# TENNESSEE.



# FOOTBALL



128 SEASONS / 6 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS / 13 SEC TITLES / 94 FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICA HONORS / 47 NFL FIRST ROUNDERS / 26 CFB HALL OF FAMERS

### GAME 9 | NOV. 9, 2024 | 7 P.M. ET | KNOXVILLE, TENN. | NEYLAND STADIUM (101,915)



# **MISSISSIPPI STATE BULLDOGS**

#### 7-1 (4-1 SEC)

Head Coach: Josh Heupel

**Record at UT:** 34-13 (.723) // fourth season Career Record: 62-21 (.747) // seventh season

Rankings: AP - 7 // Coaches - 6

### 2-7 (0-5 SEC)

**Head Coach:** Jeff Lebby

Record at MSU: 2-7 (.182) // first season

Career Record: same

Rankings: AP - NR // Coaches - NR

#### **STORYLINES**

■HOMECOMING IN NEYLAND: No. 7/6 Tennessee plays its fourth straight game in Neyland Stadium as the Volunteers welcome Mississippi State for Homecoming at 7 p.m. ET Saturday. It's Tennessee's final SEC home game, and the Vols are 5-0 this season in Neyland with six straight victories dating back to last season. UT has won nine straight night games in Neyland. Tennessee sits in third place in the SEC standings with three league games remaining. The Vols are one of five SEC teams with one loss in conference play. This is Tennessee's 100th Homecoming game, and the Vols own a 76-20-3 on-field record in the previous occasions. Mississippi State and Tennessee are meeting for the 47th time and the first time since 2019.

■THIRD STRAIGHT COMEBACK: Donning its Dark Mode uniforms, Tennessee rallied for its third straight comeback win, outscoring Kentucky 21-8 in the second half for a 28-18 final in Nevland Stadium, UT trailed 10-7 at the half. RB Dylan Sampson shattered the school single-season rushing touchdown record with his 18th and 19th scores and finishing with a career-best 142 yards rushing on a career-high 27 carries. Sampson's record breaker was on a 6-yard run with the team pushing him into the end zone with 4:55 left in the fourth guarter. QB Nico lamaleava completed a career-best 28-of-38 passes for 292 yards and one touchdown, while TE Miles Kitselman led the Vols in receiving with six catches for a career-high 97 yards and one TD. True freshman RB Peyton Lewis scored his first career TD on a 1-yard run in the second quarter. Arion Carter led the Vols with a career-best 10 tackles. The true sophomore leads the Vols with 43 tackles this season. Sr. DB Will Brooks recorded his team-high third interception of the season, returning it 67 yards in the third quarter before the Vols scored two plays later. The Vols forced the Wildcats into three turnovers. UT has now forced opponents into multiple turnovers in three straight games and 5x this season.

■HEUPEL ERA: Josh Heupel, the 2022 AP SEC Coach of the Year, is in his fourth season at UT. Since taking over a program that was 3-7 prior to his arrival, Heupel owns a 34-13 record and is 27-7 since the start of the 2022 season. The 27 wins since the start of 2022 are third-most in the SEC. Since 2018, he ranks sixth nationally among active FBS head coaches in victories with 62. Heupel is the first coach in UT history to defeat rivals Florida and Alabama in the same season in two out of his first four years. He's 4-2 vs. those two programs over the last three seasons. Heupel became the first UT coach to register back-to-back home game victories over the Gators since Gen. Robert Neyland won three home games in a row in 1933, 1940 and 1952. Heupel was the first to achieve that feat vs. Alabama since Phillip Fulmer did so in 2004 and '06. Heupel is tied for seventh in UT all-time victories. He is seeking to lead the Vols to at least eight regular season wins in three straight seasons for the first time since 1995-2004 under Fulmer. Heupel has assured the Vols of finishing .500 or better in SEC play in now all four of his seasons at the helm.

■TOP 10 IN THE FBS: Tennessee heads into the Mississippi State contest ranked in the FBS top 10 in 12 major categories: third-down defense (1st - 24.3), yards per play allowed (2nd - 4.23), red zone defense (3rd -64.0), kickoff return defense (3rd - 12.3), total defense (4th - 271.6), scoring defense (5th - 12.4), rushing defense (6th - 90.1), rushing offense (7th - 234.5), first downs allowed (9th - 131), tackles for loss (9th - 7.8), punt return average (10th - 16.5) and total offense (9th - 474.0). UT has yet to allow an opponent to reach the 20-point mark in eight games in 2024. The Vols have issued the second-fewest offensive touchdowns in the FBS this season, tied with Ohio State's 10, while Texas is first with nine. Opponents have managed only one first-quarter touchdown this season on UT and only two first-half TDs (Alabama 2Q, Kentucky 1Q).

#### BY THE NUMBERS

straight games without allowing

a sack by Preseason All-American C Cooper Mays, who is the Vols' starter for the fourth straight year

games producing 200 rushing yards in the Josh Heupel era and own a 25-2 record when doing so (won 19 in a row when doing so)

school-record rushing touchdowns by Jr. RB **Dylan Sampson**, which leads the SEC, ranks 2nd in FBS, No. 10 in SEC single-season

30+ yard plays allowed by Tennessee defense all season, which is second-fewest in FBS (Texas 4)

## ON THE AIR

#### TV: ESPN

Play-by-Play: Dave Pasch Analyst: Dusty Dvoracek Sideline Reporter: Taylor McGregor

RADIO: VOL NETWORK

Local: WIVK-FM 107.7 | WNML-FM 99.1 SiriusXM: Ch. 162 or 190 | App: Ch. 960 **Web:** UTsports.com | **App:** Tennessee Ath.

Play-by-Play: Bob Kesling Analysts: Pat Ryan & Brent Hubbs Sideline Reporter: Jayson Swain

**RADIO: SPANISH BROADCAST** 

Local: WNML-AM 990 Play-by-Play: Carlos Lopez **Analyst:** Fuad Reveiz

# THE SCHEDULE

Home: 5-0 | Away: 1-1 | Neutral: 1-0

#### AUGUST (1-0)

31 Chattanooga SECN W, 69-3 SEPTEMBER (3-0)

vs. #24/23 NC State<sup>^</sup> ABC W, 51-10 14 Kent State SECN W, 71-0 21 at #15/13 Oklahoma\* ABC W, 25-15

OCTOBER (2-1) at Arkansas\*

ABC L, 14-19 12 Florida\* ESPN W, 23-17 OT #7/7 Alabama\* ABC W, 24-17 **NOVEMBER (1-0)** SECN W, 28-18

Kentucky\* Miss. State\* (HC) ESPN 7 p.m. at #5/5 Georgia\* TBD Flex 23 UTEP SECN+1 p.m. 30 at Vanderbilt\* TBD Early

\* - denotes SEC game

^ - denotes in Charlotte (Duke's Mayo Classic) Flex - 3:30-4:30 p.m. ET or 6-8 p.m. ET Night - 6-8 p.m. ET | Early - 12-1 p.m. ET

# THE COACHING STAFF

Josh Heupel, Head Coach (4th)

Alec Abeln<sup>^</sup>, Tight Ends (4th, 2nd as TE)

Tim Banks<sup>^</sup>, DC (4th)

Mike Ekeler, OLB/ST (4th)

Glen Elarbee, OL (4th)

**Rodney Garner**, DL (6th, 4th on this staff) Joey Halzle<sup>^</sup>, OC/QB (4th, 2nd as OC)

William Inge, LB (1st)

Willie Martinez, DB (8th, 4th on this staff) Kelsey Pope, WR (4th, 3rd as WR)

De'Rail Sims, RB (1st)

( ) - denotes year at Tennessee

^ - denotes in press box

#### **MEDIA INFORMATION**

#### **COACH HEUPEL MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

- MONDAY: Coach Heupel's weekly press conference will be held in person every Monday of game week at 12:15 p.m. ET in the north studio of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center. It will also be streamed live on UTsports.com and the UT Athletics YouTube page. There will be no Zoom option.
- WEDNESDAY: Coach Heupel takes part in the weekly SEC Teleconference each Wednesday at 11:50 a.m. ET. A confidential link to ask questions will be distributed.
- POSTGAME: For home games, Coach Heupel's postgame press conference will take place in person in the Stokely Family Media Center of Neyland Stadium. For road games, Coach Heupel's postgame press conference will be held in person in the visiting team's postgame room. On-demand video after the press conference will be distributed via Tennessee's media share folder.

#### **ASSISTANT COACH MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

- TUESDAY: One to two assistant coaches will be made available following practice on Tuesdays at approximately 11:20 a.m in the north studio of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center. There will be no Zoom option available.
- WEDNESDAY: An assistant coach will appear on "Vol Calls" at 8 p.m. ET on Wednesdays during the season at Calhoun's On the River.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETE MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- MONDAY/TUESDAY: Select student-athletes will be available following Coach Heupel's weekly press conference on Mondays in the north studio of the Neyland-Thompson Sports Center at approximately 12:30 p.m. Players will also be available following the assistant coach availabilities on Tuesday beginning at approximately 11:45 a.m. or depending on the schedule.
- POSTGAME: For home games, select studentathletes will be available in person on the stage in Stokely Family Media Center following Coach Heupel's postgame press conference. For road games, select players will be available in the visiting team's postgame room following Coach Heupel's press conference.
- Student-athletes' contact information will not be distributed

#### "VOL CALLS" WEDNESDAYS

 "Vol Calls," the official statewide radio show of the Tennessee Volunteers, airs from 8-9 p.m. ET on Wednesdays from Calhoun's On the River in downtown Knoxville. The show features head coach Josh Heupel and assistant coaches. It also airs live on UTsports.com/watch and the Tennessee Athletics app.

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#### **NEYLAND GAME DAY INFORMATION**

- MEDIA WILL CALL: For those media members picking up their credentials, pickup is located at the Tennessee Strategic Communications Office on the ground floor of the Anderson Training Center on Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. On gameday, credential pickup is located inside Gate 15A on the west side of Neyland Stadium. Gameday pickup opens four hours prior to kickoff.
- MEDIA PARKING: For those media members approved for media parking, parking passes are digital and accessed via mobile devices through email via Ticketmaster.
- MEDIA ENTRANCE: Media will enter the press box through Gate 15A on the west side of Neyland Stadium.
- PRESS BOX: The Tom Elam Press Box opens 3.5 hours prior to kickoff. A pregame meal will be served beginning two hours prior to kickoff. After entering Gate 15A, take the elevator to Level 5.
- STOKELY FAMILY MEDIA CENTER: Stokely Family Media Center on the field level of Neyland Stadium opens 3.5 hours prior to kickoff and is available for credentialed photographers/videographers. A pregame meal for photographers/videographers

will be served beginning two hours prior to kickoff. To access Stokely Family Media Center, take the elevator to Level 1, enter the stadium concourse, and walk north (left). Just inside Gate 21, take the stairs down to the Gate 21A ramp. Enter the field area and walk along the back of the north end zone to the media center, which is located in the northeast corner of Neyland Stadium.

- PRINTABLES: With the exception of flip cards and final game books, media materials will be available digitally in accordance with FWAA recommendations. This includes in-game stats and game notes. Digital links will be distributed prior to game day for game notes.
- POSTGAME PRESS CONFERENCES: Tennessee's home postgame press conference will be held in the Stokely Family Media Center. There will be no Zoom option. The visiting team postgame press conference will be held adjacent to the visitor's locker room in the south end zone of Neyland Stadium. Media can access this area via the south end zone tunnel. On-demand video of Tennessee's press conference will be distributed via Tennessee's media share folder.

**COLLEGEPRESSBOX.COM** is the official media website for FBS football. Access and download weekly game notes, quotes, statistics, media guides, headshots, logos and more for each conference and its member schools. Register for access at collegepressbox.com/register.









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### GAME 9 MEDIA SCHEDULE: MISSISSIPPI STATE (subject to change, all times Eastern)

#### SUNDAY [3]

off day no media availability

#### MONDAY [4]

12:15 p.m. ET - Head Coach Josh Heupel Press Conference followed by select players in north studio

#### TUESDAY [5]

approx. 11:20 a.m.

ET - post practice assistant coach media availability (TE Coach Alec Abeln, LB Coach William Inge) followed by select players in north studio

#### WEDNESDAY [6]

11:50 a.m. ET - Head Coach Josh Heupel on SEC Teleconference

8 p.m. ET - "Vol Calls" on Vol Network live from Calhoun's on The River (Heupel, Martinez)

#### THURSDAY [7]

no media availability

#### FRIDAY [8]

no media availability

#### **SATURDAY** [9]

Game 9: vs. Miss. State 7 p.m. ET Neyland Stadium ESPN • Vol Network

#### Postgame

Coach Heupel and select players available in Stokely Media Center



# **TENNESSEE | DEPTH CHART**

# **OFFENSE**

TE -0	r-	0 19	Ethan Davis Holden Staes	6-5 6-4	246 248	R-Fr. Jr.
	r-	87	Miles Kitselman	6-5	256	Sr.
LT		53	Lance Heard	6-6	340	So.
-0	r-	77	Larry Johnson III	6-7	350	R-So.
LG		70	Andrej Karić	6-6	314	Sr.
-0	r-	75	Jackson Lampley 🥮	6-4	325	R-Sr.*
C		63	Cooper Mays 🐠	6-4	310	Sr.*
		50	William Satterwhite	6-3	300	Fr.
c	r-	54	Vysen Lang	6-4	340	R-Fr.
RG		76	Javontez Spraggins 😃	6-3	330	Sr.*
		79	Shamurad Umarov	6-7	330	R-Fr.
RT		74	John Campbell Jr. 🠠	6-6	330	R-Sr.*
-0	r-	66	Dayne Davis 😃	6-7	333	R-Sr.*
WR	?	5	Bru McCoy 🐠	6-3	230	R-Sr.*
-0	r-	84	Kaleb Webb	6-3	204	R-So.
		10	Mike Matthews	6-1	197	Fr.
WR	?	3	Squirrel White	5-10	167	Jr.
-0	r-	11	Chas Nimrod	6-3	202	R-So.
		14	Braylon Staley	6-0	190	Fr.
WR	2	1	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	6-5	214	Sr.
-0	r-	17	Chris Brazzell II	6-5	200	R-So.
		85	Nathan Leacock	6-3	217	R-Fr.
QB		8	Nico lamaleava	6-6	215	R-Fr.
		13	Gaston Moore 🧶	6-2	212	R-Sr.
		12	Jake Merklinger	6-3	215	Fr.
RB		6	Dylan Sampson	5-11	201	Jr.
		23	Cameron Seldon	6-2	222	So.
-C	r-	18	DeSean Bishop	5-10	200	R-Fr.
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-0	or-	20	Khalifa Keith	6-1	239	So.

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Chris Brazzell II	BRAZ-ull
Arion Carter	air-EE-on
Edrees Farooq	EED-reez FUH-rook
Daevin Hobbs	DAY-vin
Nico lamaleava	ee-ah-MAH-LAY-ah-va
Andre Karić	awn-DRAY KAHR-ich
Khalifa Keith	kah-LEE-fah
Miles Kitselman	KITS-ull-man
Vysen Lang	VIE-sun
Jermod McCoy	JUR-mahd
Jake Merklinger	MURK-ling-ur
Jaxson Moi	MOY (rhymes with boy)
Chas Nimrod	CHAZZ
Keenan Pili	KEE-nan PEE-lee
Matthew Salansky	SUH-lan-skee
Javontez Spraggins	juh-VAWN-tez SPRA-gins
Holden Staes	STAYS
Jeremiah Telander	TEE-lan-dur
Andre Turrentine	TUR-en-tine
Shamurad Umarov	oo-MAH-rawf (goes by Sham)
Tyre West	tie-REE
	Arion Carter Edrees Farooq Daevin Hobbs Nico lamaleava Andre Karić Khalifa Keith Miles Kitselman Vysen Lang Jermod McCoy Jake Merklinger Jaxson Moi Chas Nimrod Keenan Pili Matthew Salansky Javontez Spraggins Holden Staes Jeremiah Telander Andre Turrentine Shamurad Umarov

# **DEFENSE**

LEC	27	James Pearce Jr.	6-5	243	Jr.
-	or- 19	Joshua Josephs	6-3	245	Jr.
-	or- 31	Caleb Herring	6-5	249	So.
_	or- 29	Jordan Ross	6-5	245	Fr.
DT	21	Omari Thomas 🐠	6-4	325	Sr.*
-	or- 10	Elijah Simmons 🐠	6-2	340	R-Sr.*
_	or- 51	Jaxson Moi	6-2	307	Jr.
DT	20	Bryson Eason	6-3	310	R-Sr.
-	or- 55	<b>Omarr Norman-Lott</b>	6-3	315	Sr.
	or- 53	Daevin Hobbs	6-4	300	So.
DE	90	<b>Dominic Bailey</b>	6-3	292	R-Sr.
-	or- 42	Tyre West	6-3	290	Jr.
-(	or- 97	Jayson Jenkins	6-6	281	R-So.
-(	or- 18	Tyree Weathersby	6-5	272	R-Fr.
WL	B 7	Arion Carter	6-1	234	So.
_	or- 8	Kalib Perry	6-3	231	Jr.
ML	B 22	Jeremiah Telander	6-2	238	So.
-(	or- 39	Jalen Smith	6-2	230	R-Fr.
	13	Edwin Spillman	6-1	234	Fr.
CB	1	Rickey Gibson III	6-0	185	So.
-	or- 6	Jalen McMurray	6-0	187	R-Jr.
	25	Kaleb Beasley	6-1	200	Fr.
CB	3	Jermod McCoy	6-0	193	So.
-	or- 24	Jordan Matthews	6-2	182	R-Fr.
	0	William Wright	6-0	198	R-Sr.
STA	AR 5	<b>Christian Harrison</b>	6-1	191	R-So.
	or- 23	Boo Carter	5-11	195	Fr.
S	35	Will Brooks 🐠	6-1	206	R-Sr.
-	or- 14	<b>Christian Charles</b>	6-1	200	R-Jr.
	15	Edrees Farooq	6-0	200	Fr.
S	2	<b>Andre Turrentine</b>	5-11	195	R-Jr.
-	or- 9	<b>Jakobe Thomas</b>	6-2	200	R-Jr.
	12	John Slaughter	6-2	195	So.

