football membership to ensure NCAA championship access and stability for the multisport conferences. In creating the association, presidents from each of the multisport conferences pointed to the similarities of the OVC and the Big South, with their complementary geographies and intercollegiate athletic philosophies, as key to making this association possible. The first year is comprised of 10 members. Western Illinois will join the Association beginning with the 2024 season, while Bryant will depart after this season for CAA Football.

* UT MARTIN: The Skyhawks are looking to avoid starting 0-2 for the first time since 2018 (lost back-to-back FBS games to open the year) ... UTM is looking to win its home opener for the fifth consecutive season.





ALL-TIME NFL DRAFT PICKS & TIGERS IN THE PROS

TSU TIGERS FIRST ROUND NFL PICKS			
1968	3rd Pick	Claude Humphrey	Atlanta Falcons
1969	25th Pick	Eldridge Dickey	Oakland Raiders
1969	23rd Pick	Jim Marsalis	Kansas City Chiefs
1971	15th Pick	Vernon Holland	Cincinnati Bengals
1974	1st Pick	Ed "Too" Tall Jones	Dallas Cowboys
1974	4th Pick	Waymond Bryant	Chicago Bears
2008	16th Pick	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	Arizona Cardinals

DRAFTED TIGERS PER NFL TEAM	
Arizona Cardinals	2
Atlanta Falcons	4
Baltimore Colts	5
Baltimore Ravens	1
Buffalo Bills	4
Chicago Bears	5
Cincinnati Bengals	4
Cleveland Browns	5
Dallas Cowboys	3
Denver Broncos	3
Detroit Lions	6
Green Bay Packers	3
Houston Oilers	3
Indianapolis Colts	1
Jacksonville Jaguars	1
Kansas City Chiefs	7
Los Angeles Rams	4
Miami Dolphins	6
Minnesota Vikings	5
New England Patriots	2
New Orleans Saints	2
New York Giants	1
New York Jets	4
Oakland Raiders	4
Philadelphia Eagles	7
Pittsburgh Steelers	4
San Diego Chargers	6
San Francisco 49ers	8
St. Louis Cardinals	1
St. Louis Rams	1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2
Washington Redskins	2

ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS	
Name	Teams (Year)
A	
Joe "747" Adams — QB	San Francisco 49ers (1981); Saskatchewan Roughriders (1982–1983); Toronto Argonauts (1983); Ottawa Rough Riders (1984)
Brent Alexander — S	Arizona Cardinals (1994-97); Carolina Panthers (1998-99); Pittsburgh Steelers (2000-03); NY Giants (2004-05)
Hubbard Alexander — C	Coach: TSU (1962-63); Vanderbilt (1975-87); UMiami (1979-88); Dallas Cowboys (1989-97); Minnesota Vikings (1998-99); New Orleans Saint (2000-03) 3x Super Bowl champion (XXVII, XXVIII, XXX) 2x National champion (1983, 1987)
Bennie Anderson — RB	St. Louis Rams (2000); Chicago Enforcers (2001); Baltimore Ravens (2001–2004); Buffalo Bills (2005); Miami Dolphins (2006)
B	
Larry Barnes — RB	San Diego Chargers (1977-1978); St Louis Cardinals (1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1978-1979)
Bill Bass — RB	Chicago Rockets (1947); Montreal Alouettes (1948); Toronto Argonauts (1950–53); Ottawa Rough Riders (1954); Toronto Balmy Beach Beachers (1955)
Avion Black — WR / KR	Buffalo Bills (2000–2001); Houston Texans (2002)
Terrell Bonds — CB	Memphis Express (2019); Baltimore Ravens (2019–2020); Miami Dolphins (2021)* Pittsburgh Maulers (2022); Tennessee Titans (2022)*; San Antonio Brahmas (2023–present)
Sam Bowers — TE	New York Jets (1980–1981)*; Toronto Argonauts (1981); New Jersey Generals (1983–1985); Chicago Bears (1987)
Clifford Brooks — DB	Cleveland Browns (1972–1974); Philadelphia Eagles (1975–1976); Buffalo Bills (1975–1976); New York Jets (1976)
Waymond Bryant — LB	Chicago Bears (1974–1977)
C	
Alex Carter — DE	Buffalo Bills (1985–1986)*; Miami Dolphins (1987)*; Cleveland Browns (1987); Edmonton Eskimos (1988); Ottawa Rough Riders (1989)*
Eugene Clifford — S	Baltimore Ravens (2011)*; Texas Revolution (2013)
Al Coleman — DB	Minnesota Vikings (1967); Des Moines Warriors (1967); Charleston Rockets (1968); Cincinnati Bengals (1969–1971); Philadelphia Eagles (1972–1973)
D	
Dave Davis — WR	Green Bay Packers (1971–1972); Pittsburgh Steelers (1973); New Orleans Saints (1974)
Oliver Davis — CB	Cleveland Browns (1977–1980); Cincinnati Bengals (1981–1982)
Rosey Davis — DE	New York Giants (1965–1967)
Sonny Davis — RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1971); The Hawaiians (1974–1975)
Richard Dent — RB	Chicago Bears (1983–1993); San Francisco 49ers (1994); Chicago Bears (1995); Indianapolis Colts (1996); Philadelphia Eagles (1997) 2x Super Bowl champion (XX, XXIX) Super Bowl MVP (XX) First-team All-Pro (1985) 3x Second-team All-Pro (1984, 1988, 1990) 4x Pro Bowl (1984, 1985, 1990, 1993) 2x NFL forced fumbles leader (1984, 1985) NFL sacks leader (1985) 100 greatest Bears of All-Time
Eldridge Dickey — QB / WR	Oakland Raiders (1968–1971); AFL champion (1968)



**ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS**

Lamar Divens —NT	San Diego Chargers (2008)*; Baltimore Ravens (2008–2010); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2011)*; Tennessee Titans (2012)*; San Francisco 49ers (2013)*
Larry Dorsey —WR	San Diego Chargers (1976–1977); Kansas City Chiefs (1978)
Marcus Dowdell —WR	New Orleans Saints (1992–1993); Arizona Cardinals (1995–1996)
Elbert Drungo — G / T	Houston Oilers (1969–1977); Buffalo Bills (1978)
E	
Cid Edwards —RB	St. Louis Cardinals (1967–1971); San Diego Chargers (1972–1974); Chicago Bears (1975)
Kadeem Edwards —G	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2014); Jacksonville Jaguars (2015); Dallas Cowboys (2016–2018)
Steve Edwards —OF / DL	Philadelphia Eagles (2002)*; Chicago Bears (2002–2005); New York Giants (2006); Baltimore Ravens (2007)*; Philadelphia Soul (2008)
Cleveland Elam	Arizona Rattlers (2008); California Redwoods (2009); Arizona Rattlers (2011); Chicago Rush (2013)
Cleveland Elam	San Francisco 49ers (1975–1978); Detroit Lions (1979)
Onzy Elam — LB	New York Jets (1987–1988); Dallas Cowboys (1989)
Homer Elias —G	Detroit Lions (1978–1984)
F	
Charley Ferguson —TE	Cleveland Browns (1961); Minnesota Vikings (1962); Buffalo Bills (1963–1969)
Rodney Fritz —DL	Huntington Hammer (2011); Tulsa Talons (2011)*; Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2011–2013); Toronto Argonauts (2013)*; San Jose Saber-Cats (2014–2015); Los Angeles KISS (2016); Arizona Rattlers (2016); Baltimore Brigade (2018); Albany Empire (2019)
Randy Fuller —CB	Denver Broncos (1994); Pittsburgh Steelers (1995–1997); Atlanta Falcons (1998); Seattle Seahawks 1999
G	
Chuck Gavin —DE	BC Lions (1959); Denver Broncos (1960–1963)
Joe Gilliam — QB	Pittsburgh Steelers (1972–1975); New Orleans Saints (1976–1977)*; Pittsburgh Wolf Pak (1978); Baltimore Eagles (1979); New Orleans Blue Knights (1981); Denver Gold (1983)*; Washington Federals (1983)
H	
Mike Hegman —LB	Dallas Cowboys (1976–1988) Super Bowl champion (XII)
Jeremy Hickbottom — QB	Cologne Crocodiles (2023)*; Massachusetts Pirates (2023)*; DC Defenders (2023–present)
Sylvester Hicks — DE	Kansas City Chiefs (1978–1981)
Jarrick Hillery — WR / Db	Nashville Kats (2000–2001); Georgia Force (2002–2003); Carolina Cobras (2003–2004); Nashville Kats (2004–2006); Georgia Force (2007)
Joe Hills —WR	Tennessee Titans (2011)*; Spokane Shock (2012); Tampa Bay Storm (2012–2014); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (2014)*; Pittsburgh Power (2015)*; Jacksonville Sharks (2015–2016); Dalian Dragon Kings (2016)*; Tampa Bay Storm (2017); Jacksonville Sharks (2017); Florida Tarpons (2018); Albany Empire (2018); Baltimore Brigade (2019)
John Holland —WR	Minnesota Vikings (1974); Buffalo Bills (1975–1977); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (1979–1980); Calgary Stampeders (1981); Ottawa Rough Riders (1982)
Vernon Holland —T	Cincinnati Bengals (1971–1979); Detroit Lions (1980); New York Giants (1980)

