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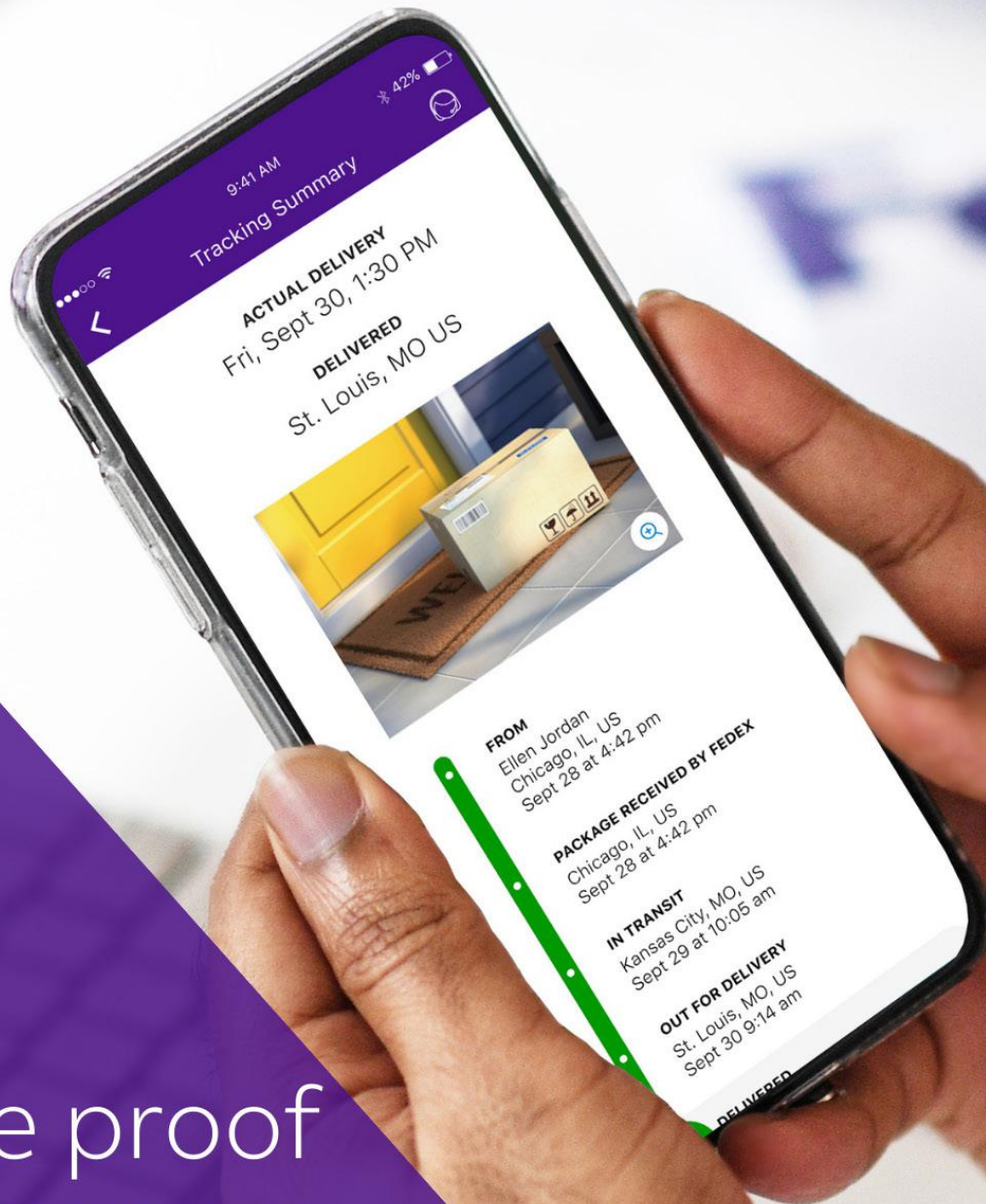


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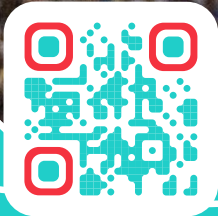
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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Classic Parade – 9 a.m. Presented by the Orange Mound Community Parade Committee as a salute to the Southern Heritage Classic. The parade route is along Park Avenue from Haynes to Airways featuring area high school marching bands. For information, contact Claudette Boyd at (901) 413-7109 or Algenner Jackson at (901) 230-3819 and online at www.omcpc.com.

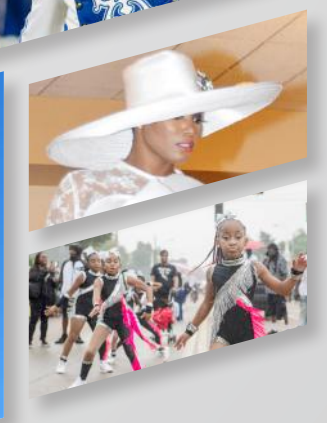
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A BUDDING RIVALRY

When the Southern Heritage Classic was searching for a new participant after last year's departure of Jackson State, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff became an obvious candidate. With the UAPB campus being only 150 miles from Memphis and having a strong local alumni base, Classic founder Fred Jones Jr. saw the potential to create a new fierce territorial battlefield between the Golden Lions and the Tennessee State Tigers. The two teams have a familiarity with each other, having faced off three times since 2012 – all in Nashville. Now, the catfight renews its rivalry on neutral ground.

Ex-NFL linebacker **Monte Coleman** still ranks 4th in Redskins' history in career sacks. He later became head coach at Arkansas-Pine Bluff and guided the Golden Lions to a 10-2 record in 2012 including the black-college national championship.



1
MOST RECENT:
2012



BLACK-COLLEGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Richard Dent was named Super Bowl XX MVP and still ranks as one of the NFL's all-time great pass rushers.



L.C. Greenwood was a star player on the vaunted "Steel Curtain" defense that racked up four Super Bowl victories in the '70s. In Super Bowl X, the former UAPB star sacked Cowboys QB Roger Staubach four times to help the Steelers win back-to-back titles.



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MOST RECENT:
2013

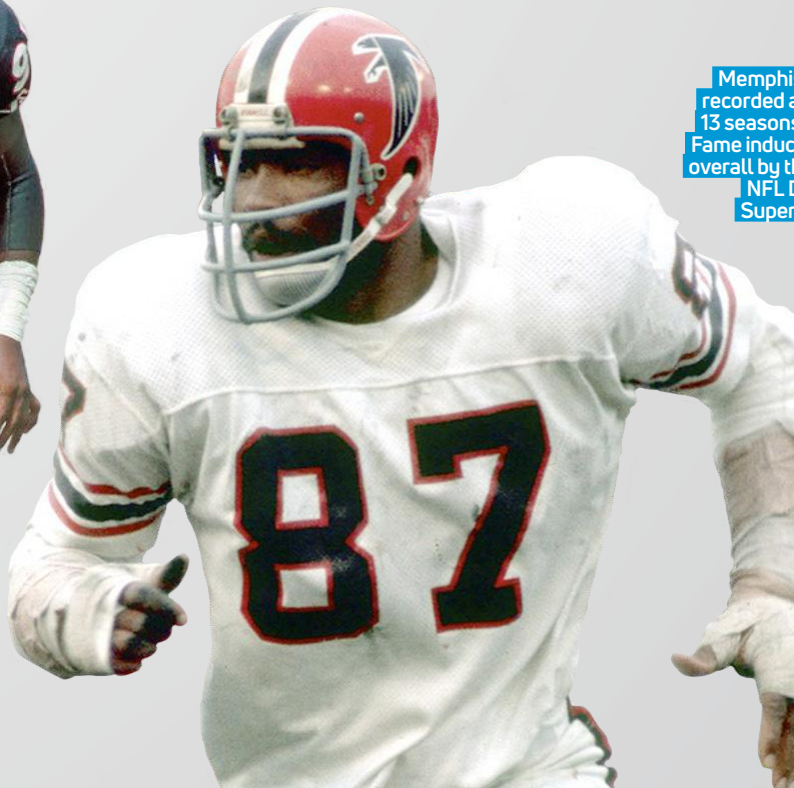


John Merritt coached Jackson State to a national championship in 1962 and promptly left for Tennessee A&I in '63. He would guide the now-called TSU program to seven national titles and five undefeated seasons before retiring in 1983.



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Timon Akins (Marion H.S.)
Marcus Askew II (Germantown H.S.)
Rolando Jones (Southwind H.S.)
Kenji Lewis (East H.S.)



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PLAYERS TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT



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HIGHEST OVERALL: 62ND
ED CROSS IN 1969



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Craig Cunningham (Lausanne)
Draylen Ellis (Kirby H.S.)
Dorian George (Germantown H.S.)
Jordan Helton (Memphis Univ. School)
Ethan Jones (Lausanne)
Kennedy Wilbert (Middle College)

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native **Claude Humphrey** has at least 10 sacks in nine of his seasons in the NFL. The 2014 Hall of Fame inductee from TSU was taken No. 3 overall by the Atlanta Falcons in the 1968 NFL Draft and later played in Super Bowl XV for the Eagles.

Four-time Pro Bowl tackle **Terron Armstead** enters his 11th NFL season. In 2022, he signed a lucrative, \$75 million contract to join the Miami Dolphins after playing nine years in New Orleans. The former Arkansas-Pine Bluff standout was a three-time All-SWAC performer.

2012

TSU 40 | UAPB 13 – at LP Field

The two schools would combine to go 18-5. After the loss, UAPB would go on to win seven in a row and capture the black-college national title.

2016

TSU 44 | UAPB 0 – at Nissan Stadium

In the season opener, a staunch TSU defense would limit the Lions to 168 total yards. QB O'Shay Ackerman-Carter threw for 259 yards and 2 TDs.

2019

UAPB 37 | TSU 31 – at Hale Stadium

Jeremy Brown caught a 4th-down, 17-yard TD pass from Shannon Patrick on the game's final play to break a 31-31 tie.



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Laurence B. ALEXANDER

CHANCELLOR



Dr. Laurence B. Alexander is in his 11th year as Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a public 1890 land-grant HBCU in an urban setting. The second oldest public university in the state of Arkansas, UAPB is an institution of the University of Arkansas System.

Alexander has promoted excellence across UAPB through innovation and entrepreneurship, leading to several initiatives that brought historic increases in retention and graduation rates, new academic programs, higher research grant funding, new construction and renovation projects, and success in major-gift fundraising and development, which included several of the largest donations in the university's history.

In 2022, Alexander was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as Chair of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), an advisory committee to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Prior to joining UAPB, Alexander served 22 years as a professor and academic administrator at the University of Florida, the state's land-grant flagship research institution, which is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities.

He served as a Provost Administrative Fellow in the UF Office of Academic Affairs, a Director of the Office of Graduate Minority Programs, an Associate Dean of the Graduate School, a Chair of the Department of Journalism, and a tenured Professor in the College of Journalism and Communications.

In addition, he served as the 12th UF Distinguished Alumni Professor, a Research Foundation Professor, and a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars.

A native of New Orleans, Alexander earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Florida State University, a Juris Doctor from Tulane University, a master's degree in journalism and communications from the University of Florida, and a bachelor's degree in Drama and Communications from the University of New Orleans.

Earlier in Alexander's career, he served on the faculty of Temple University and the University of New Orleans. He also worked in the journalism profession at The Houma (La.) Courier, The New Orleans Times-Picayune and The Philadelphia Inquirer. He is a member of several professional organizations, and he currently serves on numerous professional and community boards and committees.

Chris ROBINSON

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



One of the all-time greats in Golden Lion football history, Chris Robinson was named UAPB's Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics in June 2021 after serving as the Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director.

Robinson moves over to athletics from the Office of Recruitment, where he had spent the previous eight years in serving the university.

Multiple stints at UAPB is a common theme for Robinson, who came to Pine Bluff after a standout career at Mattie T. Blount High in Pritchard, Ala. After playing for the legendary Archie "The Gunslinger" Cooley at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Robinson transferred to Southern University, playing quarterback for one season under College Football Hall of Fame Coach Marino Casem.

As the Golden Lion football program returned to play in 1993, Robinson returned and led the revival of the program under UAPB alum and the coach with the most wins in school history, Coach Lee Hardman. UAPB went 6-5 before forfeiting a game in '93 before Robinson led the Golden Lions to the 1994 NAIA National Championship Game, highlighted by a seven-touchdown (six passing, one rushing) performance in a come-from-behind overtime semifinal win.

After one year away from working in management, Robinson returned to the sidelines at Mid-American Nazarene University. He coached quarterbacks and running backs while also serving as assistant softball coach, and as the school's Director of Minority Affairs.

Robinson then returned to UAPB, teaching marketing while also coaching the offensive skill players and special teams, football operations and was the program's NFL liaison. He then returned to the corporate sector for a decade before returning to The Pride in 2012.

A 2014 UAPB Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Robinson earned his bachelor's degree in management from UAPB, and a Master's degree in business administration from Mid-America Nazarene University.

In Robinson's first year as Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics, the Golden Lions football program captured their first Western Division title since 2012 and advanced to the spring 2021 SWAC Championship.

In July of 2022, Robinson was named to the FCS ADA Executive Committee. He currently serves on the Executive Board for the Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

The Golden Lions have since gone to the SWAC Championship Game with the women's basketball team for the first time in school history while the UAPB Men's Golf Team secured the SWAC Golf Title in 2023.

Robinson's administration made a monumental announcement in January and formally launched several campaign and renovation projects. The campaign will impact several key facilities throughout the athletics department, including the groundbreaking of the Track and Soccer Complex, renovation of the Thomas May Fieldhouse Fuel Station, football locker room, and UAPB Softball Complex.

Robinson married two-time All-American track runner and Golden Lion Alum Kim George and the couple has two sons – Christopher (UAPB Graduate), Kylan (UAPB Graduate), and one daughter, a freshman in high school, Kaylen.



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ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF SEASON PREVIEW



Junior **Mekhi Hagens** won the starting QB job in camp. The transfer from Cisco Community College (Texas) was a highly regarded 3-star signal caller coming out of high school in the St. Louis area.

2023 SCHEDULE

A.31	at Tulsa	L, 7-42
S.9	Tennessee State (in Memphis)	6:00
S.16	MILES COLLEGE	5:00
S.21	at Alabama A&M	7:00
S.30	SOUTHERN	6:00
O.7	<BYE>	
O.14	at Mississippi Valley State	2:00
O.21	ALCORN STATE	2:00
O.28	JACKSON STATE	2:00
N.4	at Prairie View A&M	2:00
N.11	GRAMBLING STATE	6:00
N.18	at Texas Southern	2:00

All times Central

Hampton injects much energy into restoring the Lions' pride

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Golden Lions football squad has recently launched the Coach Alonzo Hampton Era for his second stint with the football program, but first as a head coach. Around the field house, there is understandable excitement surrounding the new season, the new coaching staff, and new energy.

During his first stint as an assistant coach from 2006–09, Hampton help lead UAPB to a SWAC Western Conference championship in 2006, but now he's back to "Restore and Reclaim the Pride," in his first opportunity to lead a program as the head man.

"We had a great training camp, new coaching staff, a lot of new players coming, so everybody is excited to get a good feel of where we want to take our program, and our motto is Restore The Pride," said coach Hampton.

"We're excited about the opportunity to play in the Southern Heritage Classic on a national stage. We are setting a foundation around the program to get them on track to make everybody better. Players have been battling all summer against each other and they are ready to compete against someone else, it's time to go."

UAPB's **offense** will have several options to spread the ball around with several talented

receivers led by Christen Cochran, speedster Maurice Lloyd, Memphis native Kenji Lewis, who can stretch the field, and Grambling State transfer Claude Coleman.

Cochran is the top returning pass catcher after posting 28 receptions despite missing a game. Lloyd, Lewis, Daemon Dawkins and Javaghn Williams all return to the receiver corps.

With the bulk of the receivers possessing experience, they will be running routes alongside a new quarterback with the departure of senior Skyler Perry, who threw for 1,381 yards and six touchdowns in nine games last year.

Of the three top quarterbacks on the depth chart (Mekhi Hagens, Jalen Macon, and Chancellor Edwards), offensive coordinator Bobby Acosta feels good about his scheme as the season approaches.

Hagens and Macon battled things out in camp for the starting nod. Macon is a returnee after passing for 303 yards in four contests last season. Hagens is a transfer from Cisco Community College in Texas, where he passed for 1,136 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2021.

"We have three quarterbacks capable of playing this game. Unfortunately, only one can play," said Acosta. "We have prepared our entire room for the game plan. Now, we need to go out



Freshman **Johnness Davis** was impressive in the Golden Lions' season opener against Tulsa.

and perform to the best of our abilities. Our quarterbacks had a good preseason camp, and they have improved as we went on, but I'm excited about where we are right now. Our focus on offense is to dominate our craft and take it one play at a time."

The running attack is re-tooled after the transfer of Kayvon Britten, who racked up 1,046 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns a year ago, while also leading the squad with 35 receptions.

Sophomore Michael Jamerson and freshman Johness Davis will both see plenty of duty in the backfield this fall.

Jamerson is a transfer from Campbell. He didn't play last year but led the Camels in rushing the year before.

The Golden Lions return six starters on offense, including three on the offensive line led by preseason second-team All-SWAC lineman Ryan Atkins. The Golden Lions line played a significant part in UAPB's running game, as they led the conference in rushing. Atkins is the third consecutive UAPB offensive lineman to be named to the All-SWAC preseason squad.

One guy who won't be back is All-SWAC left tackle Mark Evans, who signed a free-agent deal with the NFL's New Orleans Saints this spring.



Sophomore **Michael Jamerson**, a transfer from Campbell, expects to play an integral role in the new-look running game this fall.

Atkins, a senior, will slide over to left tackle and be joined by four juniors – Tre Lester, Rolando Jones, Thomas Prater and Christon Love.

"I'm going to come out there and do well," said Atkins on SWAC Media Day. "I learned a lot from Mark. I talk to him on a regular basis, so I'm ready for my opportunity."