# **SPECIALISTS**

PK	90	Max Gilbert	6-0	200	R-Fr.
	94	Josh Turbyville	6-2	209	R-So.
P	98	Jackson Ross	6-3	204	R-So.
	94	Josh Turbyville	6-2	209	R-So.
КО	94	Josh Turbyville	6-2	209	R-So.
	90	Max Gilbert	6-0	200	R-Fr.
LS	47	Matthew Salansky 🐠	5-11	250	R-Sr.*
	48	Bennett Brady	6-1	211	R-So.
Н	98	Jackson Ross	6-3	204	R-So.
KR	23	Cameron Seldon	6-2	222	So.
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-or	- 10	Mike Matthews	6-1	197	Fr.
PR	3	Squirrel White	5-10	167	Jr.
-or	- 3	Jermod McCoy	6-0	193	So.
-or	- 23	Boo Carter	5-11	195	Fr.

<sup>🐠 -</sup> denotes graduated

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes "super" senior who elected to return in 2024

#### SERIES HISTORY vs. MSU

#### 47TH MEETING (UT LEADS 28-16-1\* NCAA, 29-16-1 ON-FIELD)

In Knoxville: 13\*-7-0 (14-7-0 on-field) In Starkville: 5-5-0

In Memphis: 9-4-1 SEC Championship: 1-0

**Biggest Win:** 38 points (59-21, 2003 in Knoxville)

**Biggest Loss:** 48 points (48-0, 1910 in Starkville)

**Longest Winning Streak:** 6 games (1995-2008)

**Longest Losing Streak:** 4 games (1910-20)

Current Streak: Tennessee 1 game

#### AS MISSISSIPPI A&M

1907	Memphis	W	11-4
1910	Starkville	L	0-48
1915	Knoxville	L	0-14
1919	Knoxville	L	0-6
1920	Starkville	L	7-13
1921	Memphis	W	14-7
1922	Memphis	W	31-3
1923	Memphis	W	7-3
1924	Memphis	L	2-7
1925	Knoxville	W	14-9
1926	Starkville	W	33-0
1932	Knoxville	W	31-0
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1933	Knoxville	W	20-0
1934	Knoxville	W	14-0
1948	Knoxville	L	6-21
1949	Knoxville	W	10-0
1950	Starkville	L	0-7
1951	Knoxville	W	14-0
1952	Memphis	W	14-7
1953	Knoxville	L	0-26
1954	Memphis	W	19-7
1955	Knoxville	L	7-13
1957	Knoxville	W	14-9
1958	Memphis	W	13-8
1959	Knoxville	W	22-6
1960	Memphis	Т	0-0
1961	Knoxville	W	17-3
1962	Memphis	L	6-7
1963	Knoxville	L	0-7
1964	Memphis	W	14-13
1971	Memphis	W	10-7
1978	Memphis	L	21-34
1979	Memphis	L	9-28
1986	Knoxville	L	23-27
1987	Starkville	W	38-10
1990	Starkville	W	40-7
1991	Knoxville	W	26-24
1994	Starkville	L	21-24
1995	Knoxville	W	52-14
1998	Atlanta	W	24-14
2002	Starkville	W	35-17
2003	Knoxville	W	59-21
2007	Starkville	W	33-21
2008	Knoxville	W	34-3
2012	Starkville	L	31-41
2019	Knoxville	W*	20-10

denotes win vacated by NCAA Committee on infractions ruling in July 2023

#### TOP PERFORMANCES vs. MSU

#### PASSING

**300-Yard Passing Games:** 2, last 342, Casey Clausen, 2003

Most Passing Yards: 342, Casey Clausen, 2003

Most Passing Attempts: 41, Andy Kelly, 1991

**Most Passing Completions:** 27, Andy Kelly, 1991

Most Passing TDs: 5, Casey Clausen, 2003 Longest Pass: 76, Peyton Manning to Jones, 1994

#### RUSHING

**100-Yard Rushing Games:** 8, last 149, Cedric Houston, 2002

**200-Yard Rushing Games:** 1, 248, Tony Thompson, 1990

**Most Rushing Yards**: 248, Tony Thompson, 1990

Most Rushing Yards in a Half (1): 200, Tony Thompson, 1990

**Longest Rush:** 80 yards (2x), last Tony Thompson, 1990

Most Rushes: 34, William Howard, 1986 Most Rushing TDs: 3, William Howard, 1986

#### RECEIVING

**Most Receiving Yards:** 186, Lucas Taylor, 2007

**Most Receptions:** 11, Lucas Taylor, 2007

Most Receiving TDs: 3, Chris Hannon, 2003

**Longest Reception:** 76 yards, Jones, 1994

#### **DEFENSE**

Most Tackles: 21, A.J. Johnson, 2012

#### RETURNS

**Longest Kickoff Return:** 98 yards, Cordarrelle Patterson, 2012

### NOTING THE TENNESSEE-MISSISSIPPI STATE SERIES

- Tennessee and Mississippi State are meeting for the 47th time with the Vols holding a 29-16-1 mark on the field and a 28-16-1 NCAA record. (*Note: The 2019 win in Knoxville during Jeremy Pruitt's tenure was vacated by the NCAA COI.*)
- This is just the third meeting between the two teams in the last 15 years and just the second in Knoxville in the last 15 years. It's only the 22nd meeting all-time in Knoxville. The two times routinely played in Memphis from 1907-79.
- The Vols won the last meeting on the field in Neyland Stadium, 20-10, on Oct. 12, 2019, which was then vacated. It's been five years since they last faced off.
- Tennessee has won 10 out of the last 12 meetings on the field, and nine of those victories have come by double-digits.
- Tennessee has won the last five meetings on the field in Neyland Stadium. Mississippi State's last win in Neyland was on Sept. 21, 1991, by a score of 26-24. The matchup of ranked teams featured Johnny Majors vs. Rockey Felker.
- •Tennessee head coach **Josh Heupel** has never faced Mississippi State as a head coach, assistant coach or player. Heupel was recruited by the late Bulldogs coach Mike Leach when Leach was offensive coordinator at Oklahoma in 1998.
- Josh Heupel and Mississippi State head coach Jeff Lebby coached together at UCF from 2018-19. Lebby was the QB coach in 2018 and the QB coach/OC in 2019. Lebby also worked on that UCF staff that included Alec Abeln (GA), Glen Elarbee (OL), Joey Halzle (analyst) and Willie Martinez (secondary). The Knights went 22-4 during those two seasons, including a 2018 Fiesta Bowl appearance. Lebby was also a student assistant when Heupel was at Oklahoma from 2002-06.
- Mississippi State running backs coach Anthony Tucker served as the running backs coach at UCF under **Josh Heupel** from 2018-20. MSU tight ends coach Jon Cooper worked with Heupel as an offensive GA at Utah State (2015), an offensive analyst at Missouri (2016-17) and as the tight ends coach at UCF (2018-19).

MISSISSIPPI STATE

**TENNESSEE** 

A total of 394 miles separate the two schools.

# **STAT COMPARISON**

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CATEGORY	VALUE	SEC (FBS) RANK	VALUE	SEC (FBS) RANK
3rd D Conv. Pct.	0.451	6 (28)	0.410	9 (61)
3rd D Conv. Pct. Defense	0.243	1 (1)	0.470	16 (125)
4th D Conv. Pct.	0.727	2 (14)	0.556	5 (58)
4th D Conv. Pct Defense	0.214	1 (1)	0.692	15 (114)
Blocked Kicks	1	3 (41)	2	1 (17)
Completion Pct.	0.654	5 (29)	0.609	14 (79)
Fewest Penalties P/G	8.00	14 (118)	6.78	7 (91)
Fewest Penalty Yds P/G	67.13	12 (114)	61.33	9 (96)
First Downs Defense	131	3 (9)	216	16 (130)
First Downs Offense	188	5 (39)	197	3 (21)
Fumbles Lost	5	8 (70)	7	12 (108)
Fumbles Recovered	7	4 (14)	4	9 (60)
Kickoff Return Defense	12.25	1(3)	12.33	2 (4)
Kickoff Returns	21.67	5 (43)	25.55	1 (13)
Net Punting	39.42	14 (58)	42.32	8 (16)
Passes Had Intercepted	6	8 (45)	5	5 (29)
Passes Intercepted	7	8 (57)	7	8 (57)
Passing Offense	239.5	10 (61)	255.2	6 (41)
Passing Yds Allowed	181.5	3 (21)	250.1	15 (106)
Passing Yds per Comp.	12.52	9 (49)	13.43	6 (24)
Punt Return Defense	9.58	13 (91)	12.67	16 (114)
Punt Returns	16.53	3 (10)	13.00	4 (22)
Red Zone Defense	0.640	1(3)	0.909	15 (109)
Red Zone Offense	0.810	14 (96)	0.818	12 (89)
Rushing Defense	90.1	2 (6)	211.7	16 (123)
Rushing Offense	234.5	1(7)	143.3	14 (86)
Sacks Allowed	2.25	10 (89)	3.22	14 (122)
Scoring Defense	12.4	2 (5)	34.6	16 (121)
Scoring Offense	38.1	2 (12)	29.1	12 (64)
Tackles for Loss Allowed	5.00	6 (51)	6.78	14 (112)
Team Passing Efficiency	144.55	9 (39)	145.92	8 (37)
Team Passing Effic. Defense	114.25	4 (21)	157.89	16 (125)
Team Sacks	2.25	10 (45)	0.78	16 (131)
Team Tackles for Loss	7.8	4 (9)	3.7	16 (131)
Time of Possession	29:12	10 (87)	26:14	16 (125)
Total Defense	271.6	2 (4)	461.8	16 (127)
Total Offense	474.0	3 (9)	398.6	10 (62)
Turnover Margin	0.38	6 (40)	-0.11	12 (78)
Turnovers Gained	14	6 (34)	11	11 (66)
Turnovers Lost	11	6 (57)	12	8 (67)

## THE LAST MEETING

# MISSISSIPPI STATE 0 3 0 7 10 TENNESSEE 7 3 3 7 20

Oct. 12, 2019 | Neyland Stadium | Knoxville, Tenn. | Attendance: 85,462

#### Tennessee Secures First SEC Win over Mississippi State

**KNOXVILLE, TENN. –** Limiting Mississippi State to a season-low 10 points in the game, Tennessee secured its first SEC victory of the season, winning 20-10 over the Bulldogs Saturday afternoon in Neyland Stadium.

Mississippi State's Kylin Hill came into today's game as the SEC leader in rushing yards with 119.2 yards per game. Tennessee held Hill to just 13 rushing yards, the lowest amount for the Doak Walker Award Watch List member since Nov. 11, 2017, when he had seven yards against Alabama.

The Vols limited the Bulldogs to just 121 yards on the ground. They came into the matchup ranked fourth in the SEC with 206.2 rushing yards per game.

Senior wide receiver Tyler Byrd secured the Tennessee victory when he caught a pass in the left flat from redshirt junior quarterback Jarrett Guarantano. After getting two blocks, Byrd sprinted 39-yards down the left sideline and into the south endzone to put Tennessee up 20-10 with 2:35 left in the game.

The Tennessee defense sealed the game on Mississippi State's final drive of the game sacking Bulldog quarterback Garrett Shrader three times.

#### **STAT LEADERS**

MISSISSIPPI STATE								
Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.			
Shrader	13	62	0	14	4.8			
Stevens	9	26	0	10	2.9			
Hill	11	13	0	4	1.2			
Payton	1	11	0	11	11.0			
Gibson	2	5	0	4	2.5			
Zuber	1	4	0	4	4.0			
Totals	37	121	0	14	3.3			

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Shrader	5-10-1	79	1	21
Stevens	6-11-2	67	0	19
Totals	11-21-3	146	1	21

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD L	.ong
Mitchell	5	58	0	21
Thomas	3	43	1	18
Guidry	2	36	0	19
Green	1	9	0	9
Totals	11	146	1	21

ENNESSEE								
Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.			
Chandler	16	63	0	15	3.9			
Jordan	19	59	1	15	3.1			
Maurer	3	41	0	23	13.7			
Jennings	1	22	0	22	22.0			
Gray	2	7	0	5	3.5			
<b>Nood-Anders</b>	on 1	5	0	5	5.0			
Геат	1	-2	0	0	-2.0			
Guarantano	1	-5	0	0	-5.0			
Totals	44	190	1	23	4.3			

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long
Guarantano	6-7-0	106	1	41
Maurer	4-7-2	61	0	28
Total	10-14-2	167	1	41

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD L	.ong
Byrd	3	56	1	39
Keyton	1	41	0	41
Wood-Anderson	1	28	0	28
Jennings	3	17	0	15
Palmer	1	16	0	16
Jordan	1	9	0	9
Totals	10	167	1	41

#### **SCORING SUMMARY**

Qtr	Time	Team	Scoring Play	P-Yds.	TOP	Score
1st	04:56	UT	Jordan,T. 15 yd run (Cimaglia,B. kick)	8-60	4:31	0-7
2nd	07:40	MS	Christmann, J. 51 yd field goal	13-59	7:08	3-7
2nd	00:00	UT	Cimaglia,B. 49 yd field goal	4-5	0:59	3-10
3rd	06:12	UT	Cimaglia,B. 22 yd field goal	7-56	3:46	3-13
4th	08:27	MS	Thomas, D. 17 yd pass from Shrader, G. (Christmann, J. kick)	8-90	3:37	10-13
4th	02:35	UT	Byrd,T. 39 yd pass from Guarantano,J. (Cimaglia,B. kick)	9-91	5:44	10-20

## **NATIONAL POLLS**

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS (NOV. 3)**

School	Points	Record
Oregon (62)	1550	9-0
Georgia	1449	7-1
Ohio State	1442	7-1
Miami (FL)	1348	9-0
Texas	1310	7-1
Penn State	1158	7-1
Tennessee	1150	7-1
Indiana	1123	9-0
BYU	1084	8-0
Notre Dame	1066	7-1
Alabama	867	6-2
Boise State	853	7-1
SMU	752	8-1
LSU	707	6-2
Texas A&M	662	7-2
Ole Miss	653	7-2
Iowa State	592	7-1
Army	468	8-0
Clemson	447	6-2
Washington State	351	7-1
Colorado	234	6-2
Kansas State	227	7-2
Pittsburgh	203	7-1
Vanderbilt	130	6-3
Louisville	115	6-3
	Oregon (62) Georgia Ohio State Miami (FL) Texas Penn State Tennessee Indiana BYU Notre Dame Alabama Boise State SMU LSU Texas A&M Ole Miss Iowa State Army Clemson Washington State Colorado Kansas State Pittsburgh Vanderbilt	Oregon (62)         1550           Georgia         1449           Ohio State         1442           Miami (FL)         1348           Texas         1310           Penn State         1158           Tennessee         1150           Indiana         1123           BYU         1084           Notre Dame         1066           Alabama         867           Boise State         853           SMU         752           LSU         707           Texas A&M         662           Ole Miss         653           Iowa State         592           Army         468           Clemson         447           Washington State         351           Colorado         234           Kansas State         227           Pittsburgh         203           Vanderbilt         130

**RV:** Missouri 81, South Carolina 58, Tulane 41, UNLV 9, Lafayette 9, Washington 4, Arizona St. 3, Iowa 2, Texas Tech 2.

#### **AFCA COACHES (NOV. 3)**

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Oregon (53)	1,349	9-0
2	Georgia (1)	1,267	7-1
3	Ohio State	1,245	7-1
4	Miami (FL)	1,194	9-0
2 3 4 5	Texas	1,138	7-1
6	Tennessee	1,039	7-1
7	Penn State	982	7-1
8	Notre Dame	961	7-1
9	BYU	918	8-0
10	Indiana	916	9-0
11	Alabama	772	6-2
12	Ole Miss	657	7-2
13	LSU	653	6-2
14	Boise State	615	7-1
15	SMU	603	8-1
16	Texas A&M	518	7-2
17	Clemson	513	6-2
18	Iowa State	511	7-1
19	Army	404	8-0
20	Washington State	284	7-1
21	Kansas State	201	7-2
22	Missouri	192	6-2
23	Pittsburgh	178	7-1
24	Colorado	124	6-2
25	Vanderbilt	85	6-3

RV: Louisville 38, Tulane 38, South Carolina 33, Louisiana-Lafayette 27, Syracuse 24, Arizona State 17, UNLV 17, Minnesota 14, Iowa 13, Memphis 5, Illinois 3, James Madison 1, Texas Tech 1.