Claude Humphrey —DE	Atlanta Falcons (1968–1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1979–1981); NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (1968) 5× First-team All-Pro (1971–1974, 1977) 3× Second-team All-Pro (1969, 1970, 1976) 6× Pro Bowl (1970–1974, 1977) Atlanta Falcons Ring of Honor
Herman Hunter —RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1985); Detroit Lions (1986); Houston Oilers (1987)
J	
Ligarius Jennings — CB	Detroit Lions (2001)*; Cincinnati Bengals (2001–2002); Amsterdam Admirals (2002, 2004)
Daniel Johnson —LB	Green Bay Packers (1978)
Lee Johnson — WR	San Francisco 49ers (1969–1970)
Ed "Too Tall" Jones — DE	Dallas Cowboys (1974–1978, 1980–1989); 1974 NFL Draft 1st Overall Pick Super Bowl champion (XII) First-team All-Pro (1982) 2× Second-team All-Pro (1981, 1983) 3× Pro Bowl (1981–1983)
Joe "Turkey" Jones —DE	Cleveland Browns (1970–1973); Philadelphia Eagles (1974–1975); Cleveland Browns (1975–1978); Washington Redskins (1979–1980)
Mike Jones — WR	Minnesota Vikings (1983–1985); New Orleans Saints (1986–1987); Kansas City Chiefs (1988); New England Patriots (1989); New Orleans Saints (1989)
Roger Jones —CB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1991–1993); Cincinnati Bengals (1994–1997); Tennessee Oilers (1997)
Eric Joyce — DB	Arizona Cardinals (2002)*; Chicago Bears (2002)
K	
Jim Kelly — TE	Chicago Bears (1974)
Greg Kindle — G / T	St. Louis Cardinals (1974–1975); Atlanta Falcons (1976–1977); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1978–1979)
Larry Kinnebrew — RB	Cincinnati Bengals (1983–1987); Buffalo Bills (1989–1990)
L	
Izzy Lang —RB	Philadelphia Eagles (1964–1968); Los Angeles Rams (1969)
Donald Laster —T	Washington Redskins (1982); Detroit Lions (1984)
A.C. Leonard —DL / TE	Minnesota Vikings (2014)*; Brooklyn Bolts (2014); New Orleans VooDoo (2014–2015)*; BC Lions (2015); Hudson Valley Fort (2015)*; Jacksonville Sharks (2016)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (2016–2017); Ottawa Redblacks (2018); Saskatchewan Roughriders (2019–2022); Edmonton Elks (2023–present)
Anthony Levine —S	Green Bay Packers (2010–2011)*; Baltimore Ravens (2012–2021)
M	
Jim Marsalis —CB	Kansas City Chiefs (1969–1975); New Orleans Saints (1977) Super Bowl champion (IV); AFL champion (1969); PFW AFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (1969); First-team All-Pro (1970); 2× Pro Bowl (1969, 1970)
Loaird McCreary —TE / WR	Miami Dolphins (1976–1978); New York Giants (1979); Oklahoma Outlaws (1984)
Frank McRae — DT	Chicago Bears (1967)
Jerrold McRae —WR	Kansas City Chiefs (1978); Philadelphia Eagles (1979)
Willie Mitchell —CB	Kansas City Chiefs (1964–1970); Houston Oilers (1971)
Steve Moore — T	New England Patriots (1983–1987)





ALL-TIME TIGERS IN THE PROS

Anthony Morris —T	Oakland Raiders (2015); Montreal Alouettes (2017–2018); Memphis Express (2019); Los Angeles Wildcats (2020); TSL Conquerors (2021)
Leon Murray — QB	Washington Redskins (2000)*; Orlando Rage (2001)*; New York Giants (2001)*; Berlin Thunder (2001); Edmonton Eskimos (2002)*; Georgia Force (2003–2004); Nashville Kats (2005–2006); Detroit Fury (2007)*; Philadelphia Soul (2007); New York Dragons (2007)
Robert Myers —G	Baltimore Ravens (2015)*; Indianapolis Colts (2015)*; Baltimore Ravens (2015)*; Denver Broncos (2015); Seattle Seahawks (2016)*; Memphis Express (2019); Seattle Dragons (2020)*; Team 9 (2020)*; Seattle Dragons (2020); New Jersey Generals (2022–present)
N	
Cecil Newton —C	Jacksonville Jaguars (2009–2010); Hartford Colonials (2011)*; New Orleans Saints (2011)*; Green Bay Packers (2011)*; Baltimore Ravens (2011–2012)*
O	
McDonald Oden —TE	Cleveland Browns (1980–1982)
Chidi Okeke —T	Washington Redskins (2019)*; Kansas City Chiefs (2019)*; Miami Dolphins (2019)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (2021)*; Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2021)*; Pittsburgh Maulers (2022); San Antonio Brahmas (2023–present)
P	
Rodney Parker —WR	Atlanta Falcons (1978)*; Saskatchewan Roughriders (1978–1979); Philadelphia Eagles (1980–1982); Philadelphia Stars (1983–1984); San Antonio Gunslingers (1984); Pittsburgh Maulers (1984)
Frank Pillow — WR	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1988–1990); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1992)
Anthony Pleasant — DE	Cleveland Browns (1990–1995); Baltimore Ravens (1996); Atlanta Falcons (1997); New York Jets (1998–1999); San Francisco 49ers (2000); New England Patriots (2001–2003); 2x Super Bowl champion (XXXVI, XXXVIII)
David Pool —DB	Buffalo Bills (1990); New England Patriots (1991–1992); Buffalo Bills (1993); Miami Dolphins (1994)
R	
Brian Ransom —QB	Houston Oilers (1983–1985); Montreal Alouettes (1986)
Gilbert Renfro —QB	Ottawa Rough Riders (1986); Toronto Argonauts (1987–1989); Atlanta Falcons (1990); Minnesota Vikings (1990); Atlanta Falcons (1991)*; Calgary Stampeders (1991); Detroit Drive (1992–1993); BC Lions (1992); Shreveport Pirates (1994)*
Demetrius Rhaney —C	St. Louis / Los Angeles Rams (2014–2016); Jacksonville Jaguars (2017)*; Washington Redskins (2017–2018); Memphis Express (2019); Hamilton Tiger-Cats (2019); Buffalo Bills (2019)*; Houston Roughnecks (2020)
Shaun Richardson — LB	San Francisco 49ers* (2008); Edmonton Eskimos (2009); Kansas City Command (2012)
Patrick Robinson — WR	Cincinnati Bengals (1993); Arizona Cardinals (1994)
Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie —CB	Arizona Cardinals (2008–2010); Philadelphia Eagles (2011–2012); Denver Broncos (2013); New York Giants (2014–2017); Oakland Raiders (2018); Washington Redskins (2019); Tampa Nightcrawlers (A7FL) 2023; Second-team All-Pro (2016); 2x Pro Bowl (2009, 2015)
Chris Rowland —WR	Atlanta Falcons (2020–2021); Tennessee Titans (2021)*; Philadelphia Stars (2022–present)
S	
De'Ante Saunders —DB	Cleveland Browns (2015)
Simon Shanks — LB	Arizona Cardinals (1995)