Graduate Tristan Ballard will perform most of the tight-end duties. He played in three games in 2022 after transferring from Wheeling University.

On the **defensive** side of the ball, defensive coordinator David Calloway returns five starters, led by two preseason second-team All-SWAC linebacker Rico



Senior rover **Grant Ewell Jr.** ranked second on the team with 68 total tackles from his safety position and will continue to play the role of disruptor in both the opponents' passing and rushing attacks.

Dozier and defensive tackle Kendarius Clark.

Dozier played in all 11 games last year for the Golden Lions. The junior registered 87 total tackles, with 41 being solo to lead the team last season. His tackle total placed him sixth in the SWAC overall.

Clark, known as a run-stopper on the defensive front, started in nine games and played 11 games for the Golden Lions. He finished the season with 46 tackles, six TFLs, two sacks, and one QB hurries. Clark finished the season ranked in the top 15 in the SWAC Conference in sacks with five.

Juniors Isaiah Ward and JaVonn Gray and sophomore Anas Luqman join Clark as returnees along an experienced front four. The group combined for 23 TFLs in 2022.

Dozier and fellow junior Timon Akins headline the linebacking group after the transfer of Monroe Beard. Akins got into only four games last year.

"I'm very excited to see the results of the work our guys are having as we prepare for the season," said Calloway. "The players are buying in, showing up consistently watching the video and doing things correctly with a certain type of attitude and attention to detail – Clark, Ward, Dozier, and Grant Ewell) – to mention a few. I look forward to our defense playing together and having fun while playing tough, clean football."

Ewell, a senior safety who made quite an impact last year after transferring from Butte Community College, ranked second on the team with 68 tackles.

More experience in the deep secondary include senior Kyre Williams and junior Shawn Wilson. Williams' 49 stops placed

him fourth on the defense, while Wilson is a transfer from LA Valley Community College.

Senior Laprel Boyd and sophomore Kyle Knox will man the corner positions. Each played in 10 games last year and recorded an interception.

Special teams play a big part in the Golden Lions success on the field, returning Maurice Lloyd, who finished second overall in the conference in kickoff returns, averaging 25.4 yards and one touchdown. UAPB finished Top 5 in both kickoff (5th) and punt (2nd) returns last season in the SWAC.

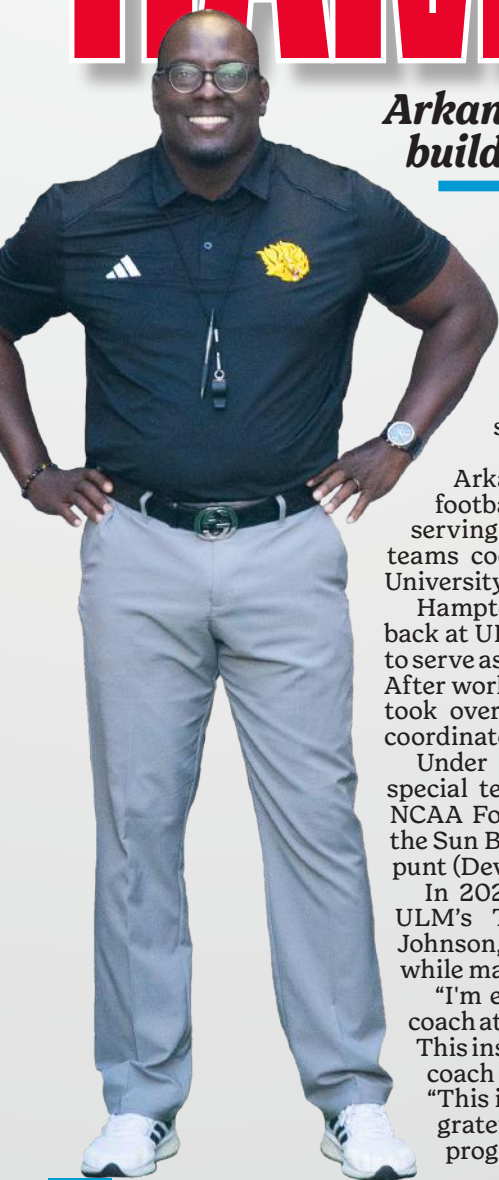
This season, senior Dean Sarris will take over the kicking. Sarris in 2022 kicked for Division III Baldwin Wallace in Ohio, where he was 4-of-6 on field goals.



Pre-season second-team All-SWAC linebacker **Rico Dozier** returns after posting a team-high 11 tackles-for-loss a year ago.

ALONZO

HAMPTON



Arkansan returns home to build Lions into powerhouse

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff announced that Alonzo Hampton was named the Golden Lions' 22nd head football coach, bringing him back to his home state. The Warren, Ark., native returns to one of his previous coaching stops, having been with the Golden Lions five seasons from 2006–10.

A name highly recognized throughout Arkansas and around the nation in college football, Hampton comes to UAPB after serving as the assistant head coach/special teams coordinator under Terry Bowden at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Hampton, a four-year letterman as a defensive back at ULM 1993-96, returned to his alma mater to serve as assistant head coach on Bowden's staff. After working with the safeties in 2021, Hampton took over the responsibilities as special teams coordinator, heading into his second season.

Under Hampton's guidance in 2022, ULM special team (punting) was ranked 29th in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and second in the Sun Belt Conference averaging 43.9 yards per punt (Devyn McCormick).

In 2021, three of his safeties ranked among ULM's Top 10 in tackles, including Jabari Johnson, who recorded a career-high 58 tackles while making seven starts.

"I'm excited to be named 22nd head football coach at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. This institution gave me my first opportunity to coach college football in 2006," said Hampton. "This is a special day for my family and we are grateful as we look forward to pushing this program to new heights. Also, it means more



to come back to your home state."

Hampton worked as a defensive analyst for Chad Morris at Arkansas in 2019.

He served as special teams coordinator for Willie Taggart at Florida State in 2018. It marked the fourth different time in Hampton's career that he had joined one of Taggart's coaching staffs, including previous stops at Oregon, South Florida and Western Kentucky.

Under Hampton's guidance, FSU's D.J. Matthews emerged as one of the nation's most dangerous punt returners in 2018, finishing sixth in the NCAA FBS with his 13.5-yard average.

During the 2017 season, he served as a defensive



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-03	WARREN H.S. DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
2004-05	DUMAS H.S. HEAD COACH
2006-10	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF DBs/DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
2011-12	WESTERN KENTUCKY DEFENSIVE BACKS
2013-14	TIFT COUNTY H.S. (GA.) DEFENSIVE BACKS
2015-16	SOUTH FLORIDA SPECIAL TEAMS/DBs
2017	OREGON DEFENSIVE ANALYST
2018	FLORIDA STATE SPECIAL TEAMS
2019	ARKANSAS DEFENSIVE ANALYST
2021-22	LOUISIANA-MONROE ASST. HEAD COACH/SPECIAL TEAMS
2023-	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

YEAR	OVERALL	SWAC
2023	0-1	0-0

analyst at Oregon after spending two years (2015-16) as defensive backs coach at South Florida, where he also oversaw special teams in 2016. USF won a school-record 11 games and finished No. 19 in the final Associated Press Poll, thanks in large part to a defensive unit that forced 26 turnovers.

Hampton began his coaching career in the high-school ranks in Arkansas, first as defensive coordinator at Warren High School for four years (2000-03) then as head coach at Dumas High School for two seasons (2004-05). During his tenure at Warren, he helped the Lumberjacks to a combined record of 48-12, including back-to-back Class AAA state championships in 2001-02.

As a player at ULM, Hampton finished his career with 201 tackles, three interceptions and 16 pass break-ups. He served as a team captain as a senior in 1996. Hampton also competed in track and field for the Warhawks in 1993.

Following his collegiate career, Hampton played professionally for the Seattle Seahawks and Jacksonville Jaguars as well as NFL Europe's Frankfurt Galaxy. He started for Frankfurt in back-to-back World Bowls.

Hampton and his wife Yolanda have five children, including four sons: Aaron, Rashad, A.J., a fifth-year defensive back at Northwestern, and Ashton; and one daughter, Kenya.



BORN Oct. 9, 1973 (age: 49)
HOMETOWN Warren, Ark.
H.S. Warren (Ark.)
COLLEGE Louisiana-Monroe

 @COACHAHAMPTON

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF ASSISTANT COACHES



Acosta



Burrow



Calloway



Kramer



Nord



Rose



Wallace



Williams

Bobby Acosta, who spent the last two seasons at Del Valle High near Austin, Texas, has been named UAPB's new offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach.

Acosta comes to Golden Lion Nation with more than 20 years of experience and is known around the country for recruiting top talent and being an offensive play-calling mastermind.

In his first season (2020) as head coach at IMG Academy (Bradenton, Fla.), Acosta's program went undefeated. Offensively, IMG Academy averaged 42 points per game, leading the nation in 3rd-down efficiency and outscoring their opponents, 381-82.

Acosta came to IMG Academy from The College of St. Scholastica (Minn.), where he helped guide the Saints to a 7-3 record in 2019 as the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach.

The veteran coach served as the Bucknell University offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2017-18.

The Queens, N.Y., native was head coach at Widener (2013) as well as assistant posts at Syracuse, Cornell and Delaware.

Jeff Burrow enters his second season with the Golden Lions as the program's defensive back coach. Burrow came to UAPB after three seasons at Buffalo.

Burrow originally came to UB as the Bulls' director of player personnel and coached the defensive backs position in 2021 after previously coaching the safeties.

In 2020, safeties played a large role in the helping the Bulls finish atop the Mid-American Conference rankings in total defense. He also worked at Kent State, Indiana State, Marshall and Jacksonville State.

The Sylvester, Ga., native was a four-year starter at Cincinnati and played one season in the CFL for Winnipeg.

David Calloway comes to UAPB as defensive coordinator after spending seven seasons as the head coach at NAIA's Central Methodist University.

In 2021, Calloway led the Central Methodist program to a historic season, a No. 14 ranking in the Football Coaches' Top 25 Postseason poll and their first conference championship since 1975 with a 9-3 overall record and a perfect 5-0 mark in Heart of America South Division play. The nine wins tied for the most victories in school history. As the Heart South

Division Champion, the Eagles clinched their first-ever berth into the NAIA-FCS playoffs.

For his efforts in 2021, Calloway was named the 2021 Heart of America South Division Coach of the Year, and quarterback Paxton DeLaurent was named the Freshman of the Year.

Prior to joining the Central Methodist staff, Calloway spent two seasons as the head coach at NCAA Div. II Texas A&M-Kingsville University. Before being promoted, Calloway spent five years as the Javelinas' defensive coordinator.

Kingsville led the conference in rush defense four times. In 2010, Calloway's defense surrendered only 57 rushing yards/per game, setting a single-season school record while leading the nation.

Calloway came to Texas A&M-Kingsville after serving as the defensive line coach at Southeastern Oklahoma for a year. From 2004-05, Calloway was the defensive coordinator at his alma mater Langston University in Oklahoma. He also coached the defense at Hastings (Neb.) College from 2000-03.

He began his coaching career at Lane College as the linebackers coach after a sensational playing career.

Kyle Kramer joins Alonzo Hampton's staff as the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach.

Kramer comes to UAPB after spending two seasons as Louisiana-Monroe special team's senior analyst. Following his NFL playing career, Kramer spent more than two decades in the sports performance and marketing industries and returned to the coaching profession as a part of Terry Bowden's staff.

He began his coaching career at MidAmerica Nazarene University, where he produced eight all-conference players in seven seasons.

The McKinney, Texas, native signed as a free agent with the New Orleans Saints in 1995 after lettering as a tight end at Oklahoma in 1994.

Kendric Nord, a former Grambling State quarterback, arrives at UAPB after serving as the tight ends coach in 2014, the quarterback coach from 2015-20 and interim offensive coordinator in spring of 2020-21 at his alma mater. Nord also served as the quarterbacks coach at Fort Valley State in 2013.

Nord's playing experience included a standout career at Grambling before a professional career with the NFL's

Philadelphia Eagles and Baltimore Ravens, CFL's Hamilton Tiger-cats, AFL's Iowa Barnstormers, and the New York Dragons and NFL Europe's Rhein Fire.

Kendrick was a three-year starter for Grambling State from 1993-95. He was named the SWAC Newcomer of the Year in 1993 and went on to break some of Doug Williams' passing records.

Derek Rose was recently added to the staff to coach linebackers. Rose comes to UAPB from Blinn College.

He also worked on the football staffs at Millsaps College and the University of Ft. Lauderdale after working in the prep ranks in his hometown of New Orleans.

As a junior, Rose was an AP All-American linebacker at Northwestern State and later played professionally in the arena league.

Steve Wallace enters his first season with the Golden Lions as offensive line coach.

Before coming to UAPB, Wallace was the offensive line graduate assistant at Auburn. During the mid-season coaching change, Wallace was promoted to offensive line coach. Auburn finished Top 5 (FBS) in total yards rushing after coach Cadillac Williams took over the season's last four games.

Prior to joining the Auburn staff, the Atlanta native was a part of the transition stage of turning Arkansas Baptist College into an NAIA school from a junior-college program. In his first coaching stint at Millsaps College, Wallace coached both inside linebackers and earned All-Conference honors.

Ross Williams enters his first season at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, coaching the runnings backs while coordinating the video operations.

Prior to his arrival, the Jacksonville, Fla., native served as the assistant wide receivers coach and video coordinator at Missouri State University. While at Missouri State, he was part of a prolific offense led by head coach Bobby Petrino.

Prior to Missouri State, Williams coached the running backs at Edward Waters University. While there, Williams oversaw a group responsible for a rushing attack that accumulated over 1700 yards.

He was also the wide receivers coach at Atlantic Coast High in Jacksonville. As a player, he was part of a two-time black-college national title team at Bethune-Cookman.



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**TIMON
AKINS**

Jr., Linebacker
Marion, Ark.
Marion H.S.



8

**SAM
ANTHONY**

Soph., Defensive Back
Oxon Hill, Md.
Potomac H.S.



30

**KHALIL
ARNOLD**

Soph., Linebacker
Lovejoy, Ga.
Lovejoy H.S.
tr-Eastern Kentucky



53

**MARCUS
ASKEW II**

Jr., Defensive Back
Memphis, Tenn.
Germantown H.S.



22

**RYAN
ATKINS**

Sr., Offensive Lineman
Gary, Ind.
Merrillville H.S.
tr-Garden C.C.



60

**JAPHEN
BAKER**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
El Dorado, Ark.
El Dorado H.S.



63

**JEREMY
BAKER**

Jr., Punter
Oakland, Calif.
Piedmont H.S.
tr-Santa Rosa J.C.



81

**TRISTAN
BALLARD**

Grad., Tight End
Youngstown, Ohio
Sharon H.S.
tr-Wheeling Univ.



15

**JAMONI
BENTON**

Fr., Off. Lineman
Fort Smith, Ark.
Northside H.S.



79

**DANIEL
BOSTIC**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Watson Chapel H.S.
tr-Arkansas Baptist



68

**DARRIES
BOYD**

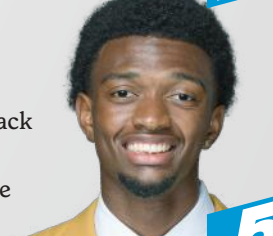
Soph., Tight End
Dallas, Texas
Bishop Lynch H.S.
tr-Mississippi College



96

**LAPREL
BOYD**

Sr., Defensive Back
Oakland, Calif.
Hayward H.S.
tr-Laney College



5

**KENDARIUS
CLARK**

Jr., Defensive Lineman
Lexa, Ark.
Barton H.S.



95

**CHRYSTEN
COCHRAN**

Jr., Wide Receiver
Detroit, Mich.
River Rouge H.S.
tr-North Dakota



18

**CLAUDE
COLEMAN**

Sr., Wide Receiver
Baton Rouge, La.
Baker H.S.
tr-Grambling State



88

**DONAVANN
COLLINS**

Jr., Defensive Back
Cedar Hill, Texas
Cedar Hill H.S.
tr-TCU



26

**DAETRELL
COOPER**

Soph., Running Back
New Orleans, La.
John McDonogh Sr. H.S.



28

**DEUCE
COOPER**

Fr., Defensive Back
Fayetteville, Ark.
Fayetteville H.S.



25

**RALPH
COVINGTON**

Fr., Defensive Lineman
Independence, Mo.
William Chrisman H.S.



69

**B.J.
CURRY**

Fr., Running Back
Magnolia, Ark.
Magnolia H.S.



24

**JOHNESS
DAVIS**

Fr., Running Back
Athens, Ga.
Athens Christian H.S.



32

**DAEMON
DAWKINS**

Jr., Wide Receiver
District Heights, Md.
Potomac H.S.



1

**RICO
DOZIER**

Jr., Linebacker
Abbeville, Ala.
Abbeville H.S.



0

**CHANCELLOR
EDWARDS**

Soph., Quarterback
Mesquite, Texas
Mesquite H.S.



17

**JOSHUA
EDWARDS**

Jr., Running Back
Atlanta, Ga.
Milton H.S.
tr-Arkansas State



31

**KEVIN
ENGLISH**

Soph., Tight End
Norwood, Ohio
Norwood H.S.



85

**SHAHID
EVANS**

Soph., Wide Receiver
Flossmoor, Ill.
Homewood H.S.



83

**GRANT
EWELL JR.**

Sr., Defensive Back
Portland, Ore.
Grant H.S.
tr-Butte C.C.



21

**MEKHI
FERRELL**

Soph., Def. Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Watson Chapel H.S.



99

**JEWEL
FLETCHER**

Soph., Defensive Back
Wichita Falls, Texas
Hirschi H.S.



13

**TYQUAN
FLEMING**

Sr., Defensive Back
Cincinnati, Ohio
Winter Woods H.S.
tr-Kentucky Christian



29

**MARC
FLEMMING**

Jr., Defensive End
Roswell, Ga.
Centennial H.S.
tr-College of the Canyons



41

**NATHANIEL
FLOYD III**

Jr., Tight End
Sherwood, Ark.
Sylvan Hills H.S.