#### **VOLS IN THE POLLS WEEK-BY-WEEK**

Week	ΑP	Coaches	CFP
Preseason	15	15	
Week 2 (9/3)	14	12	
Week 3 (9/8)	7	9	
Week 4 (9/15)	6	7	
Week 5 (9/22)	5	6	
Week 6 (9/29)	4	4	
Week 7 (10/6)	8	9	
Week 8 (10/13)	11	10	
Week 9 (10/20)	7	8	
Week 10 (10/27)	7	7	
Week 11 (11/3)	7	6	TBD

The first College Football Playoff Rankings will be announced on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. ET.



# **2024 HONORS**

#### **Head Coach Josh Heupel**

- Dodd Trophy Midseason Watch List
- Bear Bryant Coach of the Year Watch List
- Bear Bryant National Coach of the Week (Week 4)
- Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week (Week 7)

#### **Defensive Coordinator Tim Banks**

• 247Sports SEC Coordinator of the Week (vs. Alabama, 10/19)

#### **Offensive Line**

• Joe Moore Award Midseason Honor Roll

#### Chris Brazzell II, WR, R-So.

• Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

#### Will Brooks, DB, R-Sr.

• Burlsworth Trophy Walk-On of the Week (vs. Alabama, 10/22)

#### John Campbell Jr., OL, R-Sr.

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- · Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

#### Boo Carter, DB, Fr.

- Shaun Alexander Award Watch List
- On3 True Freshman Preseason All-American
- SEC Freshman of the Week (vs. Florida, 10/14)

#### Bryson Eason, DL, R-Sr.

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

#### Max Gilbert, PK, R-So.

 SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/23)

#### Nico Iamaleava, QB, R-Fr.

- SEC Freshman of the Week (vs. Chattanooga, 9/2; vs. NC State, 9/9; at Oklahoma, 9/23)
- Manning Award QB of the Week (vs. NC State, 9/11)
- Maxwell Award Watch List
- Shaun Alexander Award Watch List
- Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Watch List
- ESPN.com College Football Top 100 Player (No. 92)

#### Joshua Josephs, DL, Jr.

 SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/23)

#### Lance Heard, OL, So.

Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)

#### Cooper Mays, C, Sr.

- SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. NC State, 9/9; vs. Alabama, 10/21)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- First-Team All-American (Walter Camp)
- Second-Team All-American (AP, ESPN, Phil Steele)
- First-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Athlon, Phil Steele)
- Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

#### Bru McCoy, WR, R-Sr.

- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- AFCA Good Works Team Nominee
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- Witten Award Semifinalist

## **NOTEBOOK**

#### **NICO TIME**

- RS-Fr. **Nico Iamaleava** takes the reins at quarterback for Tennessee in 2024. The former five-star recruit from Long Beach, Calif., is making his 10th career start and sixth SEC start this weekend. Iamaleava is 8-1 with five home victories, a road win at then-No. 15/13 Oklahoma and two neutral site wins (Citrus Bowl, Duke's Mayo Classic). Four of his eight wins have come vs. ranked opponents at the time of the meeting (No. 20 Iowa, No. 24 NC State, at No. 15/13 Oklahoma, No. 7 Alabama).
- Tennessee has outscored opponents 340-99 in **lamaleava's** nine starts dating back to the 2024 Citrus Bowl.
- lamaleava, the MVP of the 2024 Citrus Bowl in his first start, became the first Vol freshman quarterback to win a bowl game since Peyton Manning beat Virginia Tech in the 1994 Gator Bowl.
- **Iamaleava** has already three times been named SEC Freshman of the Week, doing so vs. Chattanooga, NC State and Oklahoma. He's already tied the school record for SEC Freshman of the Week honors set by Tyler Bray, who won it three times in a four-week span during the 2010 campaign.
- **lamaleava** set a UT record for most passing yards in a half with 314 in his first home start vs. Chattanooga, topping the previous record of 313 by Tyler Bray in the first half vs. Troy on Nov. 3, 2012. It marked the fourth 300-yard passing total in a half in UT history. lamaleava connected on his first 10 passes, and he finished 22-of-28 with three touchdowns and no picks in only one half of work.
- A week later in the Duke's Mayo Classic vs. NC State, **lamaleava** earned SEC Freshman of the Week with 276 yards of total offense and three touchdowns.
- At No. 15/13 Oklahoma on Sept. 21, lamaleava completed 13-of-21 passes for 194 yards and one touchdown
  with a career-long 66-yard TD pass to Dont'e Thornton Jr. in the first quarter for his third freshman honor.
- lamaleava became the first UT freshman QB true or redshirt to beat Florida since true freshmen Erik
  Ainge and Brent Schaeffer in 2004. Though Schaeffer started the game, Ainge took the majority of the
  snaps. lamaleava also became the first UT freshman QB true or redshirt to defeat Alabama since Ainge
  in 2004 (17-13).
- lamaleava has guided the Vols to three straight second-half comeback victories. He is a combined 29-of-47 (61.7 percent) for 287 yards and two touchdown passes in the second half/OT of the last three games combined (Florida, Alabama, Kentucky).
- lamaleava delivered the best pure passing game of his young career last time out vs. Kentucky, finishing with career highs in completions (28) and attempts (38) for 292 yards and a touchdown. The 28 completions tied for the most by a UT QB in the **Josh Heupel** era (2021-present), matching the 28 Joe Milton III had vs. Alabama last season.

#### **DEFENDING NEYLAND STADIUM**

- Neyland Stadium has returned as one of the toughest places to play in the country under head coach Josh Heupel.
- Tennessee owns a 23-4 record in Neyland Stadium under **Heupel** and has won 18 of its last 19 games it has played there with the only loss during that span coming to top-ranked Georgia.
- The Vols have outscored opponents 1,176-506 in Neyland in the Heupel era. 18 of those 23 victories have come by double-digits.
- The Vols were a combined 13-1 in the two previous seasons in Neyland Stadium (2022-23). That was the highest two-year win total in Neyland since winning 13 from 1998-99.
- The Vols' 18 home wins since the start of the 2022 season are tied for third in the nation during that span. That .947 win percentage since 2022 is tied for third-best in the nation behind only 19-0 Washington and 16-0 Georgia.
- Entering the Mississippi State night tilt, Tennessee has won nine straight night games in Neyland Stadium and six straight overall.
- This weekend, Tennessee is seeking to secure a perfect SEC home record for the second time in three years.
   The Vols were 4-0 in 2022, 3-1 in 2023, and they are 3-0 this season. They are 10-1 in SEC games at home since the start of the 2022 campaign.

#### **NINE STRAIGHT GAMES OF HOLDING OPPONENTS UNDER 20 POINTS**

- Tennessee has issued 99 combined points this season through eight games. That is the fewest point total through the first eight games of a UT season since giving up 66 in 1972: 34-3 Georgia Tech, 28-21 Penn State, 45-6 Wake Forest, 6-10 Auburn, 38-7 Memphis, 10-17 Alabama, 34-2 Hawaii and 14-0 Georgia. Bill Battle was in his third season as head coach that year.
- The 99 points allowed by the Vols this season are the fifth-fewest in the FBS and second-fewest in the SEC. Texas tops the SEC at 92, which is second in the FBS.
- Tennessee has held opponents to under 20 points in nine straight games dating back to last season's 35-0 Citrus Bowl shutout of lowa.
- The Vols have held opponents to under 20 points in the first eight games of a season for the first time since 1966. That year, all 11 opponents were held under 20. They are the fifth SEC team to achieve that feat since 2000, joining 2003 LSU, 2011 Alabama, 2012 Alabama and 2021 Georgia. All four of those previous teams won the national title

#### 2024 Tennessee Scoring Defense

Opp. Avg. Entering Game	Total	Difference
38.0	10	-28.0
33.7	15	-18.7
35.8	19	-16.8
30.2	17	-13.2
41.7	17	-24.7
19.1	18	-1.1
	38.0 33.7 35.8 30.2 41.7	38.0     10       33.7     15       35.8     19       30.2     17       41.7     17

# 2024 HONORS (cont.)

#### Jermod McCoy, DB, So.

- Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist
- Thorpe Award National Defensive Back of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/24)

#### Jaxson Moi, DL, Jr.

· Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Watch List

#### Omarr Norman-Lott, DT, Sr.

- · Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

#### James Pearce Jr., DE, Jr.

- Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List
- · Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- Lott Trophy Watch List
- · Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- First-Team All-American (AP, The Athletic, Athlon, ESPN, Phil Steele, Walter Camp)
- First-Team All-SEC (Athlon, Coaches, Media, Phil Steele, Walter Camp)
- ESPN.com College Football Top 100 (1)
- SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Florida, 10/14)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Co-Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Florida)

#### Keenan Pili, LB, Sr.

- NFF Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Watch List
- Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)

Jackson Ross, P, So.
• Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

#### Dylan Sampson, RB, Jr.

- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Midseason Watch List Third-Team All-SEC (Athlon, Coaches)
- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- SEC Offensive Player of the Week (vs.
- Alabama, 10/21)

#### Javontez Spraggins, OL, Sr.

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Third-Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

#### Omari Thomas, DL, Sr.

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- · Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

#### Squirrel White, WR, Jr.

- Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- Third-Team All-SEC (Athlon, Coaches)

SEC Weekly Honors earned in the Josh Heupel era (2021-present)

SEC Weekly Honors earned this season

### NOTEBOOK

#### D-SAMP: THE SEC'S BEST RUNNING BACK, UT SINGLE-SEASON TD RECORD HOLDER

- Jr. Dylan Sampson has proven to be the best running back in the SEC and one of the best in the nation through eight games:
  - Rushing TDs: 19 (1st in SEC, 2nd in FBS behind Boise State's Ashton Jeanty 20)
  - Rushing Yds: 980 (1st in SEC, 9th in FBS)
  - Rushing Yds Per Game: 122.5 (1st in SEC, 8th in FBS)
  - All-Purpose Yards: 1,077 (1st in SEC, 16th in FBS)
  - All-Purpose Yards Per Game: 134.6 (2nd in SEC, 13th in FBS)
  - 100-Yard Rushing Games: 7 (1st in SEC, t1st in FBS)
  - Scoring: 14.3 (1st in SEC, 3rd in FBS)
  - Total Points Scored: 114 (1st in SEC, 3rd in FBS)
- What's even more impressive is Sampson has done this in just 28 quarters this season. He did not play in the second half vs. Chattanooga and Kent State with the games already secured.
- Sampson owns 11 career 100-yard rushing games, and he's done it in seven out of the first eight games this season. He was eight yards shy of hitting the mark vs. Oklahoma on Sept. 21.

#### UT Career 100-Yard Rushing Games

- 1. Travis Henry (1997-2000) 15
- 2. Jay Graham (1993-96) 14
- 3. Jamal Lewis (1997-99) 13 Johnnie Jones (1981-84) - 13
- 5. Dylan Sampson (2022-pres.) 11

Jalen Hurd (2014-16) - 11

**UT Single-Season 100-Yard Rushing Games** 

1. Jay Graham (1995) - 11

2. Dylan Sampson (2024) - 7

Travis Stephens (2001) - 7 Jamal Lewis (1997) - 7

Chuck Webb (1989) - 7

- Sampson's seven 100-yard rushing games this season are tied for the second-most in UT single-season annals. Jay Graham (1995) holds the school record with 11. This is the second consecutive year a Tennessee player has six or more 100-yard rushing games, as Jaylen Wright did so in 2023, after none did so the prior seven seasons (2016-22).
- Sampson has registered multi-touchdown rushing games in seven out of his eight games this season, and the Baton Rouge native has scored at least one rushing touchdown in eight straight games. Only one other player in school history has ever produced eight straight games with a rushing touchdown, and it happened over the course of two seasons. Jimmy Wade did it in eight straight games from Oct. 24, 1953 (Louisville; final seven games of 1953) to Sept. 25, 1954 (Mississippi State, first game of 1954). Sampson is the first UT player to do it in eight straight games in the same season.
- Sampson has seven outings this season with multiple rushing touchdowns after no other Vol this century (2000-24) had even five in a single campaign. He is the second player in school history with at least seven games in a single season with multiple rushing touchdowns, joining Reggie Cobb, who had eight
- · According to PFF, 566 of Sampson's 980 rushing yards have come after contact. He had 57 vs. Chattanooga, 98 vs. NC State, 56 vs. Kent State, 67 vs. Oklahoma, 52 at Arkansas, 95 vs. Florida, 64 vs. Alabama and 77 vs. Kentucky.
- Sampson put up a historic first half vs. Kent State on Sept. 14, scoring four rushing touchdowns while carrying the ball 13 times for 101 yards. The four rushing TDs tied the single-game school record for the modern era (since 1937) with six other players, most recently John Kelly, who had four rushing TDs vs. Georgia Tech on Sept. 4, 2017 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Sampson was the first Vol to accomplish the feat in a single half in the modern era. Prior to the modern era, Gene McEver had four rushing scores in the second half against South Carolina in 1929.
- · Sampson is 20 yards away from hitting the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the season. He would become the second straight Vol to achieve that feat as Jaylen Wright, now with the Miami Dolphins, had 1,013 last season. The last time Tennessee produced back-to-back individual 1,000-yard rushing seasons was Montario Hardesty in 2009 (1,345) and Tauren Poole in 2010 (1,034).
- Sampson's numbers are even better in SEC play. In conference-only games (5), Sampson is averaging an SEC-best 124.6 yards per game on the ground. He's rushed for 623 yards on 126 carries with a leaguebest 10 touchdowns in those games.
- Sampson led Tennessee to a comeback victory over Florida on Oct. 12. He rushed for 112 yards on 27 carries with three touchdowns - all in the second half. His 1-yard plunge in overtime gave the Vols the walkoff winner.
- Sampson was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week for the first time in his career after 139 rushing yards on 26 carries and two third-quarter touchdowns to help lift the Vols past No. 7 Alabama on the Third Saturday in October.
- Sampson continued his historic run as he rushed for a career-best 142 yards on a career-high-tying 27 carries with two touchdowns to lead the Vols past Kentucky on Nov. 2.
- Sampson's SEC-leading 114 points scored this season is sixth in UT single-season history. Sampson, Gene McEver (school-record 130 in 1929) and Reggie Cobb (120 in 1987) are the only non-kickers in the school single-season top 10 in the category.
- Sampson shattered a 95-year-old UT single season record for rushing touchdowns on Nov. 2 vs. Kentucky in remarkably his eighth game of the season. Sampson scored twice, lifting his school record to 19 and surpassing that of the 18 set by All-American Gene McEver in 1929. McEver hit that mark in 10 games.
- Sampson's 19 rushing touchdowns are tied for 10th in SEC single-season history and are the most by an SEC player in a season since Alabama's Najee Harris produced 26 in 2020. Sampson is in a six-way tie for No. 10 on the SEC's single-season leaderboard. He has matched Kentucky's Benny Snell Jr. (2017), Mississippi State's Vick Ballard (2010), LSU's LaBrandon Toefield (2001), Alabama's Shaun Alexander (1999) and Georgia's Garrison Hearst (1992).
- Sampson's 19 rushing touchdowns through eight games are the most by a player in SEC history. Najee Harris (2021) and Trent Richardson (2011) were the previous bests with 17.