Anthony Shelton —DB	San Diego Chargers (1990–1991); Shreveport Pirates (1994); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (1994); Shreveport Pirates (1995)
Lachavious Simmons —T / G	Chicago Bears (2020–2022); Arizona Cardinals (2022–present)*
Nate Simpson —RB	Green Bay Packers (1977–1979)
Ahmaad Smith —DB	Mississippi MudCats (2007) Texas Copperheads (2007) Team Tennessee (2008) BC Lions (2008)* Toronto Argonauts (2010)* Iowa Barnstormers (2009–2010) Pittsburgh Power (2011–2012)*
Fletcher Smith —S	Kansas City Chiefs (1966–1967); Cincinnati Bengals (1968–1971); Jacksonville Express (1975)
Noland Smith — WR / KR	Kansas City Chiefs (1967–1969); San Francisco 49ers (1969)
Ollie Smith —WR	Baltimore Colts (1973–1974); Green Bay Packers (1976–1977)
Tony Stargell —CB	New York Jets (1990–1991); Indianapolis Colts (1992–1993); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1994–1995); Kansas City Chiefs (1996); Chicago Bears (1997)
Joe Sweet —WR	Los Angeles Rams (1972-75)
T	
Malcolm Taylor —DE	Houston Oilers (1982–1986); Los Angeles Raiders (1987–1988); Atlanta Falcons (1989)
Larry Tharpe —T	Detroit Lions (1992–1994); Arizona Cardinals (1995); New England Patriots (1996); Detroit Lions (1997–1998); Pittsburgh Steelers (2000)
Jim Thaxton —TE / WR	San Diego Chargers (1973–1974); Cleveland Browns (1974); New Orleans Saints (1976–1977); St. Louis Cardinals (1978)
Michael "Moon" Thompson —T	Atlanta Falcons (2000–2002)
Bill Tucker —RB	San Francisco 49ers (1967–1970); Chicago Bears (1971)
W	
Charlie Wade —WR	Miami Dolphins (1973); Chicago Bears (1974) Green Bay Packers (1975); Kansas City Chiefs (1977) Super Bowl champion (VIII)
Carl Wafer —DE	New York Giants (1974); Green Bay Packers (1974)
Dwight Wheeler —T	New England Patriots (1978–1983); Los Angeles Raiders (1984); San Diego Chargers (1987); Los Angeles Raiders (1987–1988)
Javarris Williams —RB	Kansas City Chiefs (2009); Seattle Seahawks (2010)*; Houston Texans (2011–2012)*; Dallas Cowboys (2012)*; Washington Redskins (2012)*
Remond Willis —DL	Calgary Stampeders (2009)*; Milwaukee Iron (2010); Winnipeg Blue Bombers (2009, 2010–2011); Saskatchewan Roughriders (2011); Portland Thunder (2015)
Bernard Wilson —LB	Detroit Lions (1992–1993)*; Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993–1994); Arizona Cardinals (1994–1998)
Devin Wilson —WR	Richmond Raiders (2015); Saskatchewan Roughriders (2015); Cleveland Gladiators (2016); Jacksonville Sharks (2017); Cleveland Gladiators (2017); Maine Mammoths (2018); Jacksonville Sharks (2019–2023)
Larry Woods — DT	Detroit Lions (1971–1972); Miami Dolphins (1973); New York Jets (1974–1975); Seattle Seahawks (1976)
Robert Woods — T	New York Jets (1973–1977); New Orleans Saints (1977–1980); Birmingham Stallions (1983–1984); Memphis Showboats (1985)
Will Wynn — DE	Philadelphia Eagles (1973–1976); Washington Redskins (1977)
* Offseason and/or practice squad member only	