97

**JAMARKIUS
GARRETT**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Lepanto, Ark.
East Poinsett Co. H.S.



66

**TREY
GLYMPH**

Fr., Kicker
Alpharetta, Ga.
Denmark H.S.



48

**JAVONN
GRAY**

Jr., Defensive Lineman
Indianapolis, Ind.
Lawrence Central H.S.



65

**MEKHI
HAGENS**

Jr., Quarterback
St. Louis, Mo.
Cardinal Ridder C.P.
Cisco C.C.



9

**ELIJAH
HARDIN**

Fr., Off. Lineman
Forrest City, Ark.
Forrest City H.S.



75

**TAVON
HARDWICK**

Soph., Defensive Back
Dayton, Ohio
Belmont H.S.



12

**CAMERON
HARRIS**

Fr., Wide Receiver
Benton, Ark.
Benton H.S.
tr-Arkansas State



89

**DERRELL
HOLSTON**

Jr., Defensive Back
Stone Mountain, Ga.
Brockwood H.S.
tr-Highland C.C.



36

**CORACE
HUDSON**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Pine Bluff H.S.

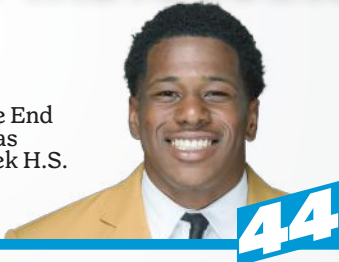


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ROCKY JACK

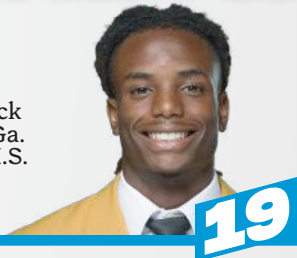
Fr., Defensive End
Humble, Texas
Summer Creek H.S.



44

ANTWON JACKSON

Fr., Defensive Back
Warner Robins, Ga.
Warner Robins H.S.
tr-Liberty



19

MICHAEL JAMERSON

Soph., Running Back
Flint, Mich.
Davison H.S.
tr-Campbell



6

ELIJAH JENKINS

Jr., Defensive End
Jeanerette, La.
Picayune Memorial H.S.
tr-Pearl River C.C.



56

DONALD JOHNSON III

Sr., Wide Receiver
Ruston, La.
Ruston H.S.
tr-Grambling State



80

ISAIAH JONES

Fr., Defensive Lineman
Little Rock, Ark.
N. Little Rock H.S.



92

MARCUS JONES

Jr., Linebacker
Sacramento, Calif.
Monterey Trail H.S.
tr-Sacramento C.C.



42

ROLANDO JONES

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Memphis, Tenn.
Southwind H.S.



51

CHARLES JOSEPH

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Oakland, Calif.
McClymonds H.S.
tr-Contra Costa C.C.



70

KALEB KNOX

Jr., Defensive Back
Bryant, Ark.
Bryant H.S.



23

KYLE KNOX

Soph., Defensive Back
Bryant, Ark.
Bryant H.S.



27

CALVIN LESTER III

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Shreveport, La.
Byrd H.S.



73

KENJI LEWIS

Soph., Wide Receiver
Memphis, Tenn.
East H.S.



2

MAURICE LLOYD

Sr., Wide Receiver
Oakland, Calif.
Oakland Tech H.S.
tr-Laney College



4

CHRISTON LOVE

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Detroit, Mich.
Martin Luther King H.S.



74

ANAS LUQMAN

Soph., Def. Lineman
Cincinnati, Ohio
Princeton H.S.



91

BRYCE LUSK

Soph., Offensive Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Pine Bluff H.S.



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JALEN MACON

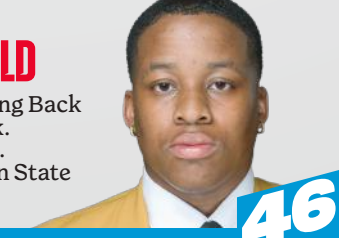
Soph., Quarterback
Nashville, Tenn.
Hillsboro H.S.



14

ELIJAH McDONALD

Soph., Running Back
Star City, Ark.
Star City H.S.
tr-Henderson State



46

MARTAVIOUS MILLER

Soph., Defensive Back
Stamps, Ark.
Lafayette Co. H.S.



43

KHIRY MORRISON

Jr., Linebacker
St. Francesville, La.
West Feliciana H.S.
tr-Louisiana Tech



37

**MATTHEW
MOSES**

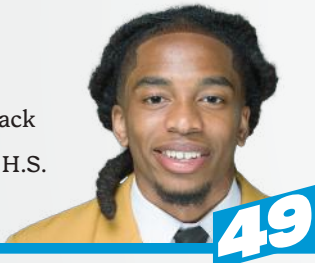
Sr., Tight End
Conyers, Ga.
Salem H.S.
tr-Lackawanna College



84

**ANTHONY
NEWMAN**

Jr., Defensive Back
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Watson Chapel H.S.



49

**PRINCE
OKOJIE**

Jr., Defensive End
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Dollarway H.S.
tr-Itasca C.C.



57

**ABDULBAST
OSHOLAKE**

Soph., Defensive Lineman
Philadelphia, Pa.
John Bartram H.S.
tr-Sussex C.C.



93

**THOMAS
PRATER**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Indianapolis, Ind.
Warren Central H.S.
tr-C.C. of San Francisco



61

**MARCUS
PRUDE**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Blytheville, Ark.
Blytheville H.S.



67

**THOMAS
RENY**

Sr., Long Snapper
Toledo, Ohio
Central Catholic H.S.



98

**MIKE
RILEY**

Soph., Linebacker
Texarkana, Texas
Liberty-Eylau H.S.



11

**BRADEN
ROBINSON**

Jr., Defensive Back
Tacoma, Wash.
Spanaway Lake H.S.
tr-Moorpark College



39

**KIERSTAN
ROGERS**

Soph., Linebacker
Mobile, Ala.
Theodore H.S.



35

**DEAN
SARRIS**

Sr., Kicker
Canton, Ohio
Glen Oak H.S.
tr-Baldwin Wallace



38

**MYRON
THOMAS**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Monroe, La.
Carroll H.S.



78

**IKENNA
UJAGU**

Sr., Linebacker
St. Louis Park, Minn.
Benilde-St. Margaret's
tr-Winona State



45

**COURTNEY
VAN BUREN II**

Soph., Offensive Lineman
Stafford, Va.
North Stafford H.S.



77

**ISAIAH
WARD**

Jr., Defensive End
Sacramento, Calif.
Inderkum H.S.
tr-Butte C.C.



55

**DERRICK
WHITE**

Fr., Wide Receiver
Atlanta, Ga.
Creekside H.S.



82

**JAVAUGHN
WILLIAMS**

Grad., Wide Receiver
Cleveland, Ohio
John Hay H.S.
tr-Kent State



10

**JOHNNY
WILLIAMS**

Soph., Running Back
Fairfield, Calif.
Inderkum H.S.
tr-Butte C.C.



20

**KYRE
WILLIAMS**

Jr., Defensive Back
Akron, Ohio
East H.S.
tr-Iowa Western C.C.



3

**SHAWN
WILSON**

Jr., Defensive Back
Burbank, Calif.
Don Lugo H.S.
tr-LA Valley C.C.



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**RYLAN
WOODS**

Jr., Linebacker
Cincinnati, Ohio
Dohn Prep
tr-Summit College

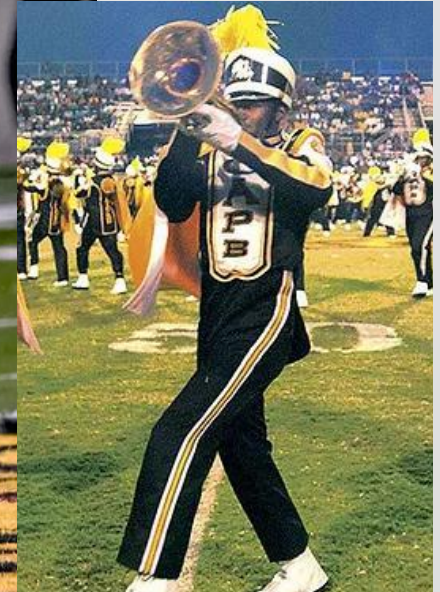


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BAND DIRECTOR



There's no doubt that the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Marching Band, known as "The Musical Machine of the Mid-South (or M4 for short), has crafted a well-earned reputation for knowing how to thrill audiences and mesmerize fans.

M4 is consistently ranked among the top 10 Black College Marching Bands in the Nation.

Founded in 1946 by Miss Alma L. Brown, the band is now under the direction of John Graham. Previous Directors include: Harold S. Strong 1952-81, Odie E. Burris 1981-89, Dr. Joseph L. Miller 1989-91, and Kelvin Washington 1991-94.

The Marching Band is comprised of students from all over the country, including 250 instrumentalists, Dance Line "The Golden Girls," Flag Line

"24 Karat Golden Silks" and Drum Majors "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."



The Golden Lion Marching Band is noted for its soulful, symphonic sound combined with intricate drill maneuvers and precision choreography. M4 has performed in many major stadiums in the country including: The American Airlines Center, Edward Jones Dome, Georgia Dome, LP Field, Mercedes Benz Superdome, Reliant Stadium, FedEx Forum and Soldier Field.

Notable performances during the history of the UAPB Marching Band include: National Football

League (NFL) halftime performances for the Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints, and St. Louis Rams; National Basketball Association (NBA) Halftime performances for the Dallas Mavericks.

The UAPB Marching Band has performed in parades all over the nation – cities include: Little Rock, Montgomery, Nashville, New Orleans, Tampa-St. Petersburg, St. Louis, Memphis and of course we are extremely proud of our performance in the ultimate parade, the 56th Presidential Inaugural Parade for the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, in Washington, D.C.

Featured at the 6th and 12th Honda Invitational Battle of the Bands, the UAPB "Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South has been seen and heard by millions of fans in live performance or via the mediums of radio, television, and the internet.

Graham, a Little Rock native at the helm since 1994, is assisted by Darryl Evans and Harold Fooster. Jenise Blake manages the band office. DeAundra Rhodes and Whitney Lee are the directors of the Golden Girls and 24 Karat Golden Silks, respectively. Other UAPB bands are the Jazz Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Black and Gold Concert Bands.



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NO.	PLAYER	YR.	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
8	Akins , Timon	R-Jr.	LB	6-1	222	Marion, Ark.	Marion
30	Anthony , Sam	So.	DB	6-2	190	Oxon Hill, Md.	Potomac
53	Arnold , Khalil	R-So.	LB	6-3	230	Lovejoy, Ga.	Lovejoy
22	Askew , Marcus II	Jr.	DB	6-0	191	Memphis, Tenn.	Germantown
60	Atkins , Ryan	Sr.	OL	6-5	280	Gary, Ind.	Merrillville
63	Baker , Japhen	Fr.	OL	5-11	290	El Dorado, Ark.	El Dorado
81	Baker , Jeremy	Jr.	P	5-11	187	Oakland, Calif.	Piedmont
15	Ballard , Tristan	Gr.	TE	6-5	241	Youngstown, Ohio	Sharon
79	Ballard , Jamoni	Fr.	OL	6-3	315	Fort Smith, Ark.	Northside
40	Bizor , Kam	Fr.	DE	6-3	240	Houston, Texas	C.E. King
58	Blanks , Javien	Fr.	DE	6-0	248	Demopolis, Ala.	Demopolis
68	Bostic , Daniel	R-Fr.	OL	6-3	300	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Watson Chapel
96	Boyd , Darries	R-So.	TE	6-0	205	Dallas, Texas	Bishop Lynch
5	Boyd , Laprel	Sr.	DB	5-11	183	Oakland, Calif.	Hayward
95	Clark , Kendarius	Jr.	DL	6-2	290	Lexa, Ark.	Barton
18	Cochran , Chrysten	R-Jr.	WR	6-0	186	Detroit, Mich.	River Rouge
94	Coleman , Cameron	R-Fr.	DE	6-1	220	Baton Rouge, La.	Madison Prep
88	Coleman , Claude	Sr.	WR	6-2	209	Baton Rouge, La.	Baker
26	Collins , Donavann	R-Jr.	DB	6-0	188	Cedar Hill, Texas	Cedar Hill
28	Cooper , Dae'Trell	R-So.	RB	5-8	190	New Orleans, La.	McDonogh
25	Cooper , Deuce	Fr.	DE	5-10	170	Fayetteville, Ark.	Fayetteville
69	Covington , Ralph	R-Fr.	DL	6-3	266	Independence, Mo.	William Chrisman
24	Curry , BJ	Fr.	RB	5-9	195	Magnolia, Ark.	Magnolia
32	Davis , Johnness	R-Fr.	RB	5-11	195	Athens, Ga.	Athens Christian
1	Dawkins , Daemon	Jr.	WR	5-10	170	District Heights, Md.	Potomac
0	Dozier , Rico	Jr.	LB	6-0	221	Abbeville, Ala.	Abbeville
17	Edwards , Chancellor	So.	QB	6-3	205	Mesquite, Texas	Mesquite
31	Edwards , Joshua	Jr.	RB	5-9	212	Atlanta, Ga.	Milton
85	English , Kevin	R-So.	TE	6-5	225	Norwood, Ohio	Norwood
21	Ewell , Grant Jr.	Sr.	DB	6-0	207	Portland, Ore.	Grant
83	Evans , Shahid	R-So.	WR	6-0	170	Flossmoor, Ill.	Homewood
16	Fernett , Allen	Fr.	QB	6-0	185	Austin, Texas	Del Valle
99	Ferrell , Mekhi	R-So.	DB	6-1	243	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Watson Chapel
13	Fletcher , Jewel	So.	DB	5-11	170	Wichita Falls, Texas	Hirschi
29	Fleming , Tyquan	Sr.	DB	5-9	170	Cincinnati, Ohio	Winter Woods
41	Flemming , Marc	Jr.	DE	6-3	243	Roswell, Ga.	Centennial
97	Floyd , Nathaniel III	Jr.	TE	6-1	248	Sherwood, Ark.	Sylvan Hills
66	Garrett , Jamarkius	Fr.	OL	6-1	293	Lepanto, Ark.	East Poinsett Co.
48	Glymph , Trey	R-Fr.	K	5-8	190	Alpharetta, Ga.	Denmark
65	Gray , JaVonn	R-Jr.	DL	6-1	324	Indianapolis, Ind.	Lawrence Central
9	Hagens , Mekhi	Jr.	QB	6-3	204	St. Louis, Mo.	Cardinal Ridder
75	Hardin , Elijah	Fr.	OL	6-6	381	Forrest City, Ark.	Forrest City
12	Hardwick , Tavon	R-So.	DB	5-10	190	Dayton, Ohio	Belmont
89	Harris , Cameron	R-Fr.	WR	6-2	195	Benton, Ark.	Benton
36	Holston , Derrell	R-Jr.	DB	6-2	190	Stone Mountain, Ga.	Brockwood
71	Hudson , Corace	Jr.	OL	6-1	270	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Pine Bluff
44	Jack , Rocky	R-Fr.	DE	6-0	230	Humble, Texas	Summer Creek

NO.	PLAYER	YR.	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
19	Jackson , Antwon	R-Fr.	DB	5-11	170	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins
86	Jackson , Reco	R-Fr.	WR	5-11	170	Allen, Texas	Allen
6	Jamerson , Michael	R-So.	RB	6-0	200	Flint, Mich.	Davison
56	Jenkins , Elijah	Jr.	DE	6-1	248	Jeanerette, La.	Picayune Memorial
80	Johnson , Donald III	Sr.	WR	5-9	170	Ruston, La.	Ruston
92	Jones , Isaiah	Fr.	DL	6-0	300	Little Rock, Ark.	North Little Rock
42	Jones , Marcus	Jr.	LB	6-1	218	Sacramento, Calif.	Monterey Trail
51	Jones , Rolando	Jr.	OL	6-4	285	Memphis, Tenn.	Southwind
70	Joseph , Charles	Jr.	OL	6-3	315	Oakland, Calif.	McClymonds
23	Knox , Kaleb	Jr.	DB	6-1	192	Bryant, Ark.	Bryant
27	Knox , Kyle	R-So.	DB	6-1	186	Bryant, Ark.	Bryant
73	Lester , Calvin III	Jr.	OL	6-2	296	Shreveport, La.	Byrd
2	Lewis , Kenji	So.	WR	6-1	200	Memphis, Tenn.	East
4	Lloyd , Maurice	Sr.	WR	5-11	170	Oakland, Calif.	Oakland Tech
74	Love , Christon	Jr.	OL	6-3	290	Detroit, Mich.	Martin Luther King
91	Lugman , Anas	So.	DL	6-4	230	Cincinnati, Ohio	Princeton
54	Lusk , Bryce	R-So.	OL	6-1	294	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Pine Bluff
14	Macon , Jalen	R-So.	QB	6-5	230	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
46	McDonald , Elijah	R-So.	RB	5-10	203	Star City, Ark.	Star City
43	Miller , Martavious	So.	DB	5-10	177	Stamps, Ark.	Lafayette Co.
37	Morrison , Khiry	R-Jr.	LB	6-1	221	St. Francesville, La.	West Feliciana
84	Moses , Matthew	Sr.	TE	6-5	232	Conyers, Ga.	Salem
49	Newman , Anthony	Jr.	DB	5-11	167	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Watson Chapel
53	Okojie , Prince	Jr.	DE	6-3	225	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Dollarway
97	Oshlake , Abdulbasit	So.	DL	6-0	292	Philadelphia, Pa.	John Bartram
61	Prater , Thomas	R-Jr.	OL	6-3	300	Indianapolis, Ind.	Warren Central
67	Prude , Marcus	Fr.	OL	6-2	314	Blytheville, Ark.	Blytheville
98	Reny , Thomas	Sr.	LS	6-1	242	Toledo, Ohio	Central Catholic
11	Riley , Mike	So.	LB	6-3	210	Texarkana, Texas	Liberty-Eylau
39	Robinson , Braden	Jr.	DB	5-10	182	Tacoma, Wash.	Spanaway Lake
35	Rogers , Kierstan	So.	LB	6-0	208	Mobile, Ala.	Theodore
90	Roetherford , Cameron	R-Fr.	DL	6-4	293	Detroit, Mich.	Martin Luther King
38	Sarris , Dean	Sr.	K	6-0	176	Canton, Ohio	Glen Oak
47	Swadling , AC	Fr.	DB	5-10	160	Calabasas, Calif.	Faith Baptist
87	Tate , Michai	Fr.	WR	5-11	172	Matthews, N.C.	Butler
78	Thomas , Myron	Fr.	OL	6-2	290	Monroe, La.	Carroll
64	Toney , Damien	Fr.	OL	6-0	304	Monroe, La.	Carroll
45	Ujuagu , Ikenna	Sr.	LB	6-0	220	St. Louis Park, Minn.	Benilde-St. Margaret's
77	Van Buren , Courtney II	R-So.	OL	6-3	300	Stafford, Va.	North Stafford
55	Ward , Isaiah	R-Jr.	DE	6-2	240	Sacramento, Calif.	Inderkum
82	White , Derrick	R-Fr.	WR	5-11	171	Atlanta, Ga.	Creekside
52	White , Jaylen	Fr.	LB	6-0	201	Torrance, Calif.	South
10	Williams , Javaughn	Gr.	WR	6-3	200	Cleveland, Ohio	John Hay
20	Williams , Johnny	R-So.	RB	5-11	195	Fairfield, Calif.	Inderkum
3	Williams , Kyre	Jr.	DB	5-11	201	Akron, Ohio	East
33	Wilson , Shawn	Jr.	DB	6-1	196	Burbank, Calif.	Don Lugo
50	Woods , Rylan	Jr.	LB	6-0	235	Cincinnati, Ohio	Dohn Prep