# **VOL TRENDS**

		HEUP	
	2024	AT UT	STK
August	1-0	1-0	W1
September	3-0	13-3	W5
October	2-1	10-4	W2
November	1-0	8-5	W2
December	0-0	1-1	W1
vs. above .500 (time of game)	4-1	16-12	W2
vs. below .500 (time of game)	2-0	10-0	W11
vs. at .500 (time of game)	1-0	7-1	W2
SEC at home	3-0	12-3	W4
SEC on road	1-1	6-8	L1
in Orange J/White P	2-0	15-1	W4
in Orange J/Orange P	1-0	6-1	W5
in White J/White P	2-0	6-5	W3
in White J/Orange P	0-1	1-4	L3
in Dark Mode	1-0	4-1	W3
in Smokey Grey	1-0	3-0	W3

#### **UT vs. Non-Conference Opponents**

overall	3-0	16-2	W13
at home	2-0	11-1	W10
on the road	0-0	1-1	W1
neutral	1-0	4-1	W4

#### **UT Record In Games ...**

decided by 7 pts or less	2-1	8-4	W2
decided by 3 pts or less	0-0	2-1	W1
Home during the day	2-0	13-2	W3
Home at night	3-0	10-2	W9
Road during the day	0-0	3-3	L3
Road at night	1-1	4-5	L1

#### UT Record When ...

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scoring first	4-0	28-7	W6
opponent scores first	3-1	6-6	W3
leading after the 1st quarter	4-0	26-6	W7
trailing after the 1st quarter	2-1	3-6	W2
tied after the 1st quarter	1-0	5-1	W2
leading at halftime	4-0	30-1	W7
trailing at halftime	3-1	4-12	W3
tied at halftime	0-0	0-0	L6
halftime lead/deficit 4 pts	1-1	3-2	W1
leading after the 3rd quarter	6-1	32-2	W2
trailing after the 3rd quarter	0-0	1-11	L6
tied after the 3rd quarter	1-0	1-0	W1
3rd qtr lead/deficit 4 pts	2-1	4-3	W2
tied after 4th quarter/OT	1-0	2-1	W2
turnover margin even	3-1	9-4	W1
turnover margin +1 or better	3-0	19-4	W4
turnover margin +2 or better	1-0	11-1	W8
turnover margin +3 or better	0-0	4-0	W8
turnover margin -1 or worse	1-0	6-5	W2
turnover margin -2 or worse	0-0	1-3	L3
turnover margin -3 or worse	0-0	0-1	L1
scoring less than 20 pts	0-1	0-7	L13
scoring 20 or more pts	7-0	34-5	W11
scoring 25 or more pts	5-0	31-4	W15
allowing 14 or fewer pts	3-0	17-0	W35
allowing 25 or fewer pts	7-1	28-1	W3
allowing 30 or more pts	0-0	3-11	L5

#### UT Record With ...

less than 300 yds total offense	0-0	0-2	L6
300+ yds total offense	7-1	34-11	W3
400+ yds total offense	5-0	29-5	W8
500+ yds total offense	2-0	15-2	W6
600+ yds total offense	2-0	8-1	W7
less than 100 yds rushing	0-0	1-4	L2
100+ yds rushing	6-1	32-9	W3
150+ yds rushing	5-1	29-4	W2
200+ yds rushing	4-0	25-2	W19
250+ yds rushing	2-0	13-1	W9
less than 200 yds passing	3-1	8-3	W2
less than 300 yds passing	6-1	22-10	W3
300+ yds passing	1-0	12-3	W3
350+ yds passing	1-0	8-2	W3
400+ vds passing	1-0	5-0	W6

### **NOTEBOOK**

#### **SEC Single-Season Rushing Touchdowns**

- 1. Derrick Henry, Alabama (2015) 28
- 6. Trent Richardson, Alabama (2011) 21 Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M (2012) - 21
- 8. Cam Newton, Auburn (2010) 20
- Alex Collins, Arkansas (2015) 20

  10. Dylan Sampson, Tennessee (2024) 19

five others - 19

 Sampson has played in 30 career games and has scored an incredible 32 rushing touchdowns already -33 total touchdowns including one receiving. With two vs. Kentucky, he vaulted into a tie for third in UT career history.

**UT Single-Season Rushing Touchdowns** 

#### **UT Career Rushing Touchdowns**

 1. Gene McEver (1928-31) - 37
 1. Dylan Sampson (2024) - 19

 2. James Stewart (1991-94) - 35
 2. Gene McEver (1929) - 18

 3. Dylan Sampson (2022-pres.) - 32
 3. Reggie Cobb (1987) - 17

 Joshua Dobbs (2013-16) - 32
 4. Tony Thompson (1990) - 16

• **Sampson** is two touchdowns away from tying the UT single-season touchdown record set by Gene McEver in 1929, who produced 21.

#### **UT Single-Season Touchdowns Scored**

- 1. Gene McEver (1929) 21 (18 rush, 2 receiving, 1 kickoff return)
- 2. Reggie Cobb (1987) 20 (17 rush, 3 receiving)
- 3. Dylan Sampson (2024) 19 (19 rush)

#### **DEFENSIVE HARD STOP RATE IS BEST IN NATION**

Tennessee's defensive hard stop percentage is the best in the FBS per Sports Source Analytics. The Vols
have forced a turnover, created a three-and-out or made a fourth-down stop an average of 7.6 times per
game vs. FBS competition. 58.2 percent of opponents' possessions have resulted in above (doesn't include
Chattanooga opener - FCS).

Hard Stops Per Game vs. FBS Teams

### Hard Stop % vs. FBS Competition

 1. Tennessee - 58.2
 1. Tennessee - 7.6

 2. Indiana - 57.5
 2. James Madison - 7.3

 3. James Madison - 57.3
 3. UTSA - 6.9

#### **GOAL LINE DEFENSE TURNOVERS FORCED**

 Tennessee's defense has pulled off the remarkable feat of forcing a goal line turnover in three out of its last five games, including back-to-back contests vs. rivals Florida and Alabama. The three turnovers prevented touchdowns.

Date	Opponent	Situation	Result
9/21/24	at Oklahoma	1st and G at 5-yard line (13:49 2Q)	Jakobe Thomas fumble recovery
10/12/24	Florida	1st and G at 1-yard line (3:19 2Q)	James Pearce Jr. forced fumble, recovery
10/19/24	Alabama	2nd and G at 3-yard line (3:54 1Q)	Jermod McCoy interception in endzone

#### **VOLS AMONG THE NATION'S BEST IN ONE-TD GAMES**

- Tennessee has proven to be among the nation's best in tight games. The Vols are 7-1 in one-touchdown games (decided by 8 points or less) since the start of the 2022 season, and UT added to that total in back-to-back weeks with a 23-17 overtime victory over Florida on Oct. 12 and a 24-17 comeback win over No. 7 Alabama on Oct. 19.
- The Vols' only loss during that span was at Arkansas on Oct. 5. Of those seven wins, four have come vs. ranked teams #17 Pitt (2022), #20 Florida (2022), #3/1 Alabama (2022) and #7/7 Alabama (2024). The other three were vs. Kentucky (2023), Texas A&M (2023) and Florida (2024).
- The 87.50 win percentage for Tennessee in one-score games since the start of the 2022 season is the best in the SEC and third-best in the FBS Coastal Carolina (10-1, 90.91); Michigan (8-1, 88.89) (min. three one-score games played).

#### **RACKING UP NEGATIVE PLAYS DEFENSIVELY**

- **Tim Banks** is in his fourth season as defensive coordinator for the Vols, and he has established an attacking identity of creating negative plays.
- Tennessee has racked up 359.0 tackles for loss under Banks (7.64 per game since start of 2021 season). The Vols have finished in the top 15 nationally and top two in the SEC in all three previous seasons under Banks. Three out of the 12 highest tackle-for-loss seasons in Tennessee history have occurred under Banks' watch: 2021 (fifth 102), 2022 (12th 94) and (seventh 101).
- This season, Tennessee ranks fourth in the SEC and ninth in the FBS with 7.8 tackles for loss per game. The Vols' 62.0 total tackles for loss is fifth in the SEC and 13th in the FBS.
- 22 times in the **Tim Banks/Josh Heupel** era have the Vols registered at least three sacks in a game, and they are 20-2 in those contests when doing so with the only losses coming at Alabama on Oct. 21, 2023, and at Mizzou on Nov. 11, 2023. The Vols had three sacks vs. NC State in Week 2, three in the win at Oklahoma on Sept. 21, three in the overtime victory over Florida on Oct. 12 and three in the comeback win over Alabama on Oct. 19.
- The Vols have tallied double-digit tackles for loss in a game under **Banks** 13 times, including most recently with 12.0 for 46 yards vs. Florida on Oct. 12. Tennessee had nine vs. Alabama this season.

# ON THIS DAY...

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THE RECORD: 9-7-1 NCAA, 10-7-1 On-Field THE STREAK: W1 LAST TIME: 2019, Tennessee defeated Kentucky,

#### **DID YOU KNOW:**

This is Tennessee's fourth game on this date since 2000. It's the first time that the Vols have played Mississippi State on this date.

# **VOLS IN THE NFL (37)**

TEAM	POS.	YR.
Falcons	S	3
Texans	DE	8
Raiders	DT	3
Buccaneer	s WR	4
Chargers	TE	1
Titans	LS	15
49ers	QB	8
Cowboys	TE	2
Packers	DB	1
Lions	QB	2
Giants	WR	2
Vikings	DB	3
49ers	WR	4
Titans	CB	1
Giants	FB	7
Jaguars	WR	3
Saints	RB	8
Raiders	WR	1
Panthers	OL	3
Rams	DB	1
Patriots	QB	1
Lions	CB	7
Chargers	WR	4
Steelers	RB	12
Lions	LB	8
Titans	RB	1
Chiefs	OL	4
Steelers	CB	8
Saints	DB	3
Bears	OLB	4
Browns	WR	2
Panthers	DL	6
Saints	DT	5
Seahawks	DB/RS	1
Bears	OL	2
Dolphins	RB	1
Rams	DE	2
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- \* denotes practice squad
- ^ denotes IR

#### NOTEBOOK

- This season, 27 different players have at least 0.5 tackle for loss and 19 have multiple TFLs. DE James
  Pearce Jr. leads the way with 6.5 tackles for loss, and he is tops on the team in sacks with 4.5 for a loss
  of 34 yards.
- Pearce Jr. is a preseason first-team All-American and has been dominant in four straight games against Arkansas, Florida, Alabama and Kentucky. He registered a career-best nine tackles at Arkansas with two TFLs. In the win over Florida, Pearce had seven tackles, 0.5 sacks, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. With Florida at the Tennessee 1-yard line looking to extend its lead to double digits, Pearce Jr. forced Florida QB Graham Mertz to fumble at the goal line, and then Pearce recovered that fumble to keep the Gators out of the endzone. It proved to be the difference in the game. Pearce Jr. was named SEC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week for his efforts. Pearce had 1.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in the win against Alabama, including a sack of Jalen Milroe in the fourth guarter.
- **Pearce Jr.** has collected at least a half tackle for loss in five straight games. He's registered a combined 5.5 sacks and 6.0 tackles for loss in the last five games. According to PFF, Pearce has tallied 36 total pressures this season, which is sixth among edge rushers and leads the SEC. He had a season-high 10 total pressures in the win against Alabama.
- To illustrate the Vols' outstanding depth on the defensive line, 12 players were part of the rotation at Oklahoma. 11 of those 12 made a tackle, including five with at least 0.5 tackle for loss. Nine players recorded at least a half tackle for loss at Arkansas on Oct. 5, 12 different players registered at least 0.5 tackles for loss in the win over Florida on Oct. 12 and nine had at least 0.5 tackles for loss vs. Alabama.

#### NOTING THE OFFENSIVE LINE

- Tennessee's offensive line is coming off back-to-back seasons of being a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award. The Vols joined Oregon, Georgia and Michigan as the only schools to be named semifinalists in 2022 and 2023.
- On Oct. 10, Tennessee was named to the 2024 Joe Moore Award Midseason Honor Roll. The Vols' offensive line was one of four SEC schools to make the cut, joining Alabama, LSU and Texas. Tennessee was one of 22 programs on the list, which recognizes the top offensive lines in college football.
- Four of the five starters on last year's line returned in 2024 headlined by preseason All-American center
   Cooper Mays (fifth year). He's joined by tackle John Campbell Jr. (seventh collegiate year, second at UT),
   right guard Javontez Spraggins (fifth year). Andrej Karic (fifth collegiate year, second at UT) and Jackson
   Lampley (sixth year) started at guard in 2023. Karic, a Texas transfer, returned from injury and missed the
   final eight games of the 2023 season.
- The Vols brought in former five-star recruit **Lance Heard** to play offensive tackle. Heard joined the squad in January and was an SEC All-Freshman selection at LSU last season. He saw action on 195 offensive snaps and did not allow a sack. He was considered the second-highest ranked offensive tackle in the portal. Heard missed the Kent State and Oklahoma games due to injury but returned vs. Arkansas.
- UT's 2024 offensive line has combined for 153 collegiate starts led by guard Javontez Spraggins' 45.
- Mays has twice earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors this season, doing so following the
  Vols' dominant 51-10 win over NC State on Sept. 7 and the 24-17 win over Alabama on Oct. 19. Mays has
  not allowed a sack in 21 straight games. Eleven times in the Josh Heupel era someone has earned SEC
  Offensive Lineman of the Week, including three times by Mays.

#### **SPECIAL TEAMS COVERAGE SUCCESS**

- Tennessee has thrived on special teams under coordinator **Mike Ekeler**, who is in his fourth season with the program.
- The Vols have returned at least one punt <u>OR</u> one kickoff for a touchdown in all three previous seasons under Ekeler and **Josh Heupel**: Dee Williams (2023 PR vs. Texas A&M), Dee Williams (2022 PR at Vanderbilt) and Velus Jones Jr. (2021 KR vs. South Alabama).
- Tennessee has ranked either first or second in the SEC in punt return average in all three of Ekeler's
  previous seasons, and the Vols have been first in the league in punt return defense in two out of his three
  previous years. The Vols are currently third in the SEC in punt return average in 2024, putting up 16.5 yards
  per return, which is also 10th in the FBS.
- Under Ekeler, the Vols have produced an SEC Special Teams Player of the Year (RS Velus Jones Jr. in 2021), an SEC All-Freshman punter (Jackson Ross in 2023, back in 2024) and the school's all-time career leader in punt return average (Dee Williams 15.4 from 2022-23).
- Tennessee has blocked nine kicks in the Ekeler/Heupel era (2021-present), including six blocked punts. The Vols ranked third in the nation and first in the SEC with four blocked kicks during the 2023 season.
- Tennessee did it again in Week 1 vs. Chattanooga, as true freshman defensive end **Jordan Ross**, making his collegiate debut, blocked a punt and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown with 1:07 left in the fourth quarter. Ross was the first Vol to return a blocked punt for a touchdown since Daniel Bituli returned one 29 yards vs. South Carolina on Oct. 26, 2019.

#### Blocked Kicks/Punts In Josh Heupel Era (2021-pres.) (9 - 6 blocked punts, 2 blocked PAT, 1 blocked FG)

Date	Opponent	Play	Quart
9/11/21	Pittsburgh	Christian Charles blocked punt	1Q
10/23/21	at Alabama	De'Shawn Rucker blocked punt	3Q
10/29/22	Kentucky	Da'Jon Terry blocked PAT	1Q
10/29/22	Kentucky	Kalib Perry blocked punt	2Q
9/16/23	at Florida	Omari Thomas blocked PAT	1Q
9/16/23	at Florida	Bryson Eason blocked 46-yd field goal attempt	1Q
9/23/23	UTSA	Jourdan Thomas blocked punt	1Q
11/25/23	Vanderbilt	Kalib Perry blocked punt	1Q
8/31/24	Chattanooga	Jordan Ross blocked punt, returned 13 yds for TD	4Q



#### **RUSHING DEFENSE GETS IT DONE**

- Since the start of the 2022 season, the Vols are giving up only 106.5 yards per game on the ground, which is eighth in the FBS and third in the SEC during that span.
- The Vols have limited five of their first eight opponents this season under 100 yards rushing, and they have limited opponents to under 100 yards rushing 22 times in the DC **Tim Banks** era (since 2021 season).
- On Sept. 21, Tennessee limited Oklahoma to a season-low 36 yards rushing. It was the fewest rushing yards allowed by UT against an SEC opponent since giving up 19 against Florida during the 2020 season. The 36 rushing yards were the fewest by Oklahoma in a game since registering 15 yards vs. Notre Dame on Oct. 27, 2012.
- On Oct. 19, Alabama entered the game averaging 179.2 yards per game on the ground, but Tennessee held the Tide to 75 yards rushing, 104.2 below their season average.
- In 2024, the Vols are second in the SEC and sixth in the nation in rushing defense, allowing only 90.1 yards per game. Indiana is first at 72.6.
- Opponents are averaging only 2.54 yards per rush against Tennessee in 2024, which is third in the nation behind Ole Miss' 2.28 and Indiana's 2.52.
- Tennessee was 7-0 last season when holding opponents to under 100 yards rushing, and they are 5-0 this season. They have won their last 16 games when holding an opponent to under 100 yards rushing dating back to 2021.

#### 2024 Tennessee Rushing Defense

Opponent	Opp. Avg. Entering Game	Total	Difference
NC State	204.0	39	-165.0
Oklahoma	159.0	36	-123.0
Arkansas	212.0	137	-75.0
Florida	142.6	138	-4.6
Alabama	179.2	75	-104.2
Kentucky	132.4	168	+35.6

#### **BOWL ELIGIBLE FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT SEASON UNDER HEUPEL**

- With the Third Saturday in October victory over Alabama, Tennessee secured bowl eligibility for the fourth consecutive season under Josh Heupel. It's the longest streak of bowl-eligible seasons for the program since making 16 straight bowl appearances from 1989-2004.
- Heupel is the first Tennessee coach since Phillip Fulmer (1993-96) to lead
  the Vols to bowl eligibility in each of his first four seasons. He is the third
  all-time to do it at Tennessee, joining Fulmer and Bill Battle (1970-73). Note:
  Gen. Robert Neyland began his career in the pre-bowl, pre-SEC era, while
  John Barnhill's first four teams produced winning records from 1941-45 but
  did not go to bowls.

#### **FOURTH-QUARTER STRONG**

- Tennessee has either trailed or been tied in the fourth quarter in three of it last four games, and the Vols have responded.
- Tennessee outscored Florida 13-6 in the fourth quarter and overtime period on Oct. 12. The Volunteers outscored Florida by 16 points, 23-7, over the final 18 minutes plus overtime, turning a 10-point deficit into a six-point victory.
- A week later, the Vols outscored Alabama, 24-10, in the second half and 10-7 in the fourth quarter for a 24-17 comeback victory. Tennessee outscored Alabama by 10 points, 17-7, over the final 16 minutes of the contest to turn a three-point deficit into a seven-point win.