TSU NFL & AFL DRAFT PICKS

Year	Round	Pick	Team	Player	Position
1952 NFL Draft	8	333	Detroit Lions	Hal Turner	E
1953 NFL Draft	4	329	Chicago Bears	Jim Caldwell	T
1961 NFL Draft	8	103	Pittsburgh Steelers	George Balthazar	OT
1964 NFL Draft	18	240	Philadelphia Eagles	Izzy Lang	RB
1965 NFL Draft	8	112	Baltimore Colts	Rosey Davis	DE
1965 NFL Draft	16	217	Washington Redskins	Bob Reed	OG
1966 NFL Draft	4	59	Detroit Lions	Willie Walker	WR
1966 NFL Draft	6	92	Chicago Bears	Frank McRae	DT
1966 NFL Draft	7	103	Detroit Lions	Johnnie Robinson	DB
1966 NFL Draft	12	185	Baltimore Colts	Jim Carer	OG
1967 NFL Draft	3	65	San Francisco 49ers	Bill Tucker	RB
1967 NFL Draft	4	87	Minnesota Vikings	Al Coleman	DB
1967 NFL Draft	6	156	Kansas City Chiefs	Noland Smith	WR
1967 NFL Draft	10	252	Los Angeles Rams	Leon Moore	DB
1967 NFL Draft	10	260	Dallas Cowboys	Eugene Bowen	RB
1967 NFL Draft	12	315	New Orleans Saints	John Robinson	WR
1967 NFL Draft	13	318	Buffalo Bills	Howard Finley	DB
1968 NFL Draft	1	3	Atlanta Falcons	Claude Humphrey	DE
1968 NFL Draft	1	25	Oakland Raiders	Eldridge Dickey	WR
1968 NFL Draft	4	108	Green Bay Packers	John Robinson	WR
1968 NFL Draft	6	141	San Francisco 49ers	Lee Johnson	WR
1968 NFL Draft	8	216	Baltimore Colts	Tommy Davis	DT
1969 NFL Draft	1	23	Kansas City Chiefs	Jim Marsalis	DB
1969 NFL Draft	3	65	Houston Oilers	Elbert Drungo	OT
1969 NFL Draft	5	129	Baltimore Colts	King Dunlap	DT
1969 NFL Draft	8	186	Pittsburgh Steelers	Joe Cooper	WR
1969 NFL Draft	11	284	Oakland Raiders	Harold Rice	DE
1969 NFL Draft	12	295	Washington Redskins	Bob Shannon	DB
1969 NFL Draft	12	313	Atlanta Falcons	Harry Carpenter	OG
1970 NFL Draft	2	36	Cleveland Browns	Joe Jones	DE
1970 NFL Draft	5	117	New York Giants	Claude Brumfield	OG
1970 NFL Draft	16	393	Miami Dolphins	Charlie Williams	OG
1971 NFL Draft	1	15	Cincinnati Bengals	Vern Holland	OT
1971 NFL Draft	4	100	Detroit Lions	Larry Woods	DT
1971 NFL Draft	6	143	San Diego Chargers	Jacob Mayes	RB
1971 NFL Draft	7	168	Green Bay Packers	Dave Davis	WR
1971 NFL Draft	8	197	Cincinnati Bengals	Fred Herring	DB
1971 NFL Draft	10	238	Oakland Raiders	Bill West	DB
1971 NFL Draft	11	264	Philadelphia Eagles	Sonny Davis	RB
1971 NFL Draft	11	273	San Diego Chargers	Don Pinson	DB
1971 NFL Draft	17	435	Los Angeles Rams	Joe Sweet	WR
1972 NFL Draft	2	45	Cleveland Browns	Cliff Brooks	DB
1972 NFL Draft	11	268	New York Jets	Robert Stevenson	LB
1972 NFL Draft	11	273	Pittsburgh Steelers	Joe Gilliam	QB
1973 NFL Draft	2	38	New York Jets	Robert Woods	OT
1973 NFL Draft	4	84	San Diego Chargers	Jim Thaxton	TE
1973 NFL Draft	4	85	Baltimore Colts	Ollie Smith	WR
1973 NFL Draft	5	113	Denver Broncos	Charles McTorry	DB
1973 NFL Draft	7	159	Philadelphia Eagles	Will Wynn	DE
1973 NFL Draft	12	305	San Francisco 49ers	Larry Pettus	OT
1973 NFL Draft	13	318	San Diego Chargers	Alfred Reese	RB
1973 NFL Draft	17	442	Miami Dolphins	Charlie Wade	WR
1974 NFL Draft	1	1	Dallas Cowboys	Too Tall Jones	DE
1974 NFL Draft	1	4	Chicago Bears	Waymond Bryant	LB
1974 NFL Draft	2	29	Minnesota Vikings	John Holland	WR
1974 NFL Draft	2	33	St. Louis Cardinals	Greg Kindle	OT
1974 NFL Draft	2	42	Denver Broncos	Carl Wafer	DE
1974 NFL Draft	13	331	Buffalo Bills	Ed Gatewood	LB
1975 NFL Draft	4	85	San Francisco 49ers	Cleveland Elam	DT
1975 NFL Draft	7	173	Dallas Cowboys	Mike Hegman	LB
1975 NFL Draft	9	218	San Francisco 49ers	James Johnson	DB
1975 NFL Draft	14	339	Miami Dolphins	James Lewis	DB