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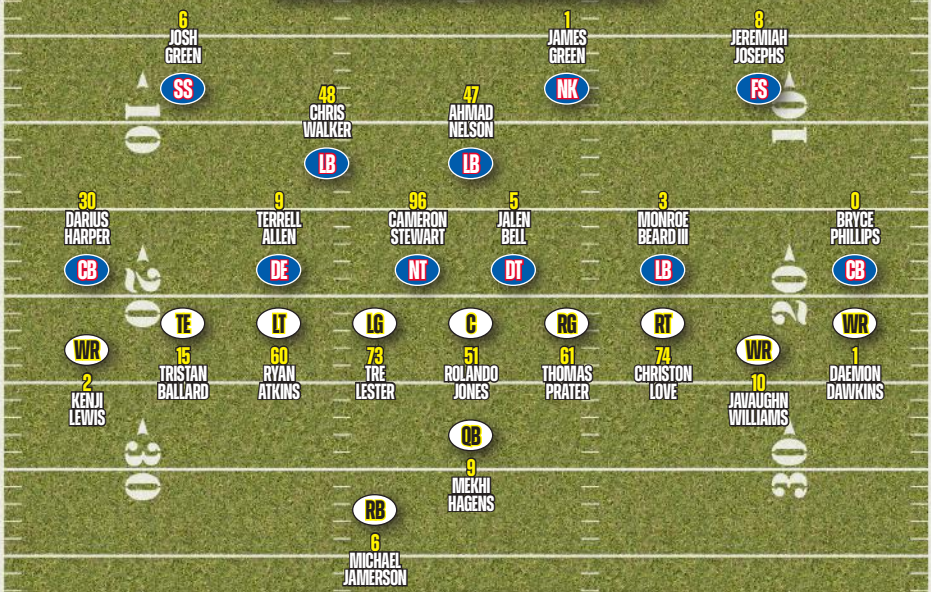
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- 0 Rico Dozier..... LB
- 1 Daemon Dawkins..... WR
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- 6 Michael Jamerson..... RB
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- 10 Javaughn Williams..... WR
- 11 Mike Riley..... LB
- 12 Tavon Hardwick..... DB
- 13 Jewel Fletcher..... DB
- 14 Jalen Macon..... QB
- 15 Tristan Ballard..... TE
- 16 Allen Fernet..... QB
- 17 Chancellor Edwards..... QB
- 18 Chrysten Cochran..... WR
- 19 Antwon Jackson..... DB
- 20 Johnny Williams..... RB
- 21 Grant Ewell Jr..... DB
- 23 Kaleb Knox..... DB
- 24 BJ Curry..... RB
- 25 Deuce Cooper..... DB
- 26 Donavann Collins..... DB
- 27 Kyle Knox..... DB
- 28 Dae'Trell Cooper..... RB
- 29 Tyquan Fleming..... DB
- 31 Joshua Edwards..... RB
- 32 Johnness Davis..... RB
- 33 Shawn Wilson..... DB
- 35 Kierstan Rogers..... LB
- 36 Derrell Holston..... DB
- 37 Khiry Morrison..... LB
- 38 Dean Sarris..... K
- 39 Braden Robinson..... DB
- 40 Kam Bizor..... DE
- 41 Marc Flemming..... DE
- 42 Marcus Jones..... LB
- 43 Martavious Miller..... DB
- 44 Rocky Jack..... DE
- 45 Ikenna Ujuagu..... LB
- 46 Elijah McDonald..... RB
- 47 AC Swadling..... DB
- 48 Trey Glymph..... K
- 49 Anthony Newman..... DB
- 50 Rylan Woods..... LB
- 51 Rolando Jones..... OL
- 52 Jaylen White..... LB
- 54 Bryce Lusk..... OL
- 55 Isaiah Ward..... DE
- 56 Elijah Jenkins..... DE
- 57 Prince Okojie..... DE
- 58 Javien Blanks..... DE
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- 64 Damien Toney..... OL
- 65 JaVonn Gray..... DL
- 66 Jamarkius Garrett..... OL
- 67 Marcus Prude..... OL
- 68 Daniel Bostic..... OL
- 69 Ralph Covington..... DL
- 70 Charles Joseph..... OL
- 71 Corace Hudson..... OL
- 73 Calvin Lester III..... OL
- 74 Christon Love..... OL
- 75 Elijah Hardin..... OL
- 77 Courtney Van Buren II..... OL
- 78 Myron Thomas..... OL
- 79 Jamoni Benton..... OL
- 80 Donald Johnson III..... WR
- 81 Jeremy Baker..... P
- 82 Derrick White..... WR
- 83 Shahid Evans..... WR
- 84 Matthew Moses..... TE
- 85 Kevin English..... TE
- 86 Reco Jackson..... WR
- 87 Michai Tate..... WR
- 88 Claude Coleman..... WR
- 89 Cameron Harris..... WR
- 90 Cameron Roetherford..... DL
- 91 Anas Luqman..... DL
- 92 Isaiah Jones..... DL
- 93 Abdulbasit Osholake..... DL
- 94 Cameron Coleman..... DE
- 95 Kendarius Clark..... DL
- 96 Darries Boyd..... TE
- 97 Nathaniel Floyd III..... TE
- 98 Thomas Reny..... LS
- 99 Mekhi Ferrell..... DL

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- 0 Karate Brenson..... WR
- 0 Bryce Phillips..... CB
- 1 James Green..... LB
- 1 Gerand Turner..... WR
- 2 Ryder Hagan..... QB
- 2 Jashon Watkins..... CB
- 3 Monroe Beard III..... LB
- 3 Solomon Dunn..... LB
- 4 Chayil Garnett..... WR
- 5 Jalen Bell..... DL
- 5 Dayron Johnson..... WR
- 6 Josh Green..... S
- 6 Tysean Jefferson..... WR
- 7 Ken Andrews..... LB
- 7 Draylen Ellis..... QB
- 8 Deveon Bryant..... QB
- 8 Jeremiah Josephs..... DB
- 9 Terrell Allen..... DL
- 9 Da'Shon Davis..... WR
- 10 Demetric Crenshaw..... QB
- 10 Fondren Hollis III..... DB
- 11 Canen Adrian..... WR
- 11 Brent Rowe..... LB
- 12 Edwin Rhodes III..... QB
- 12 Dion Villiers..... DB
- 13 Jahee Blake..... WR
- 13 Dylan King..... DB
- 14 Brandon Wilson..... DB
- 15 Kenyon Garlington..... DB
- 16 Lucien Brunetti..... WR
- 16 Jarrell Cole..... DB
- 17 Emmanuel Baez..... DL
- 17 Delanie Majors..... WR
- 18 Amar Gist..... WR
- 19 Jace Dobbins..... DB
- 20 Tre Boone III..... RB
- 21 Tyler Jones..... DB
- 22 Jalen Rouse..... RB
- 22 DuJuan Sharp III..... DB
- 23 Boogie Trotter..... DB
- 24 Jackson Foster..... P
- 24 Jordan Helton..... S
- 25 Sammy Taylor..... LB
- 26 Jonothan Moore..... RB
- 28 Jalen McClendon..... DB
- 28 Antwone Parker..... RB
- 29 Jordan Gant..... RB
- 30 Darius Harper..... DB
- 31 Micah Gay..... LB
- 32 Mack Guice III..... CB
- 33 Dorian George..... DB
- 34 Mecca Carr-Bordeaux..... DL
- 35 Rodricus Jones..... LB
- 36 Zachery Drake..... DB
- 37 Jacorris Foreman..... LB
- 38 Amari LeFlore..... S
- 41 Ahmed Mohamed..... K/P
- 43 Kamden Edwards..... TE
- 44 Craig Cunningham..... RB
- 44 Eriq George..... DL
- 45 Josiah Smith..... LB
- 47 Ahmad Nelson..... LB
- 48 Chris Walker..... DL
- 50 Ethan Jones..... DL
- 51 Alex Valbuena..... OL
- 52 Carson Buchanan..... LS
- 54 Darius Neals..... OL
- 55 Joey McNeely..... DL
- 55 Romello Tarver..... OL
- 56 Romello Watson..... OL
- 57 Aarion Harvey..... OL
- 58 Hadine Diaby..... OL
- 61 Kennedy Wilbert..... OL
- 62 Chazan Page..... OL
- 62 Rayqwon Smith..... DL
- 63 Jamari Freeman..... OL
- 64 Darrell Branch..... OL
- 65 Cody Webb..... OL
- 68 Peter Rouse..... OL
- 69 Chayse Tapp..... OL
- 71 Denzel Holder..... OL
- 72 Kaleob Onyehialam..... OL
- 73 Nicholas Green..... OL
- 74 Mayson Harris..... OL
- 79 Xavier Keegan..... DL
- 80 Avery Williams..... WR
- 81 Trenton Gillison..... TE
- 82 Malik Billingsley..... WR
- 83 Joshua Meriwether..... TE
- 84 Amari Southall..... WR
- 85 Austin Yankow..... TE
- 87 Brandon Palmer..... WR
- 88 Trevahn Foster..... TE
- 89 Jason Hoath Jr..... TE
- 90 Connor Ridderhoff..... LS
- 91 Abraham Alabi..... DL
- 93 Terry Grove..... DL
- 94 Zion Morris..... DL
- 95 Chandon Page..... OL
- 96 Cameron Stewart..... DL
- 97 Willie Robinson Jr..... DL
- 98 Terence Carpenter II..... DL
- 99 James Lowery..... K/P
- 99 Lathun Snipes..... DL

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11	Adrian, Canen	So.	WR	5-10	180	Kingwood, Texas	Kingwood Park
91	Alabi, Abraham	R-Jr.	DL	6-5	305	Reynoldsburg, Ohio	Pickerington Cent.
9	Allen, Terrell	Sr.	DL	6-0	275	N. Little Rock, Ark.	N. Little Rock
7	Andrews, Ken	Jr.	LB	6-3	225	Baton Rouge, La.	Southern Lab
17	Baez, Emmanuel	Jr.	DL	6-4	265	Plant City, Fla.	Plant City
3	Beard, Monroe III	Jr.	LB	6-1	220	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Notre Dame
5	Bell, Jalen	Sr.	DL	6-1	280	Detroit, Mich.	Martin L. King Jr.
82	Billingsley, Malik	Jr.	WR	5-10	190	St. Louis, Mo.	Christian Bros.
13	Blake, Jahee	So.	WR	6-5	220	Nashyburg, Va.	Fork Union Mil. Aca.
20	Boone, Tre III	Jr.	RB	6-0	195	Clinton, Md.	St. Stevens-St. Agnus
64	Branch, Darrell	R-Jr.	OL	6-2	300	Gilbert, Ariz.	Higley
0	Brenson, Karate	R-So.	WR	6-2	215	St. Louis, Mo.	Christian Bros.
16	Brunetti, Lucien	R-So.	WR	6-0	165	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell
8	Bryant, Deveon	R-Sr.	QB	6-5	225	Bellwood, Ill.	Proviso West
52	Buchanan, Carson	Jr.	LS	6-0	265	Nashville, Tenn.	Antioch
98	Carpenter, Terence II	Fr.	DL	6-3	225	Memphis, Tenn.	Blackman
34	Carr-Bordeaux, Mecca	Fr.	DL	6-4	265	Rocky Point, N.C.	Pender
16	Cole, Jarrell	Fr.	DB	5-10	190	St. Louis, Mo.	Hazelwood Cent.
10	Crenshaw, Demeatric	Jr.	QB	6-1	220	Columbus, Ohio	Pickerington Cent.
44	Cunningham, Craig	R-Fr.	RB	5-10	190	Memphis, Tenn.	Lausanne Coll.
9	Davis, Da'Shon	So.	WR	5-11	195	Quincy, Fla.	Jefferson Co.
58	Diaby, Hadine	Fr.	OL	6-3	300	Loganville, Ga.	Grayson
19	Dobbins, Jace	Fr.	DB	6-0	165	Dandridge, Tenn.	Jefferson Co.
36	Drake, Zachery	Jr.	DB	6-0	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Maplewood
3	Dunn, Solomon	So.	LB	6-1	210	Johnson City, Tenn.	Science Hill
43	Edwards, Kamden	R-So.	TE	5-10	225	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tyner Acad.
7	Ellis, Draylen	Sr.	QB	6-1	175	Olive Branch, Miss.	Kirby
37	Foreman, Jacorris	Fr.	LB	5-11	205	Pahokee, Fla.	Everglades Prep. Aca.
24	Foster, Jackson	Jr.	P	6-2	220	Danville, Calif.	San Ramon Valley
88	Foster, Trevahn	So.	TE	6-7	260	Medford, Ore.	St. Mary's
63	Freeman, Jamari	R-Fr.	OL	6-4	300	Fairburn, Ga.	Langston Hughes
29	Gant, Jordan	R-Fr.	RB	5-10	205	Lakeland, Fla.	Kathleen
15	Garlington, Kenyon	R.	DB	5-9	185	Antioch, Tenn.	Brentwood Aca.
4	Garnett, Chayil	R-Jr.	WR	6-2	225	Lakeland, Fla.	Lake Wales
31	Gay, Micah	R-Fr.	LB	6-1	205	Johns Creek, Ga.	Johns Creek
33	George, Dorian	Jr.	DB	6-0	200	Memphis, Tenn.	Germantown
44	George, Eriq	Fr.	DL	6-2	280	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell
81	Gillison, Trenton	Gr.	TE	6-5	245	Columbus, Ohio	Pickerington Cent.
18	Gist, Amar	Fr.	WR	6-0	175	East Orange, N.J.	Bergen Catholic
1	Green, James	R-Sr.	LB	6-1	220	Orlando, Fla.	Olympia
6	Green, Josh	Sr.	S	5-11	195	Orlando, Fla.	Olympia
73	Green, Nicholas	Jr.	OL	6-5	305	Cedar Park, Texas	Cedar Park
93	Grove, Terry	So.	DL	6-5	230	Greeneville, Tenn.	Greeneville
32	Guice, Mack III	Gr.	CB	5-11	170	Huntsville, Ala.	Madison Co.
2	Hagan, Ryder	Fr.	QB	6-1	210	Nashville, Tenn.	Overton
30	Harper, Darius	Gr.	DB	6-0	185	Brentwood, Tenn.	Ravenwood
74	Harris, Mayson	R-Sr.	OL	6-0	335	Nashville, Tenn.	Pearl-Cohn
57	Harvey, Aarion	Gr.	OL	6-5	300	Chicago, Ill.	Penn Foster
24	Helton, Jordan	Jr.	S	6-1	205	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Univ.
89	Hoath, Jason Jr.	Fr.	TE	6-2	235	Columbia, Tenn.	Page
71	Holder, Denzel	R-Fr.	OL	6-4	310	Birmingham, Ala.	Huffman
10	Hollis, Fondren III	R-Jr.	DB	5-11	180	Decatur, Ga.	Columbia