#### SCORING ON THE FIRST OFFENSIVE PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE

- Five times during the **Josh Heupel** era (2021-present), Tennessee has scored on its first offensive play from scrimmage to start a game.
- The Vols did it twice in 2023. RB Jaylen Wright was the latest to join the party, bursting through for 75 yards to start the game and put the Vols up 7-0 vs. No. 1 Georgia on Nov. 18, 2023.

#### Scoring on UT's First Offensive Play From Scrimmage In Josh Heupel Era

Date	Opponent	Play	Result
9/11/21	Pittsburgh	Jabari Small 2-yd TD run following blocked punt	L, 41-34
11/6/21	at Kentucky	JaVonta Payton 75-yd TD reception from H. Hooker	W, 45-42
9/1/22	Ball State	Jalin Hyatt 23-yd TD reception from H. Hooker	W, 59-10
9/23/23	UTSA	Joe Milton III 81-yd TD run	W, 45-14
11/18/23	Georgia	Jaylen Wright 75-yd TD run	L, 38-10

#### **EXPERIENCE, DEPTH MAKE UP 2024 VOLS**

 Head coach Josh Heupel has built a roster full of depth and experience four years into his tenure.  There are 499 combined career starts on this team among 40 players – 269 on offense and 230 on defense. This includes players' time at other FBS schools. In terms of career starts only at Tennessee there are 350 – 207 on offense and 143 on defense.

#### **FAST STARTS IN HEUPEL ERA**

- Tennessee outscores opponents 519-185 in the first quarter under **Josh Heupel**, including 190-51 in 2021, 141-72 in 2022, 110-46 in 2023 and 78-16 this season. The Vols have scored at least one touchdown in the first quarter in 37 of 47 games under Heupel.
- Josh Heupel teams are known for quick starts. In 83 games as a head coach, Heupel's squads have outscored opponents 966-399 in the first quarter (519-185 at UT, 447-214 at UCF). Since 2018, no active Power 4 head coach scores more points per first quarter in a career than Heupel (11.64).
- From 2021-present under Heupel, the Vols are first in the nation in firstquarter scoring at 11.04 points per game. SMU is second at 9.88, and Ole Miss is third at 9.85.
- Heupel's teams have scored at least one touchdown in the first quarter in 70 of the 83 games he has coached.
- In 2024, Tennessee is outscoring opponents an outstanding 78-16 in the first quarter and 156-29 in the first half.
- The Volunteers' eight-game streak of not allowing a first-quarter touchdown, dating back to that Citrus Bowl win, came to an end last game vs. Kentucky. Tennessee entered the weekend as one of three FBS teams-alongside Clemson and Ohio-to not concede one in 2024, but UK got on the board with a touchdown with 5:28 in the first quarter.
- Tennessee has issued only two first-half touchdowns this season. Alabama became the first to do it in Week 7 with a 5-yard pass in the second quarter, and Kentucky was the second on Nov. 2 with a 27-yard pass with 5:28 in the first quarter.
- In total, the Volunteers have conceded just 26 first-half points in their last nine games (four field goals, two touchdowns and two extra points).

#### **TIGHT ENDS THRIVE IN HEUPEL SYSTEM**

- Tennessee's tight ends have been productive under coach Alec Abeln. Vol tight ends have scored at least one receiving touchdown in six out of the last 10 games dating back to last season's Vanderbilt contest. They have combined for eight touchdowns during that 10-game stretch and five this season.
- A new look tight end room features RS-Fr. Ethan Davis, Notre Dame transfer Holden Staes and Alabama transfer Miles Kitselman. Each has caught at least one touchdown this season. Kitselman is tied for the team lead in receiving touchdowns with three.
- The Vols added to that total in the Chattanooga opener when **Davis** caught his first career touchdown pass, a 4-yarder from **Nico Iamaleava**, with 8:34 in the first quarter. In Week 2 vs. NC State, **Kitselman** hauled in a 15-yarder with 10:27 in the third quarter, and **Staes** had an 18-yarder with 8:22 in the fourth quarter. Kitselman added another a week later with a 15-yarder in the second quarter vs. Kent State.
- **Kitselman** had a career-best outing on Nov. 2 vs. Kentucky, reeling in a career-best six catches for a game-and career-high 97 yards, including a six-yard grab with 33 seconds to go in the third quarter. The 97 receiving yards were the most by a Vol tight end in a single game since Mychal Rivera had 129 vs. Missouri on Nov. 10, 2012.
- In 2023, Vol tight ends accounted for 44 receptions for 538 yards and nine touchdowns. The nine TDs were the second-most by a tight end unit in the SEC, behind only Georgia. Tennessee's nine receiving touchdowns by tight ends were the most by a Vol TE unit since the 2007 group caught nine touchdowns.
- Through eight games this season, Tennessee tight ends have combined for 33 catches for 331 yards and five touchdowns.
- In the Josh Heupel era (since 2021), tight ends have accounted for 26 touchdowns 21 receiving and five rushing. From 2018-20, UT tight ends combined for six scores.

#### THORPE SEMIFINALIST MCCOY, BROOKS LEAD SECONDARY

- Tennessee's defensive secondary has been outstanding so far in 2024. The Vols are giving up only 181.5 passing yards per game, which is third in the SEC and 21st in the nation.
- Tennessee is tied for sixth in the nation in fewest touchdown passes allowed this season with six. Texas is first with three allowed.

- The longest pass play that Tennessee has allowed this season was 46 yards by Oklahoma. The Vols have allowed only three pass plays of over 30 yards this season, which is tied for first in the nation and tied for first in the SEC. lowa State and Texas also have three.
- In terms of 40+ yard pass plays, Tennessee has allowed the second-fewest in the nation with one. Iowa State has not allowed any.
- A big part of that success has come from Oregon State transfer cornerback Jermod McCoy, who has been named a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award. He is Tennessee's second under coach Josh Heupel and Willie Martinez, as Trevon Flowers was a semifinalist in 2022. McCoy was named the Jim Thorpe Award National Defensive Back of the Week following the Sept. 21 win at Oklahoma. McCoy registered three tackles, one pass breakup and one interception that he returned 17 yards. According to PFF, McCoy logged 48 coverage snaps and did not allow a completion all night, while registering a 0.0 passer grade.
- McCoy came up huge again in back-to-back weeks, including the overtime win vs. Florida on Oct. 12 and the Alabama win on Oct. 19. He was targeted five times and gave up only one completion vs. the Gators. He had three tackles and provided a key fourth-quarter pass breakup on fourth down that ended a Gator drive. Against rival Alabama, McCoy logged a teamhigh-tying eight tackles (five solo) to go along with 0.5 tackles for loss, one pass breakup and an incredible one-handed interception in the endzone on Alabama star Ryan Williams that prevented a touchdown in the first half. McCoy returned that interception 54 yards.
- Among cornerbacks with over 300 pass coverage snaps this season, McCoy ranks 11th in the nation in coverage grade (85.0) according to PFF. He has allowed only one touchdown in 243 coverage snaps.
- Opponents have targeted McCoy 41 times, and he's allowed only 46.3 percent of those to be completed.
- McCoy ranks tied for fifth in the SEC in passes defended (8), ninth in pass breakups (6), and he is tied for seventh in the SEC in interceptions (2).
- Meanwhile, senior walk-on starting safety Will Brooks leads the Vols and ranks tied for second in the SEC in interceptions with three. The Burlsworth Trophy candidate's 152 interception return yards ranks second in the FBS behind only Navy's Dashaun Peele's 166. All three of Brooks' interceptions have come at critical times and shifted momentum.
- **Brooks** was named the Burlsworth Trophy Walk-On of the Week following the Oct. 19 victory over Alabama. He led all Vols with eight tackles (five solo), two of which saved touchdowns, and added one tackle for loss as the Vols beat the Crimson Tide, 24-17.Brooks iced the game with a diving interception with 1:24 to play, and Tennessee was able to run out the clock for the victory. He also made a critical shoestring tackle in the first quarter on Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe that prevented a long touchdown. According to Pro Football Focus, Brooks was the highest graded defender in the game at 84.1.
- With Tennessee up 14-10 on Kentucky on Nov. 2, Brooks intercepted a pass and returned it 67 yards with 1:11 in the third quarter all the way down to the UK 10-yard line. The Vols scored a touchdown two plays later and eventually put the game away.

#### 13 FIRST-TIME STARTERS IN 2024

- The Vols have produced 13 first-time starters this season, including nine on defense and four on offense.
- Seven players made their first Tennessee starts in the opener vs. Chattanooga on Aug. 31, including three on offense and four on defense. They included: WR Chris Brazzell II (also made eight starts at Tulane), LB Arion Carter, STAR DB Christian Harrison, OL Lance Heard, TE Miles Kitselman, DB Jermod McCoy (five starts at Oregon State) and DB Jalen McMurray (23 starts at Temple).
- During its 51-10 blowout of No. 24/23 NC State on Sept. 7, DE Joshua Josephs and TE Holden Staes earned their first UT starts. Staes had previously started nine games in two seasons at Notre Dame.
- In the 23-17 overtime win over Florida on Oct. 12, three Vols earned their first career starts on defense, including LB Jeremiah Telander, LB Kalib Perry and DE Tyre West as part of UT's 4-3 look.
- True freshman DB **Boo Carter** got his first start at STAR in the 28-18 victory over Kentucky on Nov. 2.
- Tennessee did not have any first-time starters vs. Kent State, Oklahoma, Arkansas or Alabama.

#### **42 MAKE TENNESSEE DEBUT THIS SEASON**

- Thirty-seven players made their Tennessee debuts during the Chattanooga season opener, including 19 true freshmen: DB Kaleb Beasley, DB Colin Brazzell, DB Boo Carter, DB Edrees Farooq, DL Carson Gentle, OL Gage Ginther, DB Marcus Goree Jr., TE Cole Harrison, DL Isaiah Inge, RB Peyton Lewis, DL Kellen Lindstrom, DB Jackson Mathews, QB Jake Merklinger, OL Jesse Perry, DL Jordan Ross, OL William Satterwhite, LB Ryan Scott, LB Grier Short and OL Bennett Warren.
- Twelve transfers saw their first action as Vols in Week 1: DL Mike Bethea II
  (FBS debut), WR Chris Brazzell II, OL Lance Heard, TE Miles Kitselman, DB
  Jermod McCoy, DB Jalen McMurray, DL Jaxson Moi, LB Eli Purcell (FBS
  debut), TE Holden Staes, DB Jakobe Thomas, DL Jamal Wallace (FBS
  debut) and WR Tommy Winton III.
- Additionally, five redshirt freshmen made their collegiate debuts against the Mocs: RB DeSean Bishop, OL Ayden Bussell, PK Max Gilbert, WR Nate Spillman and DL Tyree Weathersby.
- Redshirt junior defensive lineman Tim Amet rounded out UT's 37 players to make their debut on Aug. 31.
- During the Vols' historic 71-0 blanking of Kent State on Sept. 14, five players made their UT debuts, including WR Braylon Harmon, WR Malcolm Kinzer, WR Mike Matthews, WR Braylon Staley and LB Edwin Spillman.

#### MODERN ERA RECORD FOR POINTS IN KENT ST. 71-0 SHUTOUT

- In a 71-0 blanking of Kent State on Sept. 14, Tennessee set modern era school records (since 1937) in total offensive yards (740), points in a game (71), points in a quarter (37 in first quarter), points in a half (65 in first half) and margin of victory (+71).
- Tennessee's 71 points broke the previous modern era top mark of 70 vs.
   UL-Monroe on Sept. 23, 2000 Including games before the modern era, it
   was the 11th time the Volunteers had ever scored 70-plus points in a game
   and the first since tallying 73 on Nov. 9, 1929, versus Carson-Newman, four
   years before Tennessee joined the SEC. The 71 points ranked 10th on the
   program's all-time list, regardless of era.
- The 71 vs. Kent State was the first time an SEC team scored 70-plus points in regulation against an FBS opponent since Ole Miss registered 73 versus Fresno State on Sept. 12, 2015.
- The Vols won by 70-plus points for the 10th time in program history, including the first in the modern era (since 1937).
- Tennessee amassed 740 total yards to set a school record, eclipsing the prior top mark of 724 against Missouri on Nov. 12, 2022. This was the second time in three outings in 2024 the Volunteers had posted 700-plus yards after previously doing so twice all-time. Tennessee had 718 yards, tied for its second-most ever, in its opener against Chattanooga on Aug. 31.
- Four of the top five yardage marks in Tennessee history are in the last three seasons under the direction of **Josh Heupel**. In addition to the three aforementioned games, the Volunteers notched 696 yards versus UT Martin on Oct. 22, 2022.
- The 740 yards by Tennessee against Kent State tied for the 10th-most in SEC history and for the fifth-highest such mark against an FBS foe.
- The Vols led 37-0 after one quarter of play vs. Kent State, setting a new program record for points in a period in the modern era (since 1937). The prior record was 35 in the first quarter against Arkansas on Nov. 11, 2000.
- Tennessee took a 65-0 lead into the halftime break to set a new school modern era (since 1937) record for points in a half. The prior mark, also under **Heupel**, was 52 on Oct. 22, 2022, in the first half versus UT Martin. Previously, the record in said era for points in a half against an FBS team was 49 before the intermission against UL Monroe on Sept. 23, 2000.
- Per ESPN Stats and Info, Tennessee's 65 first-half points vs. Kent State marked the most in a half by any team in at least the last 20 seasons. Tennessee finished 11 points shy of the FBS record for points in a half. The all-time mark is 76 by Houston on Nov. 23, 1968, versus Tulsa.
- The Vols scored 50-plus points in the first three games of a season for the second time in school history and first since 1913. That year, UT beat Carson-Newman 58-0, Athens 95-0 and Maryville 75-0. UT joined 2018 Alabama as the only SEC programs to accomplish the 50-point feat in the AP Poll era.

#### DUKE'S MAYO CLASSIC 51-10 WIN OVER #24/23 NC STATE

• Tennessee earned its ninth win over an AP Top 25 opponent under **Josh Heupel** and its most lopsided win over a ranked foe in the Heupel era by a score of 51-0 vs. NC State on Sept. 7. The 41-point margin of victory was the highest for the Vols against any AP ranked team since defeating No. 9 Florida, 45-3, on Oct. 13, 1990.



- The win marked UT's highest margin of victory against a ranked opponent away from home since downing No. 18 Auburn, 42-0, on the road in Sept. 27. 1980.
- UT's 41-point margin of victory vs. NC State was its third-highest against a ranked opponent in school history since the AP poll began in 1936.
- Tennessee limited the Wolfpack to just 143 yards of total offense (104 passing, 39 rushing) the fewest yards allowed during the Josh Heupel era before breaking that mark a week later vs. Kent State (112).
- NC State's 143 yards of total offense were the fewest allowed by Tennessee against an AP ranked opponent since allowing 110 vs. No. 11 Auburn on Sept. 29, 1973.
- The 249 rushing yards by the Vols were the most allowed by NC State in a regular season game since North Carolina had 300 in November 2021.
   The 460 yards by the UT offense were the most allowed by NC State since Louisiana Tech had 480 on Oct. 2, 2021.

#### IN JOSH HEUPEL'S 82 GAMES AS A HEAD COACH (UCF & UT)

- His teams have scored 30 points 65 times (32 times at Tennessee) and own a 57-8 record when doing so.
- His teams have scored 40 points 43 times (23 times at Tennessee).
- His teams have scored 50 points 23 times (13 times at Tennessee).
- His teams have scored 60 points eight times (seven times at Tennessee).
- His teams have put up 400 yards of total offense in a game 68 times (34 times at Tennessee).
- His teams have put up 500 yards of total offense in a game 38 times (17 times at Tennessee).
- His teams have put up 600 yards of total offense in a game 21 times (nine times at Tennessee).
- His teams have put up 700 yards of total offense in a game four times (three at Tennessee).

#### Games Scoring 30+ Points Since 2018 By Active Head Coach

1. Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma, USC - 69

2. Josh Heupel, UCF, Tennessee - 65

3. Dabo Swinney, Clemson - 63

#### Games Scoring 40+ Points Since 2018 By Active Head Coach

1. Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma, USC - 51

2. Josh Heupel, UCF, Tennessee - 43

3. Dabo Swinney, Clemson - 42

#### **DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN THE TIM BANKS ERA**

- Tennessee has a knack for racking up defensive touchdowns under defensive coordinator Tim Banks.
- This season, the Vols have one as Sr. S **Will Brooks** became the latest to join the party, returning an interception 85 yards for a touchdown to put Tennessee ahead 17-3 with 3:29 remaining in the second quarter vs. NC State on Sept. 7. It was Tennessee's first pick-six of the season and the eighth of the **Josh Heupel/Banks** era. The 85-yard return was the 10th-longest interception return in UT history and longest for the Vols since Daniel Bituli had a 97-yard pick-six at Alabama in 2017.
- Tennessee has tallied nine defensive touchdowns in the DC Tim Banks/HC Josh Heupel era. They are 7-0 when recording a defensive score:

Opponent	Date	Play
Tennessee Tech	9/18/21	Solon Page 31-yd interception return (3Q)
at Kentucky	11/6/21	Alontae Taylor 56-yd interception return (3Q)
Vanderbilt	11/27/21	Theo Jackson 55-yd interception return (1Q)
South Carolina	11/30/23	Kamal Hadden 28-yd interception return (2Q)
UConn	11/4/23	Tyler Baron 24-yd fumble return (2Q)
UConn	11/4/23	Jaylen McCollough 30-yd interception return (3Q)
UConn	11/4/23	Aaron Beasley 39-yard interception return (3Q)
Iowa (Citrus)	1/1/24	James Pearce Jr. 52-yard interception return (4Q)
NC State	9/7/24	Will Brooks 85-yard interception return (2Q)

#### **CLOSING IN ON 2,000 RUSH YARDS FOUR STRAIGHT SEASONS**

- Josh Heupel Tennessee teams have gone over 2,000 rushing yards for three straight seasons and nearing the feat for a fourth straight season. They finished the 2023 campaign with 2,663 yards.
- It was the first time since 1990-94 (five straight seasons) that the Vols produced more than 2,000 rushing yards in at least three straight seasons.
- In six previous seasons as a head coach, Josh Heupel's teams have gone over 2,000 rushing yards all six seasons. His UCF teams rushed for 3,448 in 2018: 2.909 in 2019 and 2.107 during the COVID-shortened season of 2020.