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Year	Round	Pick	Team	Player	Position
1976 NFL Draft	2	49	Miami Dolphins	Loaird McCreary	TE
1976 NFL Draft	3	64	San Diego Chargers	Larry Dorsey	WR
1976 NFL Draft	4	98	Miami Dolphins	Mel Mitchell	OG
1976 NFL Draft	7	200	Miami Dolphins	John Owens	DE
1976 NFL Draft	14	385	Philadelphia Eagles	Melvin Shy	DB
1977 NFL Draft	4	102	Cleveland Browns	Oliver Davis	DB
1977 NFL Draft	5	122	Green Bay Packers	Nate Simpson	RB
1977 NFL Draft	6	145	Philadelphia Eagles	Kevin Russell	DB
1977 NFL Draft	6	151	San Diego Chargers	Larry Barnes	RB
1977 NFL Draft	11	282	Buffalo Bills	Nate Jackson	RB
1978 NFL Draft	2	29	Kansas City Chiefs	Sylvester Hicks	DE
1978 NFL Draft	2	46	Los Angeles Rams	Stan Johnson	DT
1978 NFL Draft	4	85	Kansas City Chiefs	Danny Johnson	LB
1978 NFL Draft	4	102	New England Patriots	Dwight Wheeler	C
1978 NFL Draft	4	107	Detroit Lions	Homer Elias	OG
1978 NFL Draft	5	112	Kansas City Chiefs	Jerrold McRae	WR
1978 NFL Draft	6	152	Atlanta Falcons	Rod Parker	WR
1979 NFL Draft	10	261	Cleveland Browns	John Smith	WR
1979 NFL Draft	11	276	San Francisco 49ers	Billy McBride	DB
1979 NFL Draft	11	301	Los Angeles Rams	Jesse Deramus	DT
1981 NFL Draft	12	322	San Francisco 49ers	Joe Adams	QB
1982 NFL Draft	5	121	Houston Oilers	Malcolm Taylor	DE
1982 NFL Draft	9	233	Minnesota Vikings	Bryan Howard	DB
1982 NFL Draft	12	309	Washington Redskins	Don Laster	OT
1983 NFL Draft	3	80	New England Patriots	Steve Moore	OT
1983 NFL Draft	6	159	Minnesota Vikings	Mike Jones	WR
1983 NFL Draft	6	165	Cincinnati Bengals	Larry Kinnebrew	RB
1983 NFL Draft	8	203	Chicago Bears	Richard Dent	DE
1983 NFL Draft	10	266	Minnesota Vikings	Walter Tate	C
1984 NFL Draft	5	120	Indianapolis Colts	Golden Tate	WR
1985 NFL Draft	11	289	Philadelphia Eagles	Herman Hunter	RB
1987 NFL Draft	3	75	New York Jets	Onzy Elam	LB
1987 NFL Draft	8	205	Pittsburgh Steelers	Charles Buchanan	DE
1988 NFL Draft	11	279	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Frank Pillow	WR
1990 NFL Draft	3	56	New York Jets	Tony Stargell	DB
1990 NFL Draft	3	73	Cleveland Browns	Anthony Pleasant	DE
1990 NFL Draft	11	289	San Francisco 49ers	Anthony Shelton	DB
1990 NFL Draft	11	300	Philadelphia Eagles	Tyrone Watson	WR
1992 NFL Draft	6	145	Detroit Lions	Larry Tharpe	OT
1992 NFL Draft	10	276	New Orleans Saints	Marcus Dowdell	WR
1993 NFL Draft	7	187	Houston Oilers	Patrick Robinson	WR
1994 NFL Draft	4	123	Denver Broncos	Randy Fuller	DB
1995 NFL Draft	5	150	Arizona Cardinals	Cedric Davis	DB
1996 NFL Draft	7	227	Jacksonville Jaguars	Clarence Jones	WR
1996 NFL Draft	7	245	Kansas City Chiefs	Darrell Williams	DB
2000 NFL Draft	4	100	Atlanta Falcons	Michael Thompson	OT
2000 NFL Draft	4	121	Buffalo Bills	Avion Black	WR
2008 NFL Draft	1	16	Arizona Cardinals	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	DB
2009 NFL Draft	7	212	Kansas City Chiefs	Javarris Williams	RB
2014 NFL Draft	5	143	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Kadeem Edwards	OG
2014 NFL Draft	7	250	St. Louis Rams	Demetrius Rhaney	C
2015 NFL Draft	5	176	Baltimore Ravens	Robert Myers	OG
2015 NFL Draft	7	218	Oakland Raiders	Anthony Morris	OT
2020 NFL Draft	7	227	Chicago Bears	Lachavious Simmons	OG
1961 AFL Draft	16	--	Boston Patriots	George Balthazar	OT
1965 AFL Draft	12	--	Houston Oilers	Bob Reed	OG
1966 AFL Draft	7	--	Oakland Raiders	Frank McRae	DT
1966 AFL Draft	8	--	Kansas City Chiefs	Fletcher Smith	DB
1966 AFL Draft	9	--	Buffalo Bills	James Carter	DE