NO.	PLAYER	YR.	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
6	Jefferson, Tysean	So.	WR	5-7	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Beech
5	Johnson, Dayron	Jr.	WR	5-9	180	Springfield, Tenn.	Springfield
50	Jones, Ethan	Fr.	DL	6-2	285	Memphis, Tenn.	Lausanne Coll.
35	Jones, Rodricus	R-Fr.	LB	6-2	220	Birmingham, Ala.	Huffman
21	Jones, Tyler	R-Jr.	DB	6-0	200	Orlando, Fla.	West Orange
8	Josephs, Jeremiah	Gr.	DB	5-10	185	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Gateway
79	Keegan, Xavier	Fr.	DL	5-10	270	Grand Prairie, Texas	Grace Prep. Aca.
13	King, Dylan	R-Fr.	DB	6-3	200	Nashville, Tenn.	Oakland
38	LeFlore, Amari	Jr.	S	5-11	185	Ridgeland, Miss.	St. Andrews Epis.
99	Lowery, James	R-Jr.	K/P	5-10	210	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	American Heritage
17	Majors, Delanie	Fr.	WR	5-9	155	Nashville, Tenn.	Overton
28	McClendon, Jalen	Jr.	DB	6-0	180	Tampa, Fla.	Chamberlain
55	McNeely, Joey	Gr.	DL	6-3	305	Kinder, La.	Kinder
83	Meriwether, Joshua	Gr.	TE	6-2	230	Nashville, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell
41	Mohamed, Ahmed	Fr.	K/P	5-11	185	Suwanee, Ga.	Peachtree Ridge
26	Moore, Jonothan	Fr.	RB	5-11	200	Smyrna, Tenn.	Montgomery Bell
94	Morris, Zion	So.	DL	6-0	265	Nashville, Tenn.	Battle Ground Aca.
54	Neals, Darius	Fr.	OL	6-4	335	Ellenwood, Ga.	Cedar Grove
47	Nelson, Ahmad	Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Birmingham, Ala.	Minor
72	Onyeahialam, Kaleob	Fr.	OL	6-6	325	Harvest, Ala.	Sparkman
95	Page, Chandon	Sr.	OL	6-3	305	Nashville, Tenn.	Richard-Cohn
62	Page, Chazan	Jr.	OL	6-1	295	Nashville, Tenn.	Lipscomb Aca.
87	Palmer, Brandon	R-Fr.	WR	6-0	180	Johns Creek, Ga.	Johns Creek
28	Parker, Antwone	Jr.	RB	6-1	225	Fort Worth, Texas	Kennedale
0	Phillips, Bryce	Jr.	CB	6-1	195	Long Beach, Calif.	LaHabra
12	Rhodes, Edwin III	Jr.	QB	6-1	210	Miami, Fla.	American
90	Ridderhoff, Connor	R-Fr.	LS	6-2	240	Chelsea, Ala.	Chelsea
97	Robinson, Willie Jr.	So.	DL	6-3	240	O'Fallon, Ill.	O'Fallon
22	Rouse, Jalen	Jr.	RB	5-11	195	Richmond Hill, Ga.	Pearl-Cohn
68	Rouse, Peter	Gr.	OL	6-2	280	Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland Heights
11	Rowe, Brent	So.	LB	6-1	230	Milwaukee, Wis.	Hendersonville
22	Sharp, DuJuan III	Fr.	DB	5-8	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
45	Smith, Josiah	Fr.	LB	6-1	245	Nashville, Tenn.	Antioch
62	Smith, Rayqwon	Fr.	DL	6-2	270	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lawton Chiles
99	Snipes, Lathun	Jr.	DL	6-1	290	Elk Grove, Calif.	Monterey Trail
84	Southall, Amari	Fr.	WR	6-0	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
96	Stewart, Cameron	Sr.	DL	6-3	380	Chattanooga, Tenn.	McCallie
69	Tapp, Chayse	Fr.	OL	6-3	310	Malden, Mo.	Malden
55	Tarver, Romello	R-Sr.	OL	6-5	275	Delray Beach, Fla.	Oxbridge Aca.
25	Taylor, Sammy	Fr.	LB	6-2	205	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
23	Trotter, Boogie	So.	DB	5-9	180	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. Valley Prep
1	Turner, Gerand	Jr.	WR	6-0	205	Miami, Fla.	South Miami Sr.
51	Valbuena, Alex	R-Fr.	OL	6-0	275	Antioch, Tenn.	Ezell-Harding Chr.
12	Villiers, Dion	R-Fr.	DL	5-11	165	Lakeland, Fla.	Lake Gibson
48	Walker, Chris	Jr.	DL	6-4	225	Sanford, Fla.	Seminole
2	Watkins, Jashon	R-Jr.	CB	6-4	215	Nashville, Tenn.	E. Nashville Magnet
56	Watson, Romello	Jr.	OL	6-4	300	Arlington, Texas	Seguin
65	Webb, Cody	Fr.	OL	6-2	275	Oxon Hill, Md.	Bishop McNamara
61	Wilbert, Kennedy	Sr.	OL	6-1	295	Memphis, Tenn.	Middle College
80	Williams, Avery	R-Jr.	WR	6-2	185	Nashville, Tenn.	Brentwood Aca.
14	Wilson, Brandon	R-Fr.	DB	5-11	180	Montgomery, Ala.	Park Crossing
85	Yankowy, Austin	Gr.	TE	6-5	250	Allentown, Pa.	Allentown Cent. Cath.

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TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY



Founded in 1912, Tennessee State University has grown dramatically from a small college to two campuses: the 500-acre main campus and the downtown Avon Williams campus, which is located in the heart of Nashville near the State capitol.

Tennessee State University is a comprehensive, urban, coeducational land-grant university offering 45 bachelor degrees and 24 master's degrees. Doctoral programs include biological sciences, psychology, public administration, computer information systems engineering, administration and supervision, and curriculum and instruction. When you think about Tennessee State University, many things come to mind – a rich heritage and legacy in athletics, academics, entertainment, research and service.

Tennessee State University has long been a rising star among universities across the country. It is designated as one of the best public historically black colleges and universities in the nation, and it's not by accident.

Tennessee State University is among the few historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) with a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the oldest and largest freshman honor society in the United

States and a Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the most prestigious honor society comprising all academic disciplines.

There are more than 400 faculty and more than 1,200 staff who are part of the university's team. Additionally, the university's rich strength in embracing diversity is evident with 45 countries and 46 states representative of the student-body population that features more than 8,000 representatives.

The beauty and accessibility of the university's main campus is a plus with now 65 buildings on more than 450 acres.

Complimenting the main campus is a newly renovated downtown campus that features a simulated stock-trading center, a student computer laboratory and continuing education, distance learning and multimedia services.

The university is arming students with the intellectual resources to compete in a global environment. In support of that, important partnerships have been established with leading global companies such as Boeing, Raytheon, Dell, IBM and others, in which both funding and service-learning opportunities are currently active.

A great deal of focus has been given to improving the academic environment – strengthening our research reputation,

attracting and retaining the best and brightest students, encouraging service-focused programs, engaging and supporting expert faculty in diverse fields, building on our student-centered philosophy and holding steadfast to our motto of "Think. Work. Serve."

Tennessee State University has produced thousands of graduates who are productive, contributing members in society in the fields of education, business, science, government, non-profit and media, to name a few.

Among the university's distinguished alumni include world-class Olympic athletes like Wilma Rudolph, former TV talk-show host and entertainment entrepreneur Oprah Winfrey, award-winning journalist and philanthropist Carl Rowan, engineer Jesse Russell, whose pioneering engineering studies led to the development of the cellular telephone, and cardiac surgeon Dr. Levi Watkins, who implanted the first heart defibrillator.

"Think. Work. Serve." has long been Tennessee State University's defining mission. The university's goal is to provide a high-quality education that will give students the tools to "fulfill their dreams" while encouraging them to support others in the community.

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Dr. Glenda Baskin

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PRESIDENT



Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover serves as President of Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee, a position she has held since January 2013. Under her leadership as the university's first female president, TSU has experienced a significant increase in alumni fundraising, research dollars and academic offerings.

Dr. Glover is a certified public accountant, an attorney, and is one of two African-American women to hold the Ph.D.-CPA-JD combination in the country. Her past employment also includes high-level positions in the corporate sector as she is among few women to rise to the heights to serve on corporate boards of publicly traded corporations.

Currently, she serves as Lead Director of Pinnacle Financial Partners. In 2022, President Joe Biden appointed Dr. Glover to serve as Vice Chair of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Dr. Glover's prior board experience includes The Student Loan Corporation- a publicly traded subsidiary of Citigroup, First Guaranty Bankshares, and The Lenox Group, Inc. On these boards, she served either as Financial Expert, Chair of the Audit Committee, or Chair of the compensation Committee. Dr. Glover is a frequently sought keynote speaker on business and economics topics to audiences around the country at national conventions, professional associations, and community groups.

Her educational development began as a student at Tennessee State University, where she majored in mathematics. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree, she pursued the Master of Business Administration from Clark Atlanta University. She then completed her doctorate in business from George Washington University, and later completed her law degree from Georgetown University.

Dr. Glover is a member of several professional, civic, and non-profit organizations. She is also the recipient of numerous awards and honors, and recently received the prestigious Thurgood Marshall College Fund Education Leadership Award as the 2018 HBCU President of the Year. Glover was also named to Essence Magazine's 2019 "Woke 100" List of influential African American women change agents and power players that also included First Lady Michelle Obama, and Gayle King of CBS This Morning News. In 2013, she was named to Diverse Issues in Higher Education's prestigious list as one of the "Top 25 Women in Higher Education." Dr. Glover also serves as the immediate past International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Dr. Glover and her husband, Charles, are the parents of two adult children, Attorney Candace Glover- Datcher, and Dr. Charles Glover II. They are also the proud grandparents of Langston Emmanuel Datcher, Lincoln Mathis Glover, Everett Miles Glover, and the twins, Logan and Lena Datcher.

Dr. Mikki

ALLEN

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Dr. Mikki Allen was appointed Director of Athletics for Tennessee State University on April 9, 2020.

With a history rooted in Middle Tennessee, Allen brings a bold leadership style that seeks progress while honoring tradition. His extensive experience spans over 11 years in sports administration, including his recent position as Assistant Director of Athletics for Player Relations and Development at the University of Tennessee.

Despite his inaugural appointment coinciding with a global pandemic, Allen proved his mettle as a first-time athletic director, boasting a robust decade-long background in fundraising and administration. This expertise earned him a pivotal position on TSU President Glenda Glover's executive team.

Shortly after his arrival, Allen initiated a comprehensive restructuring of the athletic department. Moreover, he introduced a refreshed brand identity, "Unleash the Roar," accompanied by a modernized rendition of the iconic logo.

Manifesting a winning and familial environment, Allen orchestrated key staff adjustments. In April 2021, he made a significant move in football leadership, appointing NFL All-Pro, Heisman Trophy winner, and entrepreneur Eddie George as the TSU football team's head coach. The strategic hire garnered national media attention, underscoring Allen's bold approach. Alongside George, Allen assembled a distinguished coaching staff, featuring luminaries like Hue Jackson, Brandon Fisher, and Clyde Simmons.

In women's basketball, Allen also displayed his knack for discerning talent by securing Auburn's Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach, Ty Evans, to lead the Lady Tigers. Concurrently, he solidified a contract for TSU track and field legend and director, Chandra Cheeseborough-Guice.

Acknowledging the significance of student-athlete academic development, Allen fostered a partnership with Backfield Motion, Inc. The non-profit, focused on education, literacy, and job skills for at-risk youth, provided internships for over 30 TSU student-athletes.

Demonstrating his visionary prowess, Allen embarked on facility enhancement initiatives designed to uplift all 15 TSU sports programs. Leveraging his entrepreneurial background, he established an infrastructure fostering external engagement and fundraising among alumni, corporations, and fans.

Capitalizing on his fundraising acumen, Allen introduced the Tennessee State Athletic Fund, channeling resources toward championing a comprehensive student-athlete experience. His relentless efforts generated over \$3 million in private and corporate support for TSU Athletics. Collaborating with the Paddle Agency bolstered corporate partnerships and marketing.

Under Allen's stewardship, TSU Athletics garnered its most substantial private gift commitment, with NBA star Robert Covington contributing a seven-figure sum towards the Covington Pavilion—a cutting-edge basketball practice facility for men's and women's basketball programs.

Native to Murfreesboro, Tenn., Allen's academic journey culminated with a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University. He and his wife, Jekia, have two children, Mikenzie and Jansen.



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TENNESSEE STATE SEASON PREVIEW



Quarterback **Draylen Ellis** returns for his senior season after playing in all but one game in 2022. The Austin Peay transfer had his best game in an Oct. 22 win over Eastern Illinois in which he passed for 309 yards and three touchdowns.

2023 SCHEDULE

S.2	at Notre Dame	L, 3-56
S.9	Ark-Pine Bluff (in Memphis)	6:00
S.16	GARDNER-WEBB	5:00
S.23	<bye>	
S.30	at UT-Martin	6:00
O.7	at Kennesaw State	2:00
O.14	NORFOLK STATE	5:00
O.21	LINCOLN (CALIF.)	5:00
O.28	LINDENWOOD	2:00
N.4	at Charleston Southern	3:00
N.11	at Eastern Illinois	12:00
N.18	TENNESSEE TECH	2:00

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Talent, depth, fortify hopes for Big Blue's return to success

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 and Jordan Gant. 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 playmakers 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



Jalen Rouse emerged mid-season last year as the workhorse back. He rushed for at least 80 yards in four of TSU's five October games.

touchdowns, is set to make a return after missing the previous season due to an ACL injury.

Veterans Gerand Turner, Da'Shon Davis and Chayil Garnett, transitioning from quarterback to wide receiver, provide additional weapons in the passing game. Newcomers Canen Adrian, Solomon Dunn, Avery Williams, 3-star freshman prospect Delanie Majors and Amar Gist have shown promise as well.

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.

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



Wide receiver **Karate Brenson** got shut out in his first two games in 2022, but came on strong late, and the sophomore now looks to become the main target in TSU's aerial attack this fall.

can play both guard and tackle. Providing depth are Kennedy Wilbert, Austin Peay transfer Aarion Harvey, and true freshman Hadine Diaby.

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.

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,



Senior Safety **Josh Green** ranked fourth on the team with 56 tackles and led the Tigers with 3 interceptions. During TSU'S 3-game winning streak, he logged a pick in each game, and returned one 56 yards for a TD.

returning for his second season, emerged as a pivotal player. With 36 tackles, he led the team in tackles for loss (12) and sacks (4½). Chris Walker, boasting 50 tackles, 15½ 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, 26½ for loss, and 12 sacks across 31 games.

The linebacking core is led by 7th-year player James Green, who missed 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 Villiers 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.

In **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.

Dayron Johnson, returning after a season's absence, is positioned as TSU's premier return man.



Senior edge rusher **Terrell Allen** led the Tigers in tackles-for-loss (12) and sacks (4½), helping the APSU transfer secure first-team All-OVC honors.

EDDIE GEORGE

Big Blue 'CEO' all business in managing turn-around

Eddie George was announced as the 22nd head football coach at Tennessee State University on April 13, 2021. The 2021 TSU season was the first coaching experience of any kind for him.

"I am excited about being named head coach at Tennessee State University," said George. "All I have done has prepared me for this moment, whether that's my football career, my entrepreneurial endeavors, my acting career.

"Coaching is a full commitment, a duty of service. I take that seriously. I've done a lot of soul searching and due diligence. The more I thought about it, I got more and more excited about it. It was like picking up an old guitar or getting back on a bike, it's familiar but in a different capacity. It's exciting. I'm going to be innovative, creative and fun."

Despite his lack of coaching experience, George quickly showed that he was an excellent fit to lead a college program.

Big Blue finished the 2021 season with a 5-6 record. In Year 2, George led another young Tigers' team to a 4-7 record.

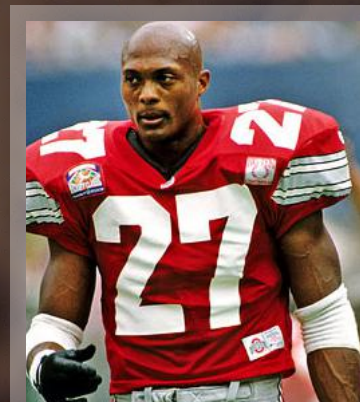
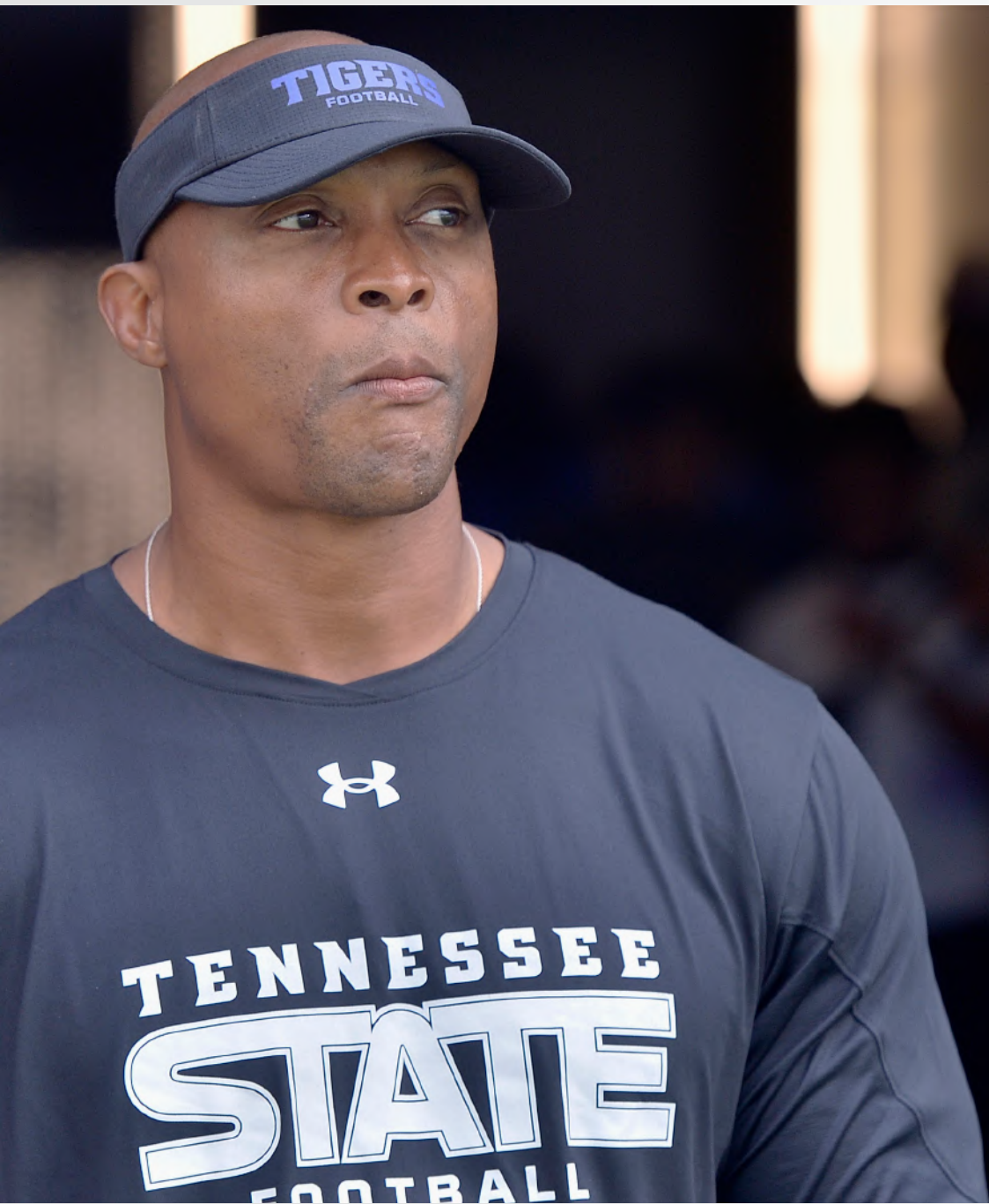
George played college football for Ohio State University and won the Heisman Trophy in 1995. That season, George rushed for a school record 1,927 yards and 24 touchdowns, an average of 148.23 yards per game, while also catching 47 passes for 417 yards and another score. He left Ohio State second in school history in career rushing yards (3,768) and third in rushing touchdowns (44). The Philadelphia native finished with 4,284 all-purpose yards, 45 touchdowns, and a 5.5 yards-per-carry average.