 This season, the Vols are already 124 yards away from 2,000 with 1,876 through eight games. They once again lead the SEC in rushing and rank seventh nationally with 234.5 yards per game.

#### **HEUPEL TIED FOR SEVENTH IN UT ALL-TIME VICTORIES**

- Since the start of the 2018 season when **Josh Heupel** became a head coach, he has won 62 of the 83 games he has coached. That ranks sixth among active FBS head coaches during that span.
- **Heupel** (34-13) is tied with Butch Jones (34-27) for seventh in all-time wins at Tennessee.

#### **All-Time Tennessee Wins**

- 1. Gen. Robert Neyland 173-31-12
- 2. Phillip Fulmer 152-52
- 3. Johnny Majors 116-62-8
- 4. Bill Battle 59-22-2
- 5. Bowden Wvatt 49-29-4
- 6. Doug Dickey 46-15-4

#### 7. Josh Heupel - 34-13

Butch Jones - 34-27

- Of **Heupel's** 34 victories at Tennessee, 11 have come vs. ranked opponents at the time of the meeting. The Vols had only seven ranked wins in the six seasons combined prior to Heupel (2015-20). The 11 ranked wins are third among active FBS head coaches since the start of the 2021 season. They are also the fifth most by a UT coach in AP poll history. Heupel surpassed Bill Battle in the category with the win at Oklahoma on Sept. 21.
- **Heupel** owns a 10-4 record vs. ranked teams since the start of the 2022 season, which is the third-best mark among active FBS coaches in that time frame (*min. at least two games vs. ranked teams*). Heupel also owns four wins over top 10 teams over the past three seasons.
- On Oct. 19, **Heupel** defeated rival Alabama for the second time in three seasons. No other coach in the nation has two victories against the Crimson Tide in the last seven seasons (2018-24).

#### Wins Since Start of 2018 Season Among Active FBS Head Coaches

- 1. Kirby Smart, Georgia 79
- 2. Dabo Swinney, Clemson 75
- 3. Brian Kelly, Notre Dame and LSU 70
- 4. Lincoln Riley, Oklahoma and USC 67
- 5. Luke Fickell, Cincinnati and Wisconsin 65

#### 6. Josh Heupel, UCF and Tennessee - 62

- 7. Ryan Day, Ohio State 59
- 8. James Franklin, Penn State 59
- 9. Kirk Ferentz, Iowa 58

#### Wins Over Ranked Teams By Active FBS Coaches Since Start 2021 Season

- 1. Kirby Smart, Georgia 18
- 2. Kalen DeBoer, Washington and Alabama 14

#### 3. Josh Heupel, Tennessee - 11

- 4. Marcus Freeman, Notre Dame 10
- 5. Dan Lanning, Oregon 9

Steve Sarkisian, Texas - 9

Mike Gundy - 9

#### All-Time Wins vs. AP Ranked Teams at Tennessee

- 1. Phillip Fulmer 40 (17 years)
- 2. Johnny Majors 18 (16 years)
- 3. Gen. Robert Neyland 16 (21 years)
- 4. Bowden Wyatt 12 (8 years)

#### 5. Josh Heupel - 11 (4 years)

- 6. Bill Battle 9 (7 years)
- 7. Doug Dickey 7 (6 years)

#### **GAMES WITH A 100-YARD RECEIVER AND 100-YARD RUSHER**

- Tennessee has produced 23 individual 100-yard receiving games in the Josh Heupel era.
- Seven times in the Heupel era (since 2021) have the Vols produced a 100-yard receiver and 100-yard rusher in the same game. UT added to that total in Week 1 vs. Chattanooga when **Dylan Sampson** (rushing) and **Dont'e Thornton Jr.** (receiving) achieved the feat:

Date	Opponent	Rusher/Receiver	Result
10/9/21	So. Carolina	Evans (119)/Jones Jr. (103)	W, 45-20
11/27/21	Vanderbilt	Wright (112), Small (103)/Tillman (106)	W, 45-21
12/30/21	vs. Purdue	Small (180)/Tillman (150)	L, 48-45

9/24/22	#20 Florida	Hooker (112)/McCoy (102)	W, 38-33
10/8/22	at #25 LSU	Small (127)/McCoy (140)	W, 40-13
9/30/23	So. Carolina	Wright (123)/White (104)	W, 41-20
8/31/24	Chattanooga Sampson (124)/Thornton Jr. (105)		W, 69-3

#### **POLLING POSITION**

- Tennessee remained at No. 7 in the Associated Press Top 25 and climbed one spot to No. 6 in the Coaches poll following the Kentucky win. The Vols are in the top 10 of at least one poll for the ninth straight week.
- Tennessee has been ranked for 41 consecutive weeks in the Coaches poll, which dates back to Sept. 11, 2022. That streak is the Vols' longest in that poll since being ranked 92 straight weeks from Nov. 27, 1994 to Oct. 1, 2000.
- Since the start of the 2022 season, Tennessee owns 10 wins over ranked teams, a mark that is tied for third nationally during that span.
- The Vols now await their position in the first College Football Playoff rankings, which will be announced on Tuesday.

#### Wins Over Ranked Teams Since Start of 2022 Season

- 1. Georgia 12
- 2. Washington 11
- 3. Tennessee, Notre Dame, Alabama 10

#### **DEFENSIVE STREAK OF NOT ISSUING A TD ENDS AT 19 QUARTERS**

- Dating back to the 2024 Citrus Bowl vs. lowa on Jan. 1, Tennessee went 19 consecutive quarters without allowing an offensive touchdown before Oklahoma crossed the goal line with 8:25 remaining in the fourth quarter on Sept. 21. It was the second-longest streak in program history, longest in the FBS in the last 20 years and longest for Tennessee since shutting out 15-straight opponents from Nov. 5, 1938 to Dec. 9, 1939.
- The Vols enter the Mississippi State game having allowed only 10 offensive touchdowns in the last 36 quarters.

#### **IMPACT NEW FBS TRANSFERS**

- Tennessee brought in seven FBS transfers who enrolled in January and are now making an impact in 2024. Four of these transfers have become regular starters.
- R-So. WR **Chris Brazzell II** Tulane transfer; 2023 Third-Team AAC; 44 rec. for 711 yds and 5 TDs in 2023
- So. OL **Lance Heard** SEC All-Freshman at LSU in 2023; reserve OT last year with 12 games played
- Sr. TE **Miles Kitselman** Played last two seasons at Alabama; signed with Tide from Hutchinson (Kan.) CC
- So. CB **Jermod McCoy\*** Starter at CB at Oregon State in 2023; led OSU with 9 passes defended (7 PBU, 2 INT)
- R-Jr. CB **Jalen McMurray** Starter at CB at Temple from 2022-23; had 39 tackles, 4 PBU last season
- Jr. DT **Jaxson Moi** Starter at DT at Stanford last season; recorded 15 tackles and generated 10 pressures
- Jr. TE **Holden Staes** Starter at TE at Notre Dame last season; 15 catches for 176 yds and 4 TD in 2023
- \* denotes started all eight games

#### "SUPER" SENIORS RETURN

- Tennessee has 10 "super" seniors who elected to use their extra COVID year
  of eligibility and return in 2024. They make up a key part of the leadership
  piece of the team.
- OT **John Campbell Jr.** started at left tackle in 2023, Miami transfer utilizing seventh year
- OL **Dayne Davis** versatile offensive lineman who can play every position, in sixth season at UT
- OL **Jackson Lampley** part of the rotation at guard and in his sixth season at LIT
- C  ${\bf Cooper\,Mays}$  fourth straight year as starter at center, utilizing fifth season at UT
- WR **Bru McCoy** sixth-year wide receiver returned from season-ending injury vs. South Carolina
- LB **Keenan Pili** starter at MLB, injured in 2023 season opener, NCAA waiver approved, out for remainder of season following injury vs. Florida Oct. 12
- LS **Matthew Salansky** starting long snapper for the fifth consecutive season, executed every snap
- DT **Elijah Simmons** key part of rotation at defensive tackle, sixth year with the program

- OG **Javontez Spraggins** fourth straight year as starter at guard, fifth season with the program
- DT **Omari Thomas** defensive tackle starter for fourth straight season, utilizing fifth season

#### PILI OUT FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON

- Tennessee Sr. LB Keenan Pili is a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, college football's premier scholar-athlete award.
- Pili is one of seven Campbell Trophy semifinalists who have already earned a master's degree. Pili received his undergraduate degree in exercise science from BYU in December 2022 and earned his master's in agricultural leadership, education and communication from Tennessee in May 2024.
- **Pili** was the Vols' leading tackler entering the Florida game, but he suffered a season-ending torn ACL in the first quarter of the game and will miss the remainder of the season. It's the second straight year that Pili is out for the year with an injury. He was injured in the Virginia season opener last season. Pili has missed two straight games Alabama and Kentucky.
- Pili is the second Vol defensive starter to be sidelined this season. S **Jourdan Thomas** suffered a season-ending knee injury during preseason camp.

#### WINS BY SEC TEAMS SINCE START OF 2022 SEASON

 Tennessee ranks fourth in wins among SEC programs since the start of the 2022 season.

#### Overall Wins By SEC Teams Since the Start of 2022 Season

- 1. Georgia 35
- 2. Alabama 29
  - Texas 29 (2022, 2023 seasons were in Big 12)
- 4. Tennessee 27
- 5. LSU 26

#### **SOLD OUT: 70.500 SEASON TICKETS PURCHASED AGAIN**

- Tennessee exhausted its football season ticket inventory for the second straight season with 70,500 purchased. The department sold out of tickets in May for the second consecutive year. The Vols also have a season ticket wait list of over 15,000.
- It marked the third time in the past 23 seasons that UT has sold out of its football season ticket inventory, doing so in August 2016 and in May 2023.
- Neyland Stadium is sold out for a 19th consecutive game vs. Mississippi State. That streak dates back to Sept. 17, 2022, vs. Akron. The Vols sold out all seven home games last year.
- Six of the seven home games are already sold out for 2024, including Chattanooga, Kent State, Florida, Alabama, Kentucky and Mississippi State. Limited tickets remain on sale for the UTEP finale.

### Tennessee Athletics Strategic Plan Football Season Ticket Goals

Year	Goai	Actual Sold
2022-23	56,000	61,490
2023-24	61,000	70,500 (sold out)
2024-25	68,000	70,500 (sold out)
2025-26	69,000	TBD
2026-27	70.000	TBD

#### TENNESSEE LED SEC IN ATTENDANCE IN 2023, SECOND IN 2024

- The 2023 season saw Neyland Stadium lead the SEC in both average attendance (101,915) and accumulated attendance (713,405). Those marks also ranked fourth and third in the nation, respectively.
- It was the first time since the 2006 season that Tennessee sold out every home game of a season. It was also Neyland's highest average attendance for a season since the 2007 mark of 103,918.
- This season, the Vols are fifth in the nation in average attendance and second in the SEC (101,915). Texas is first (102,103).

#### 2023 Accumulated Attendance

FBS Rnk. School - Att.

- 1. Michigan 769,797 (7 games)
- 2. Penn State 758,864 (7 games)
- 3. Tennessee 713,405 (7 games)

#### 2023 Average Attendance FBS Rnk. School – Att.

- 1. Michigan 109,971
- 2. Penn State 108,409
- 3. Ohio State 103,792
- 4. Tennessee 101,915



# **QUICK FACTS**

Location (Founded): Knoxville, Tenn. (1794)

Conference: Southeastern Enrollment: 36,304 Colors: Orange & White Nickname: Volunteers Mascot: Smokey XI

Band: Pride of the Southland
Chancellor: Donde Plowman
Director of Athletics: Danny White
Facility (Opened): Neyland Stadium (1921)
Capacity: 101,915 (Sixth-largest in CFB)
On-Field Record at Neyland: 496-142-17 (.770)
NCAA Record at Neyland: 490^-142-17 (.768)
First Year of Football: 1891 (128th season)
All-Time NCAA Record: 872^-415-54 (.670)
All-Time On-Field Record: 883-415-54 (.673)
All-Time SEC NCAA Record: 354^-234-19 (.598)
All-Time SEC On-Field Record: 362-234-19 (.603)
SEC Championships: 13

(1998, 1997, 1990, 1989, 1985, 1969, 1967, 1956, 1951, 1946, 1940, 1939, 1938)

SEC Eastern Division Championships: 5 (2007, 2004, 2001, 1998, 1997)

SEC Championship Games: 5 National Championships: 6 (1998, 1967, 1951, 1950, 1940, 1938) BCS Titles: 1 (1998)

^ - denotes 11 wins from 2019-20 were vacated by NCAA Committee on Infractions penalty ruling in July 2023

# **ALL-TIME NCAA WINS (FBS)**

Rank	Team	Wins
1.	Michigan	1,009
2.	Alabama*	971
3.	Ohio State*	971
4.	Texas	955
	Notre Dame*	955
6.	Oklahoma	949
7.	Penn State	937
8.	Nebraska	922
9	Georgia	888
10.	USC*	879
11.	Tennessee*	872
12.	LSU*	813

<sup>\*</sup> Teams who have vacated wins

# **ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

straight fall semesters with a program-record GPA

Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll accolades in the **Josh Heupel** era (since fall 2021)

5 2023 CSC Academic All-District Team recipients (program record, most SEC)

CSC Academic All-Americans in the **Josh Heupel** era (since fall 2021; Paxton Brooks twice, Matthew Butler)

#### 300-YARD PASSERS, 100-YARD RUSHERS, 100-YARD RECEIVERS

#### **300-YARD PASSING PERFORMANCES**

#### Nico lamaleava (1 career, 1 in 2024)

Yds	Opponent	Date	Score	
314	Chattanooga	8/31/24	W. 69-3	

#### **100-YARD RUSHING PERFORMANCES**

#### Dylan Sampson (11 career, 7 in 2024)

Yds	Opponent	Date	Score
142	Kentucky	11/2/24	W, 28-18
139	Alabama	10/19/24	W, 24-17
139	UTSA	9/23/23	W, 45-14
138	at Arkansas	10/5/24	L, 14-19
133	vs. lowa	1/1/24	W, 35-0
132	vs. NC State	9/7/24	W, 51-10
131	at Vanderbilt	11/26/22	W, 56-0
124	Chattanooga	8/31/24	W, 69-3
115	vs. Virginia	9/2/23	W, 49-13
112	Florida	10/12/24	W, 23-17 (OT)
101	Kent State	9/14/24	W, 71-0

#### DeSean Bishop (1 career, 1 in 2024)

Yds	Opponent	Date	Score	
120	Kent State	9/14/24	W 71-0	

#### **100-YARD RECEIVING PERFORMANCES**

#### Chris Brazzell II (2 career, 0 at UT, 0 in 2024)

Yds	Opponent	Date	Score
*103	FAU	11/18/23	W, 24-8
*103	at Memphis	10/13/23	W, 31-21
* - den	otes produced at Tulane		

#### Bru McCoy (3 career, 3 at UT, 0 in 2024)

Yds	Opponent	Date	Score
140	at LSU	10/8/22	W, 40-13
111	Missouri	11/12/22	W, 66-24
102	Florida	9/24/22	W, 38-33

#### Dont'e Thornton Jr. (2 career, 1 at UT, 1 in 2024)

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Yds	Opponent	Date	Score			
*151	Utah	11/19/22	W, 20-17			
105	Chattanooga	8/31/24	W, 69-3			
* - den	otes produced at Oreg	gon				

#### Squirrel White (5 career, 0 in 2024)

Yds	Opponent	Date	Score
122	UT Martin	10/22/22	W, 65-24
111	at Alabama	10/21/23	L, 20-34
110	Vanderbilt	11/25/23	W, 48-24
108	vs. Clemson	12/30/22	W, 31-14
104	South Carolina	9/30/23	W, 41-20

#### **GRADUATES**

• A total of 15 Volunteers on the 2024 team have earned their degrees and are wearing the graduate patch on their jersey this fall.