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED OFFENSIVE STARTERS



KARATE BRENSON

Graduate Student
Wide Receiver
6-2 // 217
St. Louis, Mo
Ball State



DEVEON BRYANT

Redshirt Senior
Quarterback
6-5 // 225
Bellwood, Ill.
Proviso West



DA'SHON DAVIS

Junior
Wide Receiver
5-11 // 195
Quincy, Fla.
Jefferson County



JALEN ROUSE

Junior
Running Back
5-11 // 195
Richmond Hill, Ga.
Richmond Hill



ROMELLO TARVER

Redshirt Senior
Offensive Lineman
6-5 // 275
Delray Beach, Fla.
Central Michigan / McNeese



AARION HARVEY

Graduate Student
Offensive Lineman
6-5 // 300
Chicago, Ill.
Central Michigan / Austin Peay



CHAZAN PAGE

Junior
Center
6-1 // 295
Nashville, Tenn.
Lipscomb Academy



JAMARI FREEMAN

Redshirt Freshman
Offensive Lineman
6-4 // 300
Fairburn, Ga.
Langston Hughes



NICHOLAS GREEN

Junior
Offensive Lineman
6-5 // 305
Cedar Park, Texas
Trinity Valley



AVERY WILLIAMS

Redshirt Junior
Wide Receiver
6-2 // 185
Nashville, Tenn.
Brentwood / Chattanooga



TRENTON GILLISON

Graduate Student
Tight End
6-5 // 245
Pickerington, Ohio
Michigan State / Youngstown St.



THERON AYCH

2nd Season
Northern State University '96
On Field



SCOTT BAUMGARTNER

1st Season
Pacific University '92
On Field



JOSH CRAWFORD

1st Season
Vanderbilt '19
Coaching Press Box



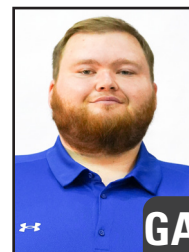
MICHAEL BREWSTER

2nd Season
Ohio State '12
Coaching Press Box



ANTHONY LEWIS

2nd Season
Angelo State '14
on Field



SPENCER WHEELER

1st Season
Long Beach State '21
On Field

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Da'Shon Davis	Duh-Shon
Draylen Ellis	Dray-lin
Jamari Freeman	Jah-Mah-ree
Chazan Page	chah-ZAHN
Romello Tarver	ROE-mellow





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED DEFENSIVE STARTERS



BRYCE PHILLIPS

Graduate Student
Wide Receiver
6-2 // 217
St. Louis, Mo
Ball State



JAMES GREEN

Graduate Student
Linebacker
6-1 // 220
Orlando, Fla.
Olympia



MONROE BEARD III

Junior
Linebacker
6-1 // 220
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Arkansas-Pine Bluff



JALEN BELL

Senior
Defensive Line
6-1 // 280
Detroit, Mich.
Mississippi Valley State



JOSH GREEN

Senior
Safety
5-11 // 195
Orlando, Fla.
Olympia



JEREMIAH JOSEPHS

Graduate Student
Defensive Back
5-10 // 185
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Duquesne / Miami Ohio



TERRELL ALLEN

Senior
Defensive Line
5-10 // 275
North Little Rock, Ark.
Austin Peay



DARIUS HARPER

Graduate Student
Defensive Back
6-0 // 185
Brentwood, Tenn.
Ravenwood / Campbellsville