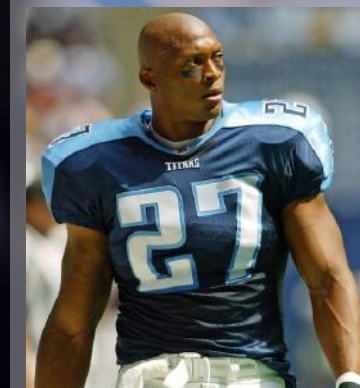
That strong performance for the Buckeyes not only netted him the Heisman, but he also took home the Walter Camp Award, Maxwell Award, Doak Walker Award, Big Ten MVP and unanimous all-American.

In 1996, George was the first-round draft selection (14th overall) of the then-Houston Oilers. He won the NFL Rookie of the Year award that season, and was the Oilers/Titans' starting tailback through 2003, never missing a start. He made the Pro Bowl four consecutive years (1997-2000), and assisted the Titans to a championship appearance in Super Bowl XXXIV.

His 2000 season was his best as a professional. He rushed for 1,509 yards and 14 touchdowns, and marked himself as a reliable receiving option out of the backfield, hauling in 50 receptions. He led the NFL that year with 403 rushing attempts.



College playing days at Ohio State
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NFL playing days at Tennessee
PHOTO: TENNESSEE TITANS

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2021- TENNESSEE STATE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH		
YEAR	OVERALL	QVC
2021	5-6	3-3
2022	4-7	2-3
2023	0-1	0-0

George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (170) started more consecutive regular-season games than George's 130.

He was a workhorse for the Titans, registering at least 312 carries for all eight seasons he played for the team.

In 2004, George signed a one-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys where he started eight games and finished the season with 432 yards and four touchdowns. He officially retired in 2006.

George's career totals include 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing and 10 receiving).

George was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

George graduated from Ohio State in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture. He later earned an MBA from Northwestern in 2009.

He also started his own business, the Edward George Wealth Management Group. It is here that he forged a positive relationship with TSU President Glenda Glover.

He also owns a restaurant in Columbus called Eddie George Bar and Grille 27.

He graduated from Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy after also attending Abington (Pa.) Senior High near Philadelphia.

Following his playing career, he guest-starred on an IFC episode of *Comedy Bang Bang*. A year later, he appeared on Broadway in the musical *Chicago* as lawyer Billy Flynn.

He is married to Tamara "Taj" George and they have two sons, Eriq and Jaire.



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TENNESSEE STATE ASSISTANT COACHES



Aych



Baumgartner



Bowden



Brewster



Burns



Crawford



Fisher



Lewis



McNutt



Simmons

Theron Aych is in his second year as offensive coordinator after one season at UTEP coaching the wide receivers.

He worked from 2017–20 as the receivers and tight ends coach at Arizona under Kevin Sumlin, where he developed a consistent quartet of pass catchers in a run-heavy offensive scheme.

This included Shun Brown, who picked up honorable mention All-Pac 12 honors with 43 receptions for 573 yards and six touchdowns.

His previous experience as an offensive play-caller came at Angelo State (2011–15), where he helped the Rams lead Division II in total offense. QB Kyle Washington threw for 27 TDs en route to being named Lone Star Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

The Zachary, La., native has also worked at Houston, Washington and Central Missouri.

Scott Baumgartner joined the TSU staff in March as the wide receivers coach. He worked for over a decade in the Mountain West Conference between UNLV, New Mexico and Nevada in various positions.

With the Running Rebels, Baumgartner worked with the running backs and saw two 1,000-yard rushers during the post-Covid seasons. In his last season in Vegas, Baumgartner added special teams to his duties.

Prior to his time out west, Baumgartner, who has more than three decades of college coaching experience, spent eight years coaching receivers, quarterbacks and special teams at Central Missouri State.

Joe Bowden joined the Tennessee State staff in the spring of 2021 and is coaching the linebackers. Bowden came to TSU after four years at Missouri Baptist.

Bowden worked as the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach with the Spartans.

Prior to MBU, Bowden was hired in 2016 as the inside linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers after four seasons (2012–15) of serving as an assistant linebackers coach and assistant special teams coach for the then St. Louis Rams.

As a player, Bowden spent nine seasons playing linebacker in the NFL, primarily with Oilers/Titans. He was a standout at the University of Oklahoma, earning Big Eight Defensive Player of the Year and all-American in 1991.

Michael Brewster is in his second year on the TSU staff as tight ends coach, after working for two seasons as quality control coach at Cincinnati under Luke Fickell.

In his brief career as a coach, he has also gained experience at Orangewood Christian School in Maitland, Fla., Western Michigan and Bowling Green.

He was a 5-star prospect at Edgewater High School in Orlando, which helped earn him a scholarship at Ohio State.

He started 49 consecutive games for the Buckeyes from 2008–11. While in Columbus, he earned Freshman All-American honors, first-team All-Big Ten, first-team All-American and was a finalist for the Rimington Trophy, which goes to the nation's best center.

Keith Burns joined Eddie George's staff at Tennessee State after working the previous three seasons with the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers special teams units.

Burns has also worked with the Denver Broncos and Washington Redskins.

He was an accomplished special teams performer in the NFL himself, playing 13 years as a pro, including time with the Chicago Bears, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and three stints with the Denver Broncos. He was a member of the team during the Broncos' two straight Super Bowl wins. The Alexandria, Va., native played collegiately at Oklahoma State in 1992-93.

Josh Crawford was hired as the running backs coach in July 2023 after serving one year as an offensive graduate assistant at Utah. This marks his second stint with the Tigers.

While at Utah, he worked primarily with the wide receivers, assisting with scouting reports and scout team responsibilities. Crawford and the Utes won the 2022 Pac-12 Championship.

Prior to coming to Salt Lake City, he was a graduate assistant with Tennessee State University. The Vanderbilt graduate worked closely with the linebackers, running the scout team along with coaching second-team all-conference selection James Green.

Brandon Fisher begins his third year as Tennessee State's defensive coordinator. Fisher spent the 2020 season as a defensive analyst at Auburn.

Fisher worked directly with defensive coordinator Kevin Steele throughout the year and took over on-field duties for the Tigers appearance in the 2021 Citrus Bowl after Steele was promoted to interim head

coach. Prior to Auburn, Fisher spent one season as the defensive coordinator at Southern Utah.

Fisher entered the collegiate ranks after eight seasons in the NFL. In his last stint in the professional ranks, Fisher served as the secondary coach from 2015–17 for the St. Louis Rams. He also worked for the Tennessee Titans.

Fisher is the son of former Titans and Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, graduated from the University of Montana in 2009.

Anthony Lewis became a member of the staff as offensive line coach in 2022 after working 10 seasons at Angelo State.

Most recently, he helped develop the skills of TSU transfer Willis Patrick, who earned Division II All-American honors at the San Angelo, Texas-based school.

Patrick and two others each earned first-team All-Lone Star Conference honors in 2021, helping the Rams reach the D2 quarterfinals.

The San Antonio native was an accomplished lineman himself, earning All-LSC accolades in 2013. While there, he helped ASU break the school's single-season record for total yards per game.

Richard McNutt joined the TSU staff after working at Southeastern University as secondary/recruiting coordinator.

He also worked at Youngstown State, where in his first year, the Penguins defense ranked among the nation's best in pass defense.

He has also had coaching stops at Toledo, Kent State, Ohio State, Northern Illinois, North Carolina State and worked in the NFL with the Cleveland Browns.

The Forest Park, Ill., native was a defensive back at Ohio State, where he played on the Buckeyes' 2002 national championship team.

Clyde Simmons joined the Tennessee State staff in 2021 as defensive line coach. Simmons' pedigree includes 15 years as a defensive lineman in the NFL and over 10 years of coaching experience.

Simmons came to TSU after spending the 2020 season at Western Carolina. During his time, the Catamounts ranked 16th in turnovers gained in FCS play.

Prior to WCU, Simmons spent one season as the defensive line coach at Missouri Baptist University after two years as an assistant coach with the Cleveland Browns. In Cleveland, Simmons helped groom the top draft pick of the 2017 NFL Draft, Myles Garrett.

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tr-Austin Peay



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ANDREWS**

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BAEZ**

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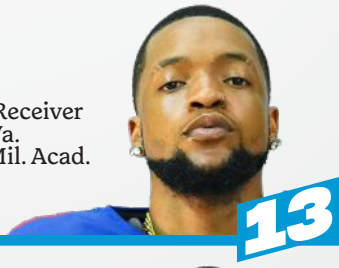
**JALEN
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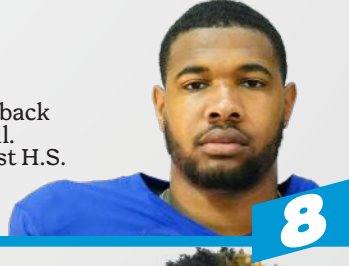
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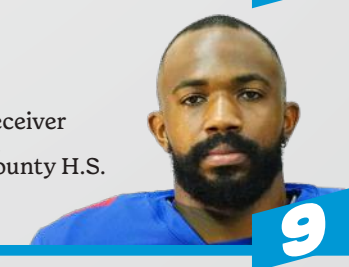
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tr-E. Tennessee St.



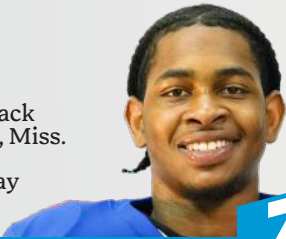
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**DRAYLEN
ELLIS**

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Olive Branch, Miss.
Kirby H.S.
tr-Austin Peay



7

**JACORRIS
FOREMAN**

Fr., Linebacker
Pahokee, Fla.
Everglades Prep. Acad.



37

**JACKSON
FOSTER**

Jr., Punter
Danville, Calif.
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FREEMAN**

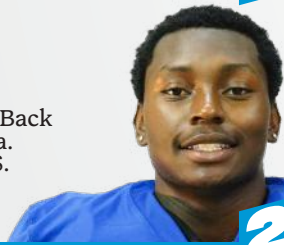
Fr., Offensive Lineman
Fairburn, Ga.
Langston Hughes H.S.



63

**JORDAN
GANT**

Fr., Running Back
Lakeland, Fla.
Kathleen H.S.



29

**KENYON
GARLINGTON**

Grad., Defensive Back
Antioch, Tenn.
Brentwood Acad.



15

**CHAYIL
GARNETT**

Jr., Wide Receiver
Lakeland, Fla.
Lake Wales H.S.



4

**MICAH
GAY**

Fr., Linebacker
Johns Creek, Ga.
Johns Creek H.S.



31

**DORIAN
GEORGE**

Jr., Defensive Back
Memphis, Tenn.
Germantown H.S.



33

**ERIO
GEORGE**

Fr., Defensive Lineman
Nashville, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell Acad.



44

**TRENTON
GILLISON**

Grad., Tight End
Columbus, Ohio
Pickerington Central H.S.
tr-Michigan St.



81

**AMAR
GIST**

Fr., Wide Receiver
East Orange, N.J.
Bergen Catholic H.S.



18

**JAMES
GREEN**

Sr., Linebacker
Orlando, Fla.
Olympia H.S.



1

**JOSH
GREEN**

Sr., Safety
Orlando, Fla.
Olympia H.S.



6

**NICHOLAS
GREEN**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Cedar Park, Texas
Cedar Park H.S.
tr-Trinity Valley C.C.



73

**TERRY
GROVE**

Soph., Def. Lineman
Greenville, Tenn.
Greenville H.S.



93

**MACK
GUICE III**

Grad., Cornerback
Huntsville, Ala.
Madison County H.S.
tr-Kentucky Wesleyan



32

**RYDER
HAGAN**

Fr., Quarterback
Nashville, Tenn.
Overton H.S.



2

**DARIUS
HARPER**

Grad., Defensive Back
Brentwood, Tenn.
Ravenwood H.S.



30

**AARION
HARVEY**

Grad., Offensive Lineman
Chicago, Ill.
Penn Foster H.S.
tr-Austin Peay



57

**JORDAN
HELTON**

Jr., Safety
Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Univ. Sch.

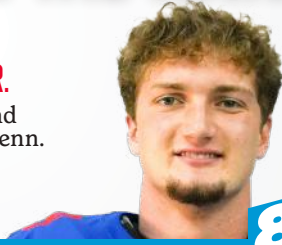


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JASON HOATH JR.

Fr., Tight End
Columbia, Tenn.
Page H.S.



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FONDREN HOLLIS III

Jr., Defensive Back
Decatur, Ga.
Columbia H.S.



10

TYSEAN JEFFERSON

Soph., Wide Receiver
Nashville, Tenn.
Beech H.S.
tr-W. Kentucky



6

DAYRON JOHNSON

Jr., Wide Receiver
Springfield, Tenn.
Springfield H.S.



5

RODRICUS JONES

Fr., Linebacker
Birmingham, Ala.
Huffman H.S.



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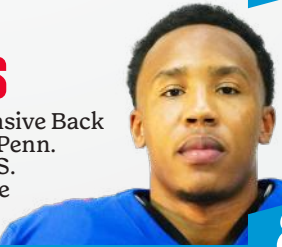
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Orlando, Fla.
West Orange H.S.
tr-Missouri



21

JEREMIAH JOSEPHS

Grad., Defensive Back
Pittsburgh, Penn.
Gateway H.S.
tr-Duquesne



8

DYLAN KING

Fr., Defensive Back
Nashville, Tenn.
Oakland H.S.



13

AMARI LEFLORE

Jr., Safety
Ridgeland, Miss.
St. Andrews Episcopal



38

JAMES LOWERY

Jr., Kicker/Punter
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
American Heritage H.S.
tr-N. Illinois



99

DELANIE MAJORS

Fr., Wide Receiver
Nashville, Tenn.
Overton H.S.



17

JALEN MCCLENDON

Jr., Defensive Back
Tampa, Fla.
Chamberlain H.S.



28

JOEY MCNEELY

Grad., Defensive Lineman
Kinder, La.
Kinder H.S.
tr-McNeese



55

JOSHUA MERIWETHER

Grad., Tight End
Nashville, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell Acad.
tr-Tufts



83

JONOTHAN MOORE

Fr., Running Back
Smyrna, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell Acad.



26

ZION MORRIS

Soph., Def. Lineman
Nashville, Tenn.
Battle Ground Acad.
tr-Sewanee



94

DARIUS NEALS

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Ellenwood, Ga.
Cedar Grove H.S.



54

AHMAD NELSON

Jr., Linebacker
Birmingham, Ala.
Minor H.S.



47

KALEOB ONYEAHALAM

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Harvest, Ala.
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CHAZAN PAGE

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Nashville, Tenn.
Lipscomb Acad.



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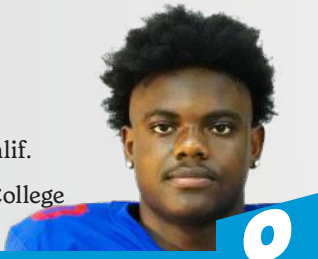
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Fort Worth, Texas
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28

**BRYCE
PHILLIPS**

Jr., Cornerback
Long Beach, Calif.
La Habra H.S.
tr-Santa Ana College



0

**WILLIE
ROBINSON JR.**

Soph., Def. Lineman
O'Fallon, Ill.
O'Fallon H.S.
tr-College of DuPage



97

**JALEN
ROUSE**

Jr., Running Back
Richmond Hill, Ga.
Richmond Hill H.S.



22

**BRENT
ROWE**

Soph., Linebacker
Milwaukee, Wis.
Hendersonville H.S.



11

**RAYQWON
SMITH**

Fr., Def. Lineman
Tallahassee, Fla.
Lawton Chiles H.S.



62

**LATHUN
SNIPES**

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99

**AMARI
SOUTHALL**

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Hillsboro H.S.



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STEWART**

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96

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TARVER**

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55

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TAYLOR**

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Nashville, Tenn.
Ensworth H.S.



25

**BOOGIE
TROTTER**

Soph., Defensive Back
Nashville, Tenn.
Tennessee Valley Prep



23

**GERARD
TURNER**

Jr., Wide Receiver
Miami, Fla.
South Miami Sr. H.S.



1

**ALEX
VALBUENA**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Antioch, Tenn.
Ezell-Harding Chr. Sch.



51

**DION
VILLIERS**

Fr., Defensive Back
Lakeland, Fla.
Lake Gibson H.S.