Name	Degree	School Earned
Will Brooks	Finance	Tennessee (May 2024)
John Campbell Jr.	Criminology	Miami (Dec. 2021)
JT Carver	Sport Management	Tennessee (Aug. 2024)
Dayne Davis	Supply Chain Management	Tennessee (May 2023)
Cody Duncan	Communication Studies	Tennessee (Aug. 2024)
Jackson Lampley	Management	Tennessee (Dec. 2023)
Cooper Mays	Sport Management	Tennessee (May 2024)
Bru McCoy	Communication Studies	Tennessee (Aug. 2024)
Gaston Moore	Supply Chain Management	Tennessee (May 2024)
Keenan Pili	Exercise Science	BYU (Dec. 2022)
	Ag Leadership, Education, Comm^	Tennessee (May 2024)
Matthew Salansky	Kinesiology	Tennessee (Dec. 2023)
Navy Shuler	Communication Studies	Tennessee (May 2024)
Elijah Simmons	Communication Studies	Tennessee (Dec. 2023)
Javontez Spraggins	Sociology	Tennessee (Dec. 2023)
Omari Thomas	Journalism and Electronic Media	Tennessee (May 2024)

<sup>^ -</sup> denotes master's degree

#### **MOUNTAIN STRONG**

• Beginning with the Arkansas game on Oct. 5, Tennessee is wearing "Mountain Strong" decals on the back of its helmets to honor all of those impacted by Hurricane Helene. "Mountain Strong" merchandise is available for purchase at Vol Shop and Alumni Hall and all proceeds will go to charity to benefit those affected by the storm. Tennessee has raised over \$200,000 in merchandise sales for disaster relief funds.



# NEYLAND STADIUM

PRESERVED BY DILOT



CAPACITY: 101.915 | OVERALL ON-FIELD RECORD AT NEYLAND STADIUM: 496-142-17 (.770) // OVERALL NGAA RECORD AT NEYLAND STADIUM: 490-142-17 (.768)

#### **STADIUM NOTES**

#### THE NEYLAND EFFECT

Neyland Stadium is once again one of the nation's most electric environments and toughest places to play for visiting teams. Over the past three seasons, the Vols are 18-1 inside of its confines. In the Josh Heupel era (since 2021), UT is 23-4 at home and has outscored opponents 1.176-496.

Neyland Stadium is now sold out for 18 consecutive games. Tennessee has ranked in the top five nationally in attendance in each of the last two seasons, ranking No. 3 in total attendance (713,405) and No. 4 in average attendance (101,915) in 2023. The Vols led the SEC in attendance in 2023.

# NEYLAND STADIUM HOME OF THE VOLS. PROUDLY PRESERVED BY PILOT.

Neyland Stadium has been home of the Vols for more than 100 years and that legacy will live on thanks to a transformative partnership with Tennessee Athletics and Knoxville-based Pilot, the largest network of travel centers in North America. Under the terms of the agreement, which is slated for up to 20 years and could extend further, the names of Neyland Stadium and Shields-Watkins Field will remain unchanged. Pilot is designated as the presenting partner of the Neyland Stadium renovation project and the official travel stop of Tennessee Athletics.

Future updates will include necessary upgrades to the south side and perimeter of the stadium, such as widening concourses, constructing expanded gates and entryways, and adding additional restrooms and concessions areas. This element of the partnership will dramatically improve fan comfort and safety, reduce wait times, and allow for more food and beverage offerings. There will also be a Pilot-sponsored Fast Favorites refreshment and snack stand located inside the main stadium entrance at Gate 21.

#### THE RETURN OF V-O-L-S

During the 2022 season, the iconic V-O-L-S letters returned on the south end of Neyland Stadium. Two sets with an orange background and white lettering were installed as part of stadium upgrades under the leadership of Vice Chancellor/Director of Athletics Danny White. A V-O-L-S history:

#### Summer 1966

The 8-foot tall backlighted VOLS letters—originally with orange lettering and a white background—were installed at the top of the stadium on the south side. From summer 1966 until 1978, they were lit every evening. Beginning in 1978, they were turned off—with the exception of during night football games—as part of an energy conservation program.

#### Summer 1976

As part of renovations prior to the 1976 season, the design of the letters shifted to white lettering with orange background.

#### Summer 1999

Neyland Stadium installed its first edition of a videoboard, and the letters are moved to the top of the videoboard. The design of the letters also shifted to orange lettering with white background.

#### Summer 2009

Due to Neyland Stadium's videoboard being replaced, the letters were removed entirely from the stadium for the first time since the 1965 season.

#### November 2010

The version of letters that overlooked Neyland Stadium from 1999 to 2009 were auctioned off to Copper Cellar Family of Restaurants through United Way of Greater Knoxville's online auction.



#### STADIUM OUICK FACTS

#### **ALL-TIME STADIUM WIN PCT.**

1. Bryant-Denny Stadium (Alabama)	.843 (302-55-3)
2. Albertsons Stadium (Boise State)	.824 (291-62)
3. Memorial Stadium (Oklahoma)	.818 (422-88-15)
4. Paulson Stadium (Georgia Southern)	.813 (217-50)
5. Edwards Stadium (Marshall)	.808 (185-44)
6. Ohio Stadium (Ohio State)	.801 (478-112-19)
7. Beaver Stadium (Penn State)	.796 (320-82)
8. Sanford Stadium (Georgia)	.777 (385-107-9)
9. Jordan-Hare Stadium (Auburn)	.774 (348-99-7)
10. Kidd Brewer Stadium (Appalachian State)	.769 (276-81-5)
11. Neyland Stadium (Tennessee)	.768 (490-142-17)
12. Michigan Stadium (Michigan)	.768 (464-135-15)

#### **LARGEST CFB STADIUMS**

1. Michigan Stadium (Michigan)	107,601
2. Beaver Stadium (Penn State)	106,572
3. Ohio Stadium (Ohio State)	102,780
4. Kyle Field (Texas A&M)	102,733
5. Tiger Stadium (LSU)	102,321
6. Neyland Stadium (Tennessee)	101,915
7. Bryant-Denny Stadium (Alabama)	101,821
8. Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium (Texas)	100,119
9. Sanford Stadium (Georgia)	92,746
10. Rose Bowl (UCLA)	91,136

# "QUOTES"

#### ABOUT NEYLAND STADIUM

"The big games I played in Neyland Stadium are right up there with the Super Bowl. It is still one of the most electric atmospheres I have ever experienced, and the passion of the fans is what makes the difference"

#### - Peyton Manning, Hall of Famer

"To be here in a primetime setting, this is as good as it gets if you are a college football fan. It is wild in here right now. ... Still thinking about Neyland this morning. The brick around the stadium inside the tunnel with the banners, the stadium is massive but has like a 'friendly confines' kind of feel where it doesn't seem as big as it is. Throw in the passion and game ops. it's just incredible!"

#### - Kirk Herbstreit, ESPN (Nov. 2022)

"Take anybody that's never been to a game in Knoxville and let them experience that with neutral glasses on and they will be blown away. The campus, the Vol Navy, when you pull into town, the stadium, the mascot, the uniforms, the crowd, the fight song, all of it. There is no way you can't be impressed when you go to a game in Knoxville."

# - Cole Cubelic, ESPN/SEC Network analyst

"The noise was a constant, oppressive force. I could literally feel it on my skin. But these fans weren't just loud on the first drive. Or just on 3rd down. Or just in the fourth quarter. It was every. single. play."

# - Ty Darlington, former Oklahoma offensive lineman (2015)

"Last year when we went to play Tennessee in Neyland Stadium, that was probably the best game experience I've had and probably will ever have. That's a different type of loud. I can't even describe it. It was unbelievable."

- Baker Mayfield, former Oklahoma quarterback (2015)

# COACH JOSH HEUPEL Fourth Season • @CoachJoshHeupel



- 2022 Associated Press SEC Coach of the Year
- 2022, 2018 National Coach of the Year Finalist
- Coached in three national title games and 19 bowl games
- 13 NFL Draft picks last three seasons
- Won eight conference championships
- One of only four active FBS HC to lead multiple programs to New Year's Six bowl appearances in the CFP era
- 2000 National Champion QB and Heisman finalist

Former national champion quarterback Josh Heupel took the reins of Tennessee football in 2021 and has guided the proud program to a national resurgence. The 2022 SEC Coach of the Year and two-time National Coach of the Year finalist was officially announced as the Volunteers' 27th head football coach on Jan. 27, 2021, by Vice Chancellor/Director of Athletics Danny White, who he worked alongside at UCF. On Jan. 24, 2023, White announced a contract extension for Heupel through January 2029.

Taking over a program coming off a 3-7 season and the departure of several players prior to his arrival, Heupel instilled a strong culture built on trust, accountability and relationships. He combined those pillars with the nation's top offense and an attacking defense. In now his fourth season, Heupel's remarkable revival of the Volunteers has seen him produce a 34-13 overall record, 11 victories over Top 25 teams, the program's first New Year's Six berth in the College Football Playoff era and back-to-back top-20 poll finishes. From 2022-23, Heupel guided Tennessee to its winningest two-year stretch (20) since 2003-04. Heupel joined Bill Battle and Phillip Fulmer as the only three coaches in program history to lead UT to bowl berths in each of their first three seasons. Heupel's .723 winning percentage is the second-highest by a Vol coach in the last five decades (minimum two seasons coached). The 2022 season saw Heupel's Vols finish No. 6 in the final polls with an 11-win season. That year the Vols ascended to the No. 1 ranking for the first time since the 1998 national title.

Player development has been evident in the Heupel era. Thirteen Vols have been selected in the last three NFL Drafts combined, which is the highest three-year span of picks for UT in nearly two decades. Tennessee is one of just two programs in the last five years with a quarterback selected in back-to-back drafts.

The Vols' on-field success has correlated in the classroom as Tennessee has shattered the program record for GPA in three consecutive fall semesters under Heupel. The fall of 2023 saw the Vols produce a program-record 63 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients, representing the second-most in the SEC.

### HEUPEL YEAR-BY-YEAR HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	Team	Overall	Conf.	Notable
2018	UCF	12-1	9-0^	AAC Champs, Fiesta Bowl, #11 AP, #12 Coaches
2019	UCF	10-3	6-2	Gasparilla Bowl, #24 AP, #24 Coaches
2020	UCF	6-4	5-3	Boca Raton Bowl (COVID-19 shortened season)
2021	Tennessee	7-6	4-4	Music City Bowl, winningest 1st-year coach in P5
2022	Tennessee	11-2	6-2	Orange Bowl champs, #6 AP, #6 Coaches
2023	Tennessee	9-4	4-4	Citrus Bowl champs, #17 AP, #17 Coaches
2024	Tennessee	7-1	4-1	#7 AP, #6 Coaches, bowl eligible 4th straight year
Overall	7 seasons	62-21 (.747)	40-16	6 Bowl Games, 1 AAC Championship
UCF	3 seasons	28-8	20-5	

Tennessee 4 seasons 33-13(.723) 18-11 \* - denotes COVID-19 shortened season

# PROLIFIC OFFENSES UNDER HEUPEL

#### TOTAL OFFENSE YPG **FBS** Conf. Year 2024 (Tennessee) 474.0 9 3 448.1 2023 (Tennessee) 19 4 2022 (Tennessee) 525.5 9 2021 (Tennessee) 474.9 3 2020 (UCF) 2 5681 2019 (UCF) 540.5 522.7 5 2018 (UCF) 2017 (Mizzou) 502.2 8 2016 (Mizzou) 500.5 13

Year	PPG	FBS	Conf.
2024 (Tennessee)	38.1	12	2
2023 (Tennessee)	31.8	36	7
2022 (Tennessee)	46.1	1	1
2021 (Tennessee)	39.3	7	2
2020 (UCF)	42.2	8	1
2019 (UCF)	43.4	5	1
2018 (UCF)	43.2	6	2
2017 (Mizzou)	37.5	14	1
2016 (Mizzou)	31.4	48	5

**SCORING OFFENSE** 

RUSHING							
Year	YPG	FBS	Conf.				
2024 (Tennessee)	234.5	7	1				
2023 (Tennessee)	204.8	9	1				
2022 (Tennessee)	199.5	26	6				
2021 (Tennessee)	217.8	11	2				
2020 (UCF)	210.7	25	3				
2019 (UCF)	223.8	19	3				
2018 (UCF)	265.2	8	3				
2017 (Mizzou)	193.5	36	6				
2016 (Mizzou)	205.1	38	8				

	PASSING	1	
Year	YPG	FBS	Conf.
2024 (Tennessee)	239.5	61	10
2023 (Tennessee)	243.2	50	8
2022 (Tennessee)	326.1	5	1
2021 (Tennessee)	257.1	40	4
2020 (UCF)	357.4	4	1
2019 (UCF)	316.7	8	1
2018 (UCF)	257.5	37	4
2017 (Mizzou)	308.6	14	2
2016 (Mizzou)	295.4	20	2

#### THE HEUPEL FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: Joshua Kenneth Heupel **Born:** March 22. 1978 (age 46) Hometown: Aberdeen, South Dakota Education: Oklahoma, 2001 (bachelor's in

business marketing) Wife: Dawn Children: Hannah, Jace

#### **PLAYING HISTORY**

1997: Weber State, quarterback 1998: Snow College, quarterback 1999-2000: Oklahoma, quarterback

#### COACHING HISTORY

2003-04: Oklahoma, Graduate Assistant 2005: Arizona, Tight Ends 2006-10: Oklahoma, Quarterbacks 2011-14: Oklahoma, Co-Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks

2015: Utah State, Assistant Head Coach/ Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks 2016-17: Missouri. Offensive Coordinator/QBs 2018-20: UCF, Head Coach 2021-present: Tennessee, Head Coach

#### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (1)**

2000 - Oklahoma (player)

#### **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (8)**

2018 AAC - UCF (head coach) 2012 Big 12 - Oklahoma (co-offensive coordinator/QBs) 2010 Big 12 - Oklahoma (quarterbacks)

2008 Big 12 - Oklahoma (quarterbacks)

2007 Big 12 - Oklahoma (quarterbacks) 2006 Big 12 - Oklahoma (quarterbacks)

2004 Big 12 - Oklahoma (graduate assistant)

2000 Big 12 - Oklahoma (player)

#### **BOWL GAME APPEARANCES AS A COACH (19)**

2024 Citrus Bowl - Tennessee 2022 Orange Bowl - Tennessee 2021 Music City Bowl - Tennessee 2020 Boca Raton Bowl - UCF 2019 Gasparilla Bowl - UCF 2019 Fiesta Bowl - UCF

2017 Texas Bowl - Missouri 2015 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Utah State

2014 Russell Athletic Bowl - Oklahoma

2014 Sugar Bowl - Oklahoma 2013 Cotton Bowl - Oklahoma

2011 Insight Bowl - Oklahoma

2011 Fiesta Bowl - Oklahoma 2009 Sun Bowl - Oklahoma

2009 BCS National Championship Game -Oklahoma

2008 Fiesta Bowl - Oklahoma

2007 Fiesta Bowl - Oklahoma

2005 BCS National Championship Game Orange

Bowl - Oklahoma

2004 BCS National Championship Game Sugar Bowl - Oklahoma

#### **BOWL GAME APPEARANCES AS A PLAYER (2)**

2001 BCS National Championship Game Orange Bowl - Oklahoma

1999 Independence Bowl - Oklahoma

<sup>^ -</sup> denotes includes The American Championship Game

# HEUPEL ERA HIGHS

Rushing Yards - 458 at Missouri, 10/2/21

Rushing Yards per Attempt - 11.7 at Vanderbilt, 11/26/22 Rushing Touchdowns - 6 (2x), last vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

Passing Yards - 495 vs. UT Martin, 10/22/22

Passing Yards per Attempt - 17.5 vs. Akron, 9/17/22

Passing Touchdowns - 5 (3x), last vs. UT Martin, 10/22/22

First Downs - 36 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24 **Total Plays** - 105 vs. Purdue, 12/30/21 Total Offense - 740 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

**Yards Per Play** - 10.0 vs. UConn, 11/4/23 Points Scored - 71 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

#### TEAM - DEFENSIVE

Fewest Rushing Yards Allowed - 32 vs. Bowling Green, 9/2/21 Fewest Passing Yards Allowed - 58 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 Fewest Total Yards Allowed - 112 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 Fewest First Downs Allowed - 8 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

Sacks - 7 vs. Austin Peay, 9/9/23

Interceptions - 4 vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/18/21 Forced Fumbles - 2 (5x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24

Fumbles Recovered - 2 (3x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24

Tackles For Loss - 14 vs. Austin Peay, 9/9/23 Pass Breakups - 8 at Kentucky, 11/6/21

**QB Hurries** - 16 at Pitt, 9/10/22

#### **INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSIVE**

Rushing Yards - 180, Jabari Small vs. Purdue, 12/30/21

Rushing Touchdowns - 4, Dylan Sampson vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

**Longest Rush** - 92, Tiyon Evans at Missouri, 10/2/21

Pass Completions - 28 (2x), last Nico lamaleava vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24 Completion % (min. 20 att.) - 85.0 (17-20), Joe Milton III at Kentucky, 10/28/23

Passing Yards - 385, Hendon Hooker vs. Alabama, 10/15/21

Passing Touchdowns - 5 (2x), last Hendon Hooker vs. Alabama, 10/15/22 Longest Pass - 83, Joe Milton III to Squirrel White vs. UConn, 11/4/23

Receptions - 11, Jalin Hyatt at Pitt, 9/10/22

Receiving Yards - 207, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22

Receiving Touchdowns - 5, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22

#### **INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSIVE**

Total Tackles - 20, Jeremy Banks vs. Purdue, 12/30/21

**Sacks** - 2.5, Byron Young at LSU, 10/8/22

Tackles for Loss - 5.0, Aaron Beasley vs. Austin Peay, 9/9/23

#### **INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS**

Longest Kick Return - 96, Velus Jones Jr. vs. South Alabama, 11/20/21 Longest Punt Return - 73, Dee Williams at Vanderbilt, 11/26/22

Punt Return Touchdowns - 1 (3x), last Dee Williams vs. Texas A&M, 10/14/23

**Blocked Kicks** - 2 (2x), last at Florida (1 FG, 1 PAT), 9/16/23

Punts Blocked - 1 (6x), last Jordan Ross vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

Longest Punt - 71, Jackson Ross at Alabama, 10/21/23

# FAST. FUN. RE

# total offense

Missouri (683) - 10/2/21 Purdue (666) - 12/30/21 Akron (676) - 9/17/22 UT Martin (696) - 10/22/22 Missouri (724) - 11/12/22 UConn (650) - 11/4/23 Vanderbilt (617) - 11/25/23 Chattanooga (718) - 8/31/24 Kent State (740) - 9/14/24

# rushing

Bowling Gr. (331) - 9/2/21 Purdue (378) - 12/30/21 Missouri (458) - 10/2/21 Vanderbilt (285) - 11/27/21 Purdue (288) - 12/30/21 at Vanderbilt (362) - 11/26/22 vs. Virginia (287) - 9/2/23 UTSA (303) - 9/23/23 UConn (275) - 11/4/23 Chattanooga (304) - 8/31/24 Kent State (456) - 9/14/24

# vards

passing

Akron (438) - 9/17/22 #3 Alabama (385) - 10/15/22 UT Martin (495) - 10/22/22 Missouri (460) - 11/12/22 UConn (375) - 11/4/23 Vanderbilt (449) - 11/25/23 Chattanooga (414) - 8/31/24

# point games

Missouri (62) - 10/2/21 South Ala. (60) - 11/20/21 Akron (63) - 9/17/22 UT Martin (65) - 10/22/22 Missouri (66) - 11/12/22 Chattanooga (69) - 8/31/24 Kent State (71) - 9/14/24

# ranked wins

at #18 Kentucky - 11/6/21 at #17 Pitt - 9/10/22 #20 Florida - 9/24/22 at #25 LSU - 10/8/22 #3 Alabama - 10/15/22 #19 Kentucky - 10/30/22 vs. #7 Clemson - 12/30/22 vs. #17 Iowa - 1/1/24 vs. #24 NC State - 9/7/24 at #15 Oklahoma - 9/21/24 vs. #7 Alabama - 10/19/24

#### TEAM SINGLE-SEASON SCHOOL RECORDS UNDER HEUPEL (17)

**Points** - 599 in 2022 Points Per Game - 46.1 in 2022 **Total Offense** - 6,832 in 2022 Total Offense Per Game - 525.5 in 2022 **Yards Per Play** - 7.2 in 2022 Total Touchdowns - 79 in 2022 Offensive Touchdowns - 78 in 2022 Passing Touchdowns - 38 in 2022

Completion Percentage - 68.7 in 2022 Passing Efficiency - 181.4 in 2022 Passing Yards - 4,239 in 2022

Passing Yards Per Game - 326.1 in 2022 Point After Touchdowns Made - 75 in 2022 Total First Downs - 330 in 2022

Rushing First Downs - 164 in 2021

Fewest Interceptions Thrown - 3 (2x), 2021 & 2022

#### **INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-SEASON SCHOOL RECORDS UNDER HEUPEL (14)**

Total Offense Per Game - Hendon Hooker: 324.1 in 2022 Yards Per Play (min. 400 plays) - Hendon Hooker: 8.24 in 2022 Completion Pct. (min. 300 attempts) - Hendon Hooker: 69.6 in 2022 Passing Efficiency - Hendon Hooker: 181.4 in 2021

Consecutive Games Throwing TD Pass - Hendon Hooker: 12 in 2021 Lowest INT Pct. (min. 300 attempts) - Hendon Hooker: 0.61% in 2022

Rushing Touchdowns - Dylan Sampson: 19 in 2024

Rushing Touchdowns - 40 in 2022

#### **UT SINGLE-GAME RECORDS UNDER HEUPEL (8)**

Points (modern era) - 71 vs. Kent State in 2024 Total Yards (modern era) - 740 vs. Kent State in 2024

Rushing Yards per Attempt - 11.7 at Vanderbilt in 2022 Total Offense Per Play (min. 20 plays) - Hendon Hooker: 16.1 vs. Akron in 2022 **Rushing Touchdowns (modern era)** - Dylan Sampson, 4 vs. Kent State in 2024

Receiving Touchdowns - Jalin Hyatt: 5 vs. #3 Alabama in 2022 Modern Era Scoring - Jalin Hyatt: 30 points vs. #3 Alabama in 2022

Punting Average - Jackson Ross: 53.2 (5 for 266) at #11/8 Alabama in 2023

Receiving Yards Per Game - Jalin Hyatt: 105.6 in 2022

Receiving Touchdowns - Jalin Hyatt: 15 in 2022

Consecutive Games with a TD Catch - Cedric Tillman: 7 in 2021

Points By Kicking - Chase McGrath: 118 in 2022

Point After Touchdowns Made - Chase McGrath: 70 in 2022

Point After Touchdowns Attempted - Chase McGrath: 72 in 2022

Percentage PATs Made - Chase McGrath: 100.0 (66 of 66) in 2021

#### **INDIVIDUAL CAREER RECORDS UNDER HEUPEL (6)**

Total Offense Per Play (min. 900 plays) - Hendon Hooker: 7.90, 2021-22 Completion Pct. (min. 500 attempts) - Hendon Hooker: 68.8, 2021-22 Consecutive Games with a TD Pass - Hendon Hooker: 20, 2021-22 Consecutive Passes without an INT - Hendon Hooker: 261, 2021-22 Lowest Interception Pct. (min. 500 att.) - Hendon Hooker: 0.79, 2021-22

Consecutive Games with a TD Reception - Cedric Tillman: 7 in 2021

# ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF (PB = PRESS BOX | S = SIDELINE)



TIGHT ENDS

ALEC ABELN (PB) • 4th season (2nd TE)

Served as analyst on UT staff from 2021-22 before being promoted to TE coach in 2023

Served on coaching staffs at three different SEC programs - Missouri, Ole Miss and Tennessee

2023 247Sports 30 Under 30 recipient, recognizing top young coaches

His TEs caught 44 passes for 538 yards and 9 TDs in 2023, which ranked 2nd in the SEC and most by UT since 2007



DEFENSIVE LINE
RODNEY GARNER (S) • 6th season

Now in his 36th season in the SEC and arguably the top defensive line coach in the nation with seven NFL first round draft picks

Returned to UT after serving as defensive line coach at Georgia from (1998-2012) and at Auburn from 2013-20

Owns six SEC Championships

Coached tight ends (1996-97) and offensive tackles at Tennessee (1997)



**SECONDARY** 

#### WILLIE MARTINEZ (S) • 8th season

Over 30 years of experience and in his second stint at Tennessee after coaching the secondary for four seasons from 2013-16

Has produced six NFL Draft picks at DB in the last four drafts combined, including school-record three at UCF in '22, two at UT in '23, one at UT in '24

Part of six conference championships as a coach and 23 bowl games



DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
TIM BANKS (PB) • 4th season

His unit leads the SEC in tackles for loss per game with 7.62 from 2021-23 (8th FBS in 2021 with 102, 14th FBS in 2022 with 93. 8th FBS with 101 in 2023)

In his 18th year of defensive coordinator experience and served as co-DC and safeties coach for five seasons at Penn State (2016-20) prior to Tennessee



OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
JOEY HALZLE (PB) • 4th season (2nd OC)

Officially promoted to OC in January 2023 and served in the role during the 2022 Orange Bowl and 2023 season

Has produced an NFL drafted quarterback in back-to-back drafts (Hendon Hooker, Joe Milton III)

Developed 2022 SEC Offensive Player of the Year Hendon Hooker

Worked with Heupel for 12 seasons, including at Oklahoma (2009-11), Utah State (2015), Missouri (2016)



WIDE RECEIVERS

## KELSEY POPE (S) • 4th season (3rd WR)

2023 On3 Rising Assistant Coach and 2022 Football Scoop WR Coach of Year

Developed the first Biletnikoff Award winner in UT history as Jalin Hyatt won the honor in 2022

In his three prev. seasons at UT, Vols have produced three NFL Draft picks, multiple first-team All-SEC recipients, and they have generated an SEC-best 22 100-yard receiving games



OUTSIDE LBs/SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

#### MIKE EKELER (S) · 3rd season

In his 19th season in the Power Five and owns three national championship game appearances

UT has ranked either 1st or 2nd in SEC in punt return average and 1st or 2nd in SEC in punt return defense in all three of Ekeler's previous seasons (2021-23)

Coached with Heupel at Oklahoma from 2003-04 when both were graduate assistants



LINEBACKERS

### WILLIAM INGE (S) • 1st season

Served as Co-DC and LB coach for Washington from 2022-23, including during their 2024 CFP title game run

Has served as either DC or Co-DC for 10 seasons, including Washington, Fresno State, Indiana, Buffalo and Northern Iowa

In his 27th season coaching and coached in 12 postseason/bowl game appearances



**RUNNING BACKS** 

#### DE'RAIL SIMS (S) • 1st season

Led rushing units to three straight top 25 rankings, including at Louisville (2021-22) and Cincinnati (2023)

His 2023 rushing unit at Cincinnati averaged 217.1 yards per game and ranked fifth in the nation

Also served as running backs coach at East Carolina (2019-20), James Madison (2016-18, 2016 national champions), Western Carolina (2013-15) and Carson-Newman (2012)



OFFENSIVE LINE

#### GLEN ELARBEE (S) - 4th season

Returned to the SEC after stops at LSU (2007) and Missouri (2016-17, OL)

In his ninth year alongside Heupel as he was the offensive line coach at UCF from 2018-20

Guided the Vols to back-to-back Joe Moore Award semifinalists for first time in school history

4 of the Vols he has coached are on NFL rosters, including 2023 NFL Draft first round pick Darnell Wright (No. 10)

# **UT COACHING STAFF**

#### **BY THE NUMBERS:**

- 5 National Championships
- 12 National Title Game Appearances
- **42** Conference Championships

#### **QUICK NOTES:**

- Six of the 10 assistant coaches on the staff have coordinator experience, including four as defensive coordinators (**Tim Banks, Mike Ekeler, William Inge, Willie Martinez**) and two as offensive coordinators (**Glen Elarbee, Joey Halzle).**
- Two assistants on the staff are serving in their second stint at Tennessee, including Rodney Garner and Willie Martinez.
- All 11 coaches on the staff played in college and two of them won national titles as players, including Josh Heupel (Oklahoma) and Willie Martinez (Miami).
- Tennessee was one of only two schools (South Carolina) in the new, 16-team SEC to not have turnover at head coach or coordinator positions in 2024.
- Eight of the 10 assistants on the current staff have been part of Josh Heupel's staff for all four of his seasons at Tennessee. Two of them were promoted as QC/ analysts. Five of the assistants worked with **Josh Heupel** prior to Tennessee.

#### THE LAST TIME TENNESSEE...

#### **OFFENSE**

Rushed for 100 yards - 142, Dylan Sampson vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24 Rushed for 200 yards - 246, Eric Gray vs. Vanderbilt, 11/30/19

Rushed for 250 yards - 294, Chuck Webb vs. Mississippi, 11/18/89

QB Rushed for 100 yards - 112, Hendon Hooker vs. Florida, 9/24/22 Passed for 300 yards - 314, Nico lamaleava vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24 Passed for 400 yards - 415, Jarrett Guarantano at Missouri, 11/23/19

Passed for 500 yards - 530, Tyler Bray vs. Troy, 11/3/12

Had 100 yards receiving - 105, Dont'e Thornton Jr. vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

Had 150 yards receiving - 207, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22 Had 200 yards receiving - 207, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22 Rushed for three TDs - 3, Dylan Sampson vs. Florida, 10/12/24

Rushed for four TDs - 4, Dylan Sampson vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 **Threw four TD passes** - 4, Joe Milton III vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23 Caught three TD passes - 5, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22

Caught four TD passes - 5, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22 Caught five TD passes - 5, Jalin Hyatt vs. Alabama, 10/15/22

Scored four touchdowns - 4 (all rush), Dylan Sampson vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

Responsible for five touchdowns - 6 (4 pass, 2 rush), Joe Milton III vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23

Responsible for six touchdowns - 6 (4 pass, 2 rush), Joe Milton III vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23

**Had rushing + receiving TD** - Dylan Sampson vs. Virginia, 9/2/23

Had an 80-yard run - 82, Jaylen Wright vs. UConn, 11/4/23 Had a 90-yard run - 92, Tiyon Evans at Missouri, 10/2/21

Had an 80-yard completion - 83, Joe Milton III to Squirrel White vs. UConn, 11/4/23

Returned INT for TD - 85 yards, Will Brooks vs. NC State, 9/7/24

Returned a fumble for TD - 24 yards, Tyler Baron vs. UConn, 11/4/23 (forced by Gabe Jeudy-Lally)

Returned PAT for a score - 97 yards, Floyd Miley vs. Mississippi, 11/17/90 (blocked kick return) Had 20+ tackles - 20, Jeremy Banks vs. Purdue, 12/30/21

Recorded three sacks - 4.0, Darrell Taylor vs. Kentucky, 11/10/18

Recorded five tackles for loss - 5.0, Aaron Beasley vs. Austin Peay, 9/9/23

Forced two fumbles - 2, Joshua Josephs at Oklahoma, 9/21/24 Intercepted two passes - 3, Bryce Thompson vs. UAB, 11/2/19

Intercepted three passes - 3, Bryce Thompson vs. UAB, 11/2/19

Made interception on first play of the game - Tamarion McDonald vs. Ball State, 9/1/22

Returned onside kick for TD - 44, Bret Smith at S. Carolina, 10/30/04

Returned opening kickoff for TD - 91, Ty Chandler vs. Indiana State, 9/9/17

Returned conventional kickoff for TD - 96, Velus Jones Jr. vs. South Alabama, 11/20/21

Returned kickoff 100 yards - Evan Berry at South Carolina, 10/29/16

Returned punt for TD - 39, Dee Williams vs. Texas A&M, 10/14/23 Returned a blocked punt for TD - 13, Jordan Ross vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

Returned punt at least 75 vards - 82, Marguez Callaway vs. Charlotte, 11/4/18 (TD)

Had a rushing + punt return TD in same game - Alvin Kamara vs. WCU, 9/19/15 (2, 50)

Made four FGs - 4. Charles Campbell at Kentucky, 10/28/23

Made a 50-yard FG - 51, Chase McGrath at Pitt, 9/10/22

#### **TEAM**

#### **OFFENSE**

Rushed for more than 300 yards - 456 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (55 att.)

Rushed for more than 400 yards - 456 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (55 att.)

Passed for more than 300 yards - 414 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24 (44 att.) Passed for more than 400 yards - 414 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24 (44 att.)

Had more than 500 yards total off. - 740 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (284 pass, 456 rush) **Had more than 600 yards total off. -** 740 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (284 pass, 456 rush)

**Had more than 700 yards total off. -** 740 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (284 pass, 456 rush)

Scored 50 points - 71 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (Score: 71-0)

Scored 60 points - 71 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (Score: 71-0)

Scored 70 points - 71 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (Score: 71-0)

Scored 30+ points in a quarter - 37 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (first quarter)

Scored 35+ points in a quarter - 37 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (first quarter)

Failed to rush for 100 yards - 83 at Missouri, 11/11/23 (23 att.)

Failed to pass for 100 yards - 44 at Alabama 10/21/17 (9-of-16.1 int.)

Failed to get a first down - vs. Auburn, 9/27/58 (Score: Auburn 13-0)

Committed no turnovers - at Arkansas, 10/5/24

Two players with 100 yards rushing - D. Bishop (120) & D. Sampson (101) vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

Three players with 100 yards rushing - James Stewart (145), Aaron Hayden (115) & Mose Phillips (107) vs. Vanderbilt, 11/30/91

**Two players w/ 100 yards passing** - H. Hooker (247) & J. Milton III (108) at S. Carolina, 11/19/22 Two players w/ 100 yards receiving - R. Keyton (122) & S. White (110) vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23

Three players w/ 100 yards receiving - J. Palmer (124), J. Jennings (115), M. Callaway (110) at

Missouri, 11/23/19

Held opponent to fewer than 100 yards rushing - 75 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24 (34 att.)

Held opponent to fewer than 100 yards passing - 58 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (9-of-16)

Held opponent to fewer than 100 yards total offense - 83 vs. WKU, 9/5/09 (34 rush, 49 pass)

Held opponent without a TD - vs. Kent State (Score