AHMAD NELSON

Junior
Defensive Line
6-2 // 225
Birmingham, Ala.
Minor



CHRIS WALKER

Junior
Defensive Line
6-4 // 225
Sanford, Fla.
Seminole



CAM STEWART

Senior
Defensive Line
6-3 // 245
Chattanooga, Tenn.
McCallie



BRANDON FISHER

3rd Season
Montana '09
On Field



JOE BOWDEN

3rd Season
Oklahoma
On Field



RICHARD MCNUTT

3rd Season
Ohio State '04
On Field



CLYDE SIMMONS

3rd Season
Western Carolina '96
Coaching Press Box



KEITH BURNS

3rd Season
Oklahoma State '94
on Field





TV/RADIO CHART — PROJECTED SPECIAL TEAMS STARTERS



JAMES LOWERY

Redshirt Junior
Kicker
6-2 // 217
St. Louis, Mo
Ball State



JACKSON FOSTER

Junior
Punter
6-2 // 220
Danville, Calif.
Western Michigan



DAYRON JOHNSON

Junior
KR / PR
5-9 // 180
Springfield, Tenn.
Springfield



BOOGIE TROTTER

Freshman
KR / PR
5-9 // 170
Nashville, Tenn.
Tennessee Valley Prep



DELANIE MAJORS

Freshman
KR / PR
5-9 // 155
Nashville, Tenn.
Overton



CARSON BUCHANAN

Redshirt Sophomore
Long Snapper
6-0 // 265
Nashville, Tenn.
Antioch



KEITH BURNS

3rd Season
Oklahoma State '94
on Field





2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
James Lowery	1-3	33.3	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0	38	1
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jackson Foster	6	241	40.2	48	0	1	3	0	0
Total	6	241	40.2	48	0	1	3	0	0
Opponents	2	86	43.0	54	1	1	0	1	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	3	27	9.0	0	15

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					d xp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
James Lowery	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	0	1-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Opponents	8	0-0	8-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	56

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Dayron Johnson	2	76	38.0	0	58
Total	2	76	38.0	0	58
Opponents	1	8	8.0	0	8

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Tennessee St.	3	0	0	0	0	3
Opponents	7	28	14	7	0	56

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dayron Johnson	1	0	-3	0	76	0	73	73.0
Jalen Rouse	1	28	7	0	0	0	35	35.0
Deveon Bryant	1	29	0	0	0	0	29	29.0
Da'Shon Davis	1	0	22	0	0	0	22	22.0
Tre Boone III	1	9	10	0	0	0	19	19.0
Jordan Gant	1	16	3	0	0	0	19	19.0
Chayil Garnett	1	0	13	0	0	0	13	13.0
Delanie Majors	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Demeatric Crenshaw	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
Karate Brenson	1	0	4	0	0	0	4	4.0
Canen Adrian	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Craig Cunningham	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	89	67	0	76	0	232	232.0
Opponents	1	221	336	27	8	33	625	625.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Deveon Bryant	1	18	29	43	72	72.0
Jalen Rouse	1	11	28	0	28	28.0
Draylen Ellis	1	12	0	24	24	24.0
Jordan Gant	1	8	16	0	16	16.0
Tre Boone III	1	5	9	0	9	9.0
Demeatric Crenshaw	1	2	6	0	6	6.0
Canen Adrian	1	0	4	0	4	4.0
Craig Cunningham	1	1	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	58	89	67	156	156.0
Opponents	1	63	221	336	557	557.0

Team Defense

#	Player	gp	Tackles			tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot			no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
8	Jeremiah Josephs	1	8	1	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.





2023-24 Tennessee St. Football
Combined Team Statistics
All games

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
09/02/2023	at Notre Dame	L	3-56	77622

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Deveon Bryant	1	6	29	0	29	4.8	0	13	29.0
Jalen Rouse	1	11	30	2	28	2.5	0	9	28.0
Jordan Gant	1	8	19	3	16	2.0	0	4	16.0
Tre Boone III	1	5	9	0	9	1.8	0	3	9.0
Demeatric Crenshaw	1	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	6.0
Canen Adrian	1	0	4	0	4	0.0	0	4	4.0
Craig Cunningham	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Team	1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	1	36	102	13	89	2.5	0	13	89.0
Opponents	1	33	236	15	221	6.7	3	50	221.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Deveon Bryant	1	38.4	5-12-2	41.7	43	0	22	43.0
Draylen Ellis	1	50.2	3-10-0	30.0	24	0	11	24.0
Total	1	43.8	8-22-2	36.4	67	0	22	67.0
Opponents	1	218.1	24-30-0	80.0	336	4	42	336.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dayron Johnson	1	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
Da'Shon Davis	1	1	22	22.0	0	22	22.0
Chayil Garnett	1	1	13	13.0	0	13	13.0
Tre Boone III	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	10.0
Jalen Rouse	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
Karate Brenson	1	1	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Jordan Gant	1	1	3	3.0	0	3	3.0
Delanie Majors	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Total	1	8	67	8.4	0	22	67.0
Opponents	1	24	336	14.0	4	42	336.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0

Team Statistics

	TSU	OPP
First Downs	12	26
Rushing	5	10
Passing	4	15
Penalty	3	1
Rushing Yardage	89	221
Rushing attempts	36	33
Average per rush	2.5	6.7
Average per game	89.0	221.0
TDs Rushing	0	3
Passing Yardage	67	336
Comp-Att-Int	8-22-2	24-30-0
Average per pass	3.0	11.2
Average per catch	8.4	14.0
Average per game	67.0	336.0
TDs Passing	0	4
Total offense	156	557
Average per play	2.7	8.8
Average per game	156.0	557.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-76	1-8
Punt returns: #-Yards	0-0	3-27
Int returns: #-Yards	0-0	2-33
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	4-36
Punts-Avg	6-40.2	2-43.0
Time of possession / game	29:01	30:59
3rd-down conversion	4/14	9/11
4rd-down conversion	1/1	0/0
PAT-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(8-8) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	2	33	16.5	1	33