12

**CHRIS
WALKER**

Jr., Defensive Lineman
Sanford, Fla.
Seminole H.S.



48

**JASHON
WATKINS**

Jr., Cornerback
Nashville, Tenn.
East Nashville Magnet H.S.
tr-Memphis



2

**ROMELLO
WATSON**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Arlington, Texas
Seguin H.S.
tr-Grambling St.



56

**CODY
WEBB**

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Oxon Hill, Md.
Bishop McNamara H.S.



65

**KENNEDY
WILBERT**

Sr., Offensive Lineman
Memphis, Tenn.
Middle College



61

**AVERY
WILLIAMS**

Jr., Wide Receiver
Nashville, Tenn.
Brentwood Acad.
tr-Chattanooga



80

**AUSTIN
YANKOWY**

Grad., Tight End
Allentown, Pa.
A'town C. Cath. H.S.
tr-Bethune-
Cookman



85

ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS



DR. REGINALD A. McDONALD
BAND DIRECTOR



The Aristocrat of Bands is a high-stepping, show-style marching band from the historically black university, Tennessee State University in Nashville.

The band's name is commonly abbreviated to the moniker, "AOB." The AOB made history as the first collegiate marching band to win the music industry's highest honor for Best Roots Gospel Album, *The Urban Hymnal*, at the 65th annual ceremony on Feb. 5, 2023.

The band is known for playing a variety of music such as jazz, classical, contemporary, and popular pieces, and is heralded for its distinct musical style using clean articulation, expressive dynamics, balance, and technical ability.

The band, much like the stage band of the time known as the Jazz Collegians of Tennessee State University, was primarily student-led organization when it first emerged after the school's founding.

Although band was offered as a class, there was no full-time director on staff in the early decades of the band's formation, leaving the task to other faculty members, primarily music faculty members, as a supervisory role of sorts.

With the new hire of President Walter Davis, there was a broader vision for the band program for the future. It was upon Davis' request for the band's for

the band to be more active in supporting the athletics, which called for a full-time Director of Bands position.

In 1946, J.D. "Chick" Chavis, a well-known musician and music educator in the Nashville area, started the organization with 100 pieces. Originally titled as "the Marching 100", the name "Aristocrat of Bands" was given by a sportscaster at a National Football League (NFL) game.

Chavis' tenure as band director ended in 1951, and the baton was passed to Frank T. Greer. TSU's distinctive style was further developed under Greer.

The band continued to earn invitations to special events.

In 1955, the band was the first HBCU band to appear on national television with their performance at the Chicago Bears versus Los Angeles Rams NFL game.

In 1961, they performed for the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy making them the first historically black college or university to perform at a presidential inauguration.

One of the students who marched in that parade was Edward L. Graves, Director of Bands from 1979 to 2014.

"The Aristocrat of Bands" has shared its characteristic precision and distinctly soulful style with people throughout the country and in foreign lands.

Greer taught us "to dream and to really

work hard." Graves recalled. He taught us "not to be satisfied with just anything. You don't put a man on the moon without a lot of work." He instilled those standards in us. He taught us to excel, "to see the BIG PICTURE."

Students who achieve membership in "The Aristocrat of Bands" adhere to those standards today. Noted as one of the finest and most spectacular university bands in the United States, the Aristocrats are the featured attraction during pre-game and half time performances at all home games and at most out of town competitions.

The band has been invited and performed in Asia, Africa, North America, and Europe.

The band was also named in 2002 the official band of the Tennessee Titans, making them the first HBCU to be named as an official band for an NFL team. They played in the 2022 Rose Parade. On Nov. 15, 2022, the Aristocrat of Bands became the first marching band in history to be nominated for a Grammy.

The band marches in the traditional high-stepping style incorporating Classical, Jazz, Contemporary, and Popular repertoire in its performances. The band is led by four drum majors known as the "Fantastic Four" and is accompanied by The Sophisticated Ladies dance team.

Dr. Reginald A. McDonald has assumed the band director role with Dr. Sean Daniels as assistant band director; Judy F. Gentry, majorette coordinator; and James "Dean" Sexton, director of the Jazz Band.



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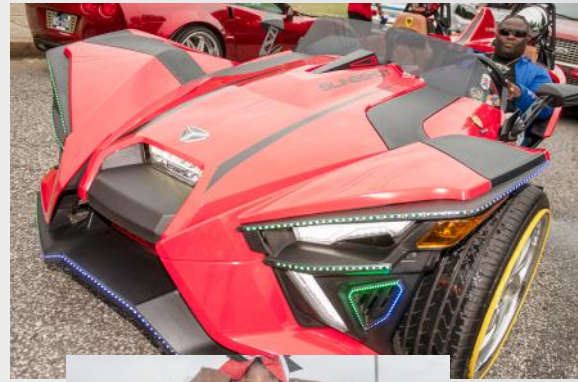
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Classic GameDay gets off to a roaring start, and the Memphis neighborhood of Orange Mound takes center stage with the Classic Parade. More than 10,000 people line Park Avenue between Haynes Street and Airways Boulevard to see a spectacle consisting of floats, rides, clowns, and area high-school bands. Civic groups also participate and display their community pride. To top it all off, Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South and Tennessee State's Aristocrat of Bands perform to elevate this into a Must See Event for the whole family.





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SIMMONS BANK LIBERTY STADIUM



In a rapidly evolving national sports landscape, the City of Memphis, with the State of Tennessee and the University of Memphis, announced plans to renovate Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium as part of a \$350 million project that also includes the FedExForum.

The sizable upgrade of the football stadium seeks to enhance the fan experience. This includes several innovative premium seating options, restroom and concessions upgrades and a "Halo Space" surrounding the facility.

Construction is scheduled to begin after the 2023 football season with a target completion date to be September 2025.

This will position the city, as well as the stadium itself, to attract high-visibility events, which through tourism boosts the local economy.

The last major upgrade to the stadium took place in 2012 with the installation of a \$2.5 million JumboTron scoreboard.

The grounds around the stadium were significantly improved in 2010 with the removal of many of the old fairgrounds structures in favor of a greenway and tailgating area known as Tiger Lane.

The original cost of construction was \$3.7 million back in the mid-1960s, and a major \$19.5 million renovation in 1987 brought the seating capacity from 51,000 to 62,380.

Formerly the Memphis Memorial Stadium in honor of the area's citizens who served in World War I, World War II and the Korean War, the facility was built in part to help lure the Liberty Bowl post-season college football game from the Northeast.

The first event held at the facility was on Sept. 18, 1965, when Ole Miss defeated Memphis State, 34-14. It was renamed the Liberty Bowl in 1976 and was given its first naming rights deal with Little Rock, Ark.-based Simmons Bank in

the summer of 2022.

It has hosted a number of professional football teams in its time, starting with the Memphis Southmen of the World Football League in 1974-75. The USFL's Showboats called the Liberty Bowl home for their two years (1984-85). A refreshed version of the Showboats returned in Spring 2023. The Canadian Football League expansion Mad Dogs played here in the 1995 campaign, their only season. The XFL's Maniax were tenants during the 2001 season, and more recently, the Express of the Alliance of American Football (AAF) in 2019.

The transient NFL team now known as the Tennessee Titans played its 1997 home games at the Liberty Bowl after leaving Houston en route to Nashville.

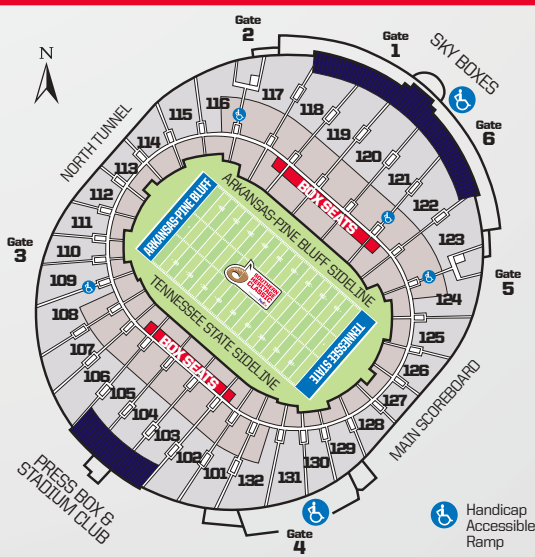
The brief soccer boom of the mid-1970s gave the city a team in the North American Soccer League between 1978-80. The Rogues did not post a winning record in any of their three years and moved to Calgary after the 1980 season.

The stadium even hosted an exhibition baseball game involving the Atlanta Braves and Milwaukee Brewers during the 1975 season, as a promotion by the Blues minor-league team. The right-field fence was just 174 feet from home.

The field was resurfaced in 2012 and again in 2022, both with AstroTurf products incorporating the latest technology.

The newer version installed in 2022, called RootZone 3D3, adds to the durability while reducing stress to players' joints.

The stadium's most memorable events include the final game coached by Alabama's Paul 'Bear' Bryant in the 1982 Liberty Bowl, the frigid 1983 Liberty Bowl game between Doug Flutie's Boston College Eagles and Notre Dame, and the University of Memphis' 21-17 upset of sixth-ranked Tennessee in 1996. That game attracted a record 65,885 fans.



STADIUM FACTS

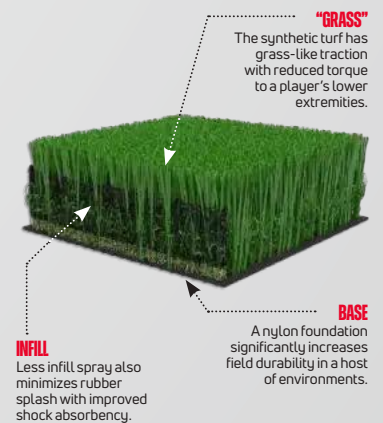
- SEATING CAPACITY 58,325
- FIELD SURFACE AstroTurf RootZone 3D3
- OPENED Sept. 18, 1965
- OWNER The City of Memphis
- OPERATED BY Park Services
- ADDRESS 335 S. Hollywood St. Memphis, TN 38104
- ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION COST \$3.7 million
- COST OF 1987 UPGRADE \$19.5 million
- PUBLIC ADDRESS Tom Prestigiacomo

TOP LIBERTY BOWL CROWDS FOR A SPORTING EVENT:

65,885	1996, MEMPHIS VS. TENNESSEE
65,483	1991, MEMPHIS VS. OLE MISS
65,234	1992, MEMPHIS VS. TENNESSEE
64,187	1987, MEMPHIS VS. OLE MISS
63,816	2007, CENTRAL FLORIDA VS. MISS. ST.
63,121	2000, MEMPHIS VS. TENNESSEE
62,742	2010, ARKANSAS VS. EAST CAROLINA
61,783	2006, MEMPHIS VS. TENNESSEE
61,497	1991, AIR FORCE VS. MISS. STATE
61,171	1997, JACKSON ST. VS. TENNESSEE ST.

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In the summer of 2022, the Stadium installed a high-tech new product called AstroTurf RootZone 3D3, replacing the old AstroTurf which was in use since 2012. The most visible difference between the new and old versions is the decrease in the amount of the infill pellets, which will increase the look and feel to a more natural, grass-like texture.





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CLASSIC SCORES

The Southern Heritage Classic began in 1990 to enhance the regional rivalry between HBCU powers Tennessee State and Jackson State. The games have generally taken place in the first half of September – the notable exception being the postponement of the 2001 game (originally scheduled for Sept. 15) until Thanksgiving Day due to the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Since 2007, the second Saturday in September has been reserved for the Classic Football Game. In all, 31 games have taken place, and 1,451,527 fans have passed through the turnstiles for an average attendance of 46,823. The TSU Tigers have played in every Classic game – posting a 17-14 record. They have had success of late, winning 13 of the last 18 games dating back to 2003.

1990 SEPT. 8

JACKSON STATE	7	7	0	0	—	14
TENNESSEE STATE	3	0	20	0	—	23

ATTENDANCE: 39,579

1991 AUG. 31

MISS. VALLEY STATE	0	7	0	3	—	10
TENNESSEE STATE	0	0	0	7	—	7

ATTENDANCE: 25,891

1992 SEPT. 12

JACKSON STATE	0	21	7	10	—	38
TENNESSEE STATE	0	0	6	12	—	18

ATTENDANCE: 37,437



1993 SEPT. 18

GRAMBLING STATE	6	13	7	7	—	33
TENNESSEE STATE	7	0	6	15	—	28

ATTENDANCE: 41,669

1994 SEPT. 10

JACKSON STATE	7	7	3	14	—	31
TENNESSEE STATE	6	0	6	0	—	12

ATTENDANCE: 50,047

1995 SEPT. 9

TENNESSEE STATE	0	6	0	13	—	19
JACKSON STATE	6	12	6	0	—	24

ATTENDANCE: 48,533

1996 SEPT. 14

JACKSON STATE	6	8	7	0	—	21
TENNESSEE STATE	0	0	0	14	—	14

ATTENDANCE: 55,212

1997 SEPT. 13

TENNESSEE STATE	3	17	0	8	—	28
JACKSON STATE	7	10	0	14	—	31

ATTENDANCE: 61,171

1998 SEPT. 12

JACKSON STATE	0	13	8	0	—	21
TENNESSEE STATE	6	21	6	0	—	33

ATTENDANCE: 55,545

1999 SEPT. 11

TENNESSEE STATE	14	10	14	10	—	48
JACKSON STATE	7	6	0	20	—	33

ATTENDANCE: 50,723

2000 SEPT. 16

JACKSON STATE	14	6	6	7	9	42
TENNESSEE STATE	0	6	21	6	6	39

ATTENDANCE: 52,113

2001 NOV. 22

TENNESSEE STATE	21	24	9	10	—	64
JACKSON STATE	0	14	13	6	—	33

ATTENDANCE: 28,690

2002 SEPT. 14

JACKSON STATE	14	7	7	3	—	31
TENNESSEE STATE	3	14	3	8	—	28

ATTENDANCE: 42,914

2003 SEPT. 13

TENNESSEE STATE	7	9	14	14	—	44
JACKSON STATE	0	6	0	8	—	14

ATTENDANCE: 52,603

2004 SEPT. 18

JACKSON STATE	0	0	7	13	—	20
TENNESSEE STATE	0	0	0	21	—	21

ATTENDANCE: 55,015

2005 SEPT. 10

TENNESSEE STATE	0	0	7	7	6	20
JACKSON STATE	0	7	7	0	0	14

ATTENDANCE: 48,300

2006 SEPT. 16

JACKSON STATE	9	0	0	14	7	30
TENNESSEE STATE	0	13	7	3	8	31

ATTENDANCE: 53,441



2007 SEPT. 8

TENNESSEE STATE	6	0	0	10	—	16
JACKSON STATE	7	3	3	0	—	13

ATTENDANCE: 50,879



Freshman **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** returned an interception for a touchdown in the 4th quarter of the 2004 Classic that tied the game at 7-7 in an eventual 21-20 TSU victory. The defensive back played in 4 Classics between 2004-07, and Tennessee State went 4-0, winning by a combined margin of 11 points.

2008 SEPT. 13

JACKSON STATE	10	0	0	8	—	18
TENNESSEE STATE	0	28	10	3	—	41

ATTENDANCE: 50,794

2009 SEPT. 12

TENNESSEE STATE	2	6	0	6	—	14
JACKSON STATE	0	0	0	7	—	7

ATTENDANCE: 43,306

2010 SEPT. 11

JACKSON STATE	0	14	7	12	—	33
TENNESSEE STATE	7	0	12	7	—	26

ATTENDANCE: 44,688



2011 SEPT. 10

TENNESSEE STATE	14	10	2	3	—	29
JACKSON STATE	14	7	7	7	—	35

ATTENDANCE: 43,532

2012 SEPT. 8

JACKSON STATE	3	3	6	0	—	12
TENNESSEE STATE	0	21	10	7	—	38

ATTENDANCE: 42,257

2013 SEPT. 14

TENNESSEE STATE	3	6	7	10	—	26
JACKSON STATE	7	0	3	6	—	16

ATTENDANCE: 42,400

2014 SEPT. 13

JACKSON STATE	0	0	7	0	—	7
TENNESSEE STATE	21	14	0	0	—	35

ATTENDANCE: 46,914

2015 SEPT. 12

TENNESSEE STATE	14	7	14	0	—	35
JACKSON STATE	9	0	9	7	—	25

ATTENDANCE: 48,335

2016 SEPT. 10

JACKSON STATE	13	10	3	0	—	26
TENNESSEE STATE	13	6	14	7	—	40

ATTENDANCE: 46,263

2017 SEPT. 9

TENNESSEE STATE	10	0	0	7	—	17
JACKSON STATE	3	6	0	6	—	15

ATTENDANCE: 47,407

2019 SEPT. 14

TENNESSEE STATE	7	7	9	21	—	44
JACKSON STATE	21	7	14	7	—	49

ATTENDANCE: 48,347



2021 SEPT. 11

TENNESSEE STATE	0	7	0	9	—	16
TENNESSEE STATE	7	3	14	14	—	38

ATTENDANCE: 46,171

2022 SEPT. 10

JACKSON STATE	0	6	3	7	—	16
TENNESSEE STATE	3	0	0	0	—	3

ATTENDANCE: 51,351

TEAM RECORDS:



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CLASSIC RECORDS

RUSHING

Most attempts –

- 33 Maurice Hampton, JSU in 1995
- 33 Preston Brown, TSU in 2010
- 32 Detry Wright, JSU in 1998
- 27 Eric Gant, GSU in 1993
- 27 Charles Anthony, TSU in 2004

Most rushing yards –

- 218 Preston Brown, TSU in 2010
- 175 Nathan McLaurin, JSU in 2000
- 171 Charles Anthony, TSU in 2004
- 156 Eric Gant, GSU in 1993
- 146 James Johnson, JSU in 1992

Most yards per carry (min. 10 carries) –

- 10.9 Nathan McLaurin, JSU in 2000 (16-175)
- 9.9 Telvin Hooks, TSU in 2012 (10-99)
- 9.2 Calvin Davenport, TSU in 1998 (13-120)
- 8.9 Tarnak Counslor, JSU in 2002 (14-125)
- 8.7 Charles Anthony, TSU in 2002 (13-113)

Most touchdowns –

- 3 Darrell Asberry, JSU in 1994
- 3 Javarris Williams, TSU in 2006
- 3 Trabis Ward, TSU in 2012

Longest rush –

- 68 Nathan McLaurin, JSU in 2000
- 54 Calvin McNairl, TSU in 2009 (no TD)
- 52 Tyson Alexander, JSU in 2019
- 51 Telvin Hooks, TSU in 2012 (no TD)



Preston Brown

PASSING

Most attempts –

- 53 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001
- 49 James Wade, TSU in 1992
- 48 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003
- 46 Shannon Harris, TSU in 2001
- 41 Grailyn Pratt, JSU in 1996

Most completions –

- 30 Shedeur Sanders, JSU in 2021
- 29 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001
- 29 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003
- 27 Casey Therriault, JSU in 2011
- 24 2 times, last by LaMontiez Ivy, JSU in 2015

Most passing yards –

- 399 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (23-49-399-0-4)
- 384 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (22-32-384-3-0)
- 362 Shedeur Sanders, JSU in 2021 (30-40-362-3-0)
- 360 Shannon Harris, TSU in 2001 (23-46-360-7-1)
- 338 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001 (29-53-338-3-3)
- 337 Casey Therriault, JSU in 2011 (27-39-337-3-1)
- 327 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003 (29-48-327-2-0)
- 322 LaMontiez Ivy, JSU in 2015 (24-39-322-2-0)

Most touchdowns –

- 7 Shannon Harris, TSU in 2001
- 4 Kenton Evans, TSU in 2000
- 4 Casey Therriault, JSU in 2010

Most interceptions –

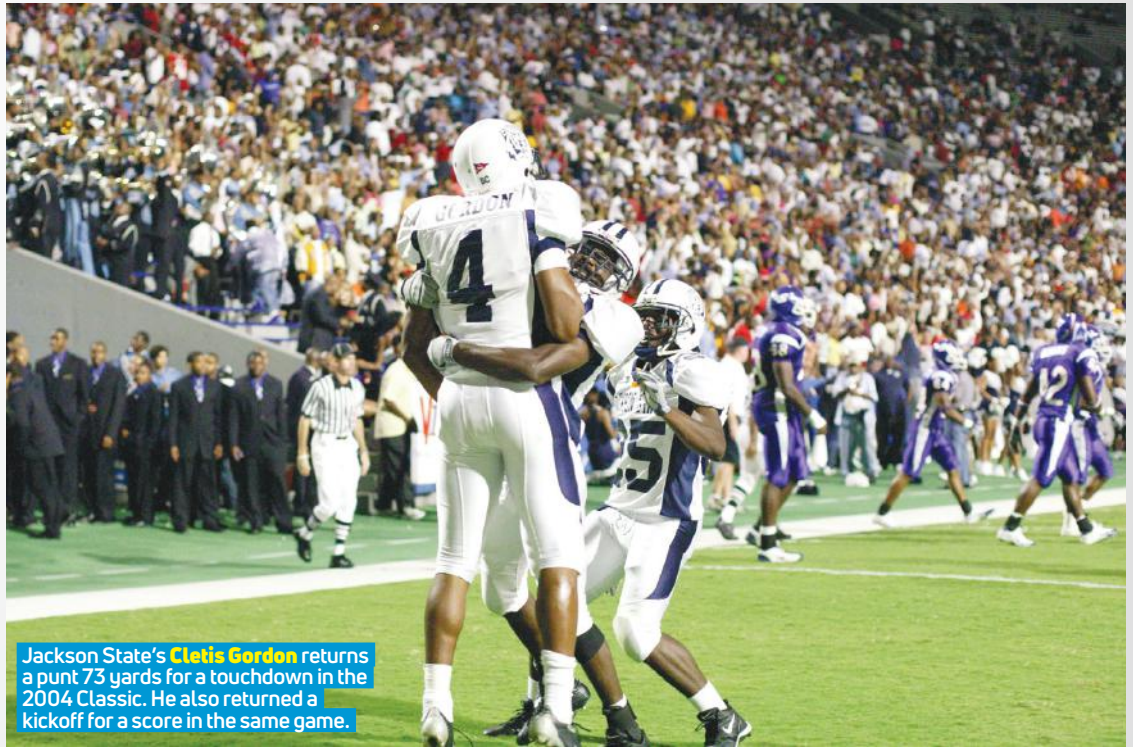
- 5 Kenton Evans, TSU in 2000
- 4 James Wade, TSU in 1992
- 4 Clayton Moore, JSU in 2013
- 3 Daryl Williams, TSU in 1995
- 3 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001

Highest completion pct. (min. 20 att.) –

- 75.0 Shedeur Sanders, JSU in 2021 (30-40)
- 72.0 Leon Murray, TSU in 1999 (18-25)
- 69.6 Grailyn Pratt, JSU in 1995 (16-23)
- 69.2 Casey Therriault, JSU in 2011 (27-39)
- 68.7 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (22-32)

Most yards per attempt (min. 20 att.) –

- 12.5 Ricky Jordan, JSU in 1992 (21-262)
- 12.0 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (32-384)
- 11.7 Leon Murray, TSU in 1999 (25-292)
- 10.0 Darrell Asberry, JSU in 1994 (31-311)



Jackson State's **Cletis Gordon** returns a punt 73 yards for a touchdown in the 2004 Classic. He also returned a kickoff for a score in the same game.

Most yards per completion (min. 20 att.) –

- 23.8 Ricky Jordan, JSU in 1992 (11-262)
- 17.5 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (22-384)
- 17.3 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (23-399)
- 16.7 O'Shay Ackerman-Carter, TSU in 2015 (15-250)
- 16.6 Leon Murray, TSU in 1998 (15-249)



Casey Therriault

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most plays –

- 69 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001 (16 rush, 53 pass)
- 63 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (14 rush, 49 pass)
- 58 Brent Lyles, JSU in 2017 (13 rush, 45 pass)
- 56 LaMontiez Ivy, JSU in 2015 (16 rush, 40 pass)
- 54 Casey Therriault, JSU in 2011 (15 rush, 39 pass)

Most total offense yards –

- 399 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (0 rush, 399 pass)
- 372 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001 (34 rush, 338 pass)
- 369 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (4 rush, 364 pass)
- 355 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003 (28 rush, 327 pass)

RECEIVING

Most receptions –

- 11 Patrick Robinson, TSU in 1992
- 11 T.C. Taylor, JSU in 2001
- 10 Dan Williams, JSU in 2015
- 10 Steven Newbold, TSU in 2019
- 9 Tim Manning, JSU in 2003

Most receiving yards –

- 196 Steven Newbold, TSU in 2019
- 182 Patrick Robinson, TSU in 1992
- 173 Dan Williams, JSU in 2015
- 139 Chris Rowland, TSU in 2019
- 123 Greg Spann, JSU in 1994
- 122 Tim Manning, JSU in 2003

Most touchdowns –

- 2 Charles Jones, GSU in 1993
- 2 Greg Spann, JSU in 1995
- 2 Quincy Culberson, JSU in 1996
- 2 Corey Bradford, JSU in 1997
- 2 Julius Hull, TSU in 2000
- 2 Marvin Jones, TSU in 2001
- 2 T.C. Taylor, JSU in 2001
- 2 Carlos Wright, TSU in 2001
- 2 Steven Newbold, TSU in 2019

Most yards per reception (min. 5 rec.) –

- 22.8 Marcellos Wilder, JSU in 2011 (5-114)
- 21.0 Jimmy Smith, JSU in 1990 (5-105)
- 21.0 La Shan Ausmer, JSU in 1994 (5-105)
- 20.5 Greg Spann, JSU in 1994 (6-123)
- 20.2 Corey Bradford, JSU in 1997 (5-101)

Longest reception –

- 75 Antonius Kimbrough, JSU in 1992
- 67 Keith Corbin, JSU in 2021
- 64 Patrick Smith, TSU in 2015
- 64 Chris Sanders-McCollum, TSU in 2015
- 63 Isaiah Bliss, JSU in 1992

SCORING

Most points –

- 18 Darrell Asberry, JSU in 1994 (3 rush)
- 18 Marvin Jones, TSU in 2001 (1 rush, 2 pass)
- 18 Javarris Williams, TSU in 2006 (3 rush)

Most points kicking –

- 16 Joey Hudak, TSU in 2001
- 14 Jamin Godfrey, TSU in 2013
- 12 Seth Goodowens, TSU in 1999

Most field goals –

- 4 Jamin Godfrey, TSU in 2013
- 3 Joey Hudak, TSU in 2001
- 2 8 times, last by Christian Jacquemin, JSU in 2017

Longest field goal –

- 50 Seth Goodowens, TSU in 1999
- 50 Eric Perri, JSU in 2007
- 49 Christian Jacquemin, JSU in 2017
- 49 Antonio Zita, TSU in 2019

Most point-after-touchdowns –

- 7 Joey Hudak, TSU in 2001
- 7 Adrian Salazar, JSU in 2019

MISCELLANEOUS

Longest punt –

- 66 Darby Williamson, JSU in 2014
- 64 Dominic Addison, JSU in 2002
- 61 Brett Bennett, JSU in 2007
- 61 Brett Bennett, JSU in 2009
- 60 Clifford Green, TSU in 1995
- 60 Dominic Addison, JSU in 2005

Longest punt return –

- 20 Warren Newman, JSU in 2021
- 73 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004
- 72 Ernest Pate, JSU in 1992 (no TD)
- 67 Jarrett Morrow, TSU in 2003
- 63 Julius Hull, TSU in 2000 (no TD)

Punt returns for touchdown –

- 20 Ahmed Safeullah, TSU in 2003 (blocked)
- 67 Jarrett Morrow, TSU in 2003
- 73 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004
- 40 Josh Miller, JSU in 2016 (blocked)
- 0 Ben Thomas, JSU in 2016 (blocked)
- 56 Patrick Smith, TSU in 2017
- 81 Warren Newman, JSU in 2021

Longest kickoff return –

- 100 Avion Black, TSU in 1999
- 100 Josh Littles, JSU in 2019
- 96 Chris Rowland, TSU in 2019
- 91 Patrick Robinson, TSU in 1992 (no TD)
- 89 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004

Kickoff returns for touchdown –

- 100 Avion Black, TSU in 1999
- 89 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004
- 89 Terrell Kennedy, JSU in 2017
- 100 Josh Littles, JSU in 2019
- 96 Chris Rowland, TSU in 2019

Most tackles –

- 15 Ariane McCree, JSU in 2013
- 14 Nate Wellington, TSU in 1993
- 14 Charlie Crawford, JSU in 1997
- 13 6 times, last by Joseph Scott, JSU in 2004

Most sacks –

- 4½ James Houston, JSU in 2021
- 3 Ebenezer Ogundeko, TSU in 2016
- 2½ Anthony Bass, TSU in 2014

Most interceptions –

- 3 Picasso Nelson, JSU in 1995
- 2 5 times, last by De'Ante Saunders, TSU in 2014

Interceptions returned for touchdown –

- 75 Lamar Carter, TSU in 1998
- 35 Dom. Rodgers-Cromartie, TSU in 2004
- 39 Ty'Ron Johnson, TSU in 2008
- 43 Eugene Clifford, TSU in 2008
- 78 Ryan Griffin, JSU in 2013
- 50 Daniel Fitzpatrick, TSU in 2013
- 45 De'Ante Saunders, TSU in 2014
- 25 Ezra Robinson, TSU in 2016

Longest interception return –

- 78 Ryan Griffin, JSU in 2013
- 75 Lamar Carter, TSU in 1998
- 71 De'Ante Saunders, TSU in 2013 (no TD)



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- BRENT ALEXANDER (DB), TSU — ARIZONA, CAROLINA, PITTSBURGH, NY GIANTS (1994–2005)
- ASHLEY AMBROSE (CB), MVSU — INDIANAPOLIS, CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA (1992–2004)
- BENNIE ANDERSON (OL), TSU — BALTIMORE, BUFFALO, MIAMI (2001–06)
- RASHARD ANDERSON (DB), JSU — CAROLINA (2000–01)
- ERIC AUSTIN (DB), JSU — TAMPA BAY (1996)
- DAYLEN BALDWIN (WR), JSU — CLEVELAND (2022–)
- TIM BARNETT (WR), JSU — KANSAS CITY (1991–93)
- MARCUS BENARD (LB), JSU — CLEVELAND, ARIZONA (2009–14)
- AVION BLACK (WR), TSU — BUFFALO, HOUSTON (2000–02)
- TERRELL BONDS (DB), TSU — BALTIMORE (2020)
- COREY BRADFORD (WR), JSU — GREEN BAY, HOUSTON, DETROIT (1998–2006)
- CURTIS CAESAR (WR), GSU — NY JETS (1995)
- CEDRIC DAVIS (CB), TSU — ARIZONA (1995)
- LAMAR DIVENS (DT), TSU — BALTIMORE, TAMPA BAY, SAN FRANCISCO (2008–12)
- MARCUS DOWDELL (WR), TSU — NEW ORLEANS, ARIZONA (1992–96)
- KADEEM EDWARDS (OL), TSU — TAMPA BAY (2014)
- RANDY FULLER (DB), TSU — DENVER, PITTSBURGH, ATLANTA, SEATTLE (1994–99)
- CLETIS GORDON (CB), JSU — SAN DIEGO, DALLAS, CAROLINA (2006–11)
- TRACY GREENE (TE), GSU — KANSAS CITY, PITTSBURGH (1994–95)
- LESTER HOLMES (OL), JSU — PHILADELPHIA, OAKLAND, ARIZONA (1993–2000)
- JAMES HOUSTON (LB), JSU — DETROIT (2022–)
- RONALD HUMPHREY (RB), MVSU — INDIANAPOLIS (1994–95)
- LIGARIUS JENNINGS (CB), TSU — CINCINNATI (2001–02)
- DOMINIQUE “D.J.” JOHNSON (CB), JSU — NY GIANTS, TAMPA BAY, PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON (2009–12)
- JAYMAR JOHNSON (WR), JSU — MINNESOTA, ARIZONA (2008–11)
- CHRIS JONES (WR), JSU — MINNESOTA (2005)
- ROGER JONES (CB), TSU — TAMPA BAY, CINCINNATI, TENNESSEE (1991–97)
- ERIC JOYCE (DB), TSU — CHICAGO (2002)
- ANTONIUS KIMBROUGH (WR), JSU — DENVER (1993–94)
- ANTHONY LEVINE (DB), TSU — GREEN BAY, BALTIMORE (2010–21)
- PAUL McJULIEN (K), JSU — GREEN BAY, LA RAMS (1991–93)
- SYLVESTER MORRIS (WR), JSU — KANSAS CITY (2000)
- RODERICK MULLEN (DB), GSU — GREEN BAY (1995–99)
- TOBY MYLES (OL), JSU — NY GIANTS, CLEVELAND, OAKLAND (1999–2001)
- CECIL NEWTON (OL), TSU — BALTIMORE (2011)
- MARLO PERRY (LB), JSU — BUFFALO (1994–99)
- DEMETRIUS RHANEY (OL), TSU — ST. LOUIS/LA RAMS, WASHINGTON (2014–17)
- RICO RICHARDSON (WR), JSU — HOUSTON, TENNESSEE (2013–15)
- PATRICK ROBINSON (WR), TSU — CINCINNATI, ARIZONA (1993–94)
- DOMINIQUE RODGERS-CROMARTIE (CB), TSU — ARIZONA, PHILADELPHIA, DENVER, NY GIANTS, OAKLAND, WASHINGTON (2008–19)
- CHRIS ROWLAND (WR), TSU — ATLANTA (2020)
- DE’ANTE SAUNDERS (DB), TSU — CLEVELAND (2015)
- SIMON SHANKS (LB), TSU — ARIZONA (1995)
- LACHAVIOUS SIMMONS (OL), TSU — CHICAGO, ARIZONA (2020–)
- FERNANDO SMITH (DL), JSU — MINNESOTA, JACKSONVILLE, BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS (1994–2000)
- JIMMY SMITH (WR), JSU — DALLAS, JACKSONVILLE (1992–2005)
- LAWRENCE SMITH (OL), TSU — BUFFALO (2004)
- ROBERT STATEN (FB), JSU — TAMPA BAY (1996)
- LARRY THARPE (OT), TSU — DETROIT, ARIZONA, PITTSBURGH (1992–2000)
- MICHAEL THOMPSON (OL), TSU — ATLANTA (2000–02)
- DAN WILLIAMS (DE), TSU — DENVER, KANSAS CITY (1993–2000)
- JAVARRIS WILLIAMS (RB), TSU — KANSAS CITY, HOUSTON, WASHINGTON (2009–12)
- BERNARD WILSON (NT), TSU — TAMPA BAY, ARIZONA (1993–98)

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Jimmy Smith twice registered 100-reception seasons with the Jaguars.
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Lachavious Simmons began his career in Chicago before signing a free-agent deal with Arizona.
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Linebacker James Houston didn't see an NFL field until Thanksgiving and made quite an introduction, posting two sacks in five defensive snaps. The rookie later wound up earning two starts and ended 2022 with 11 sacks in total.
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Wide receiver Daylen Baldwin made his NFL debut in Week 14 last year against Baltimore and hauled in 2 catches for 25 yards in a Browns' victory.
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Two-time Pro Bowler Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie played 12 seasons in the NFL and returned six interceptions and one fumble touchdowns.
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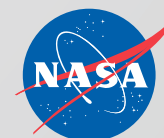
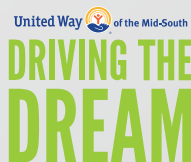
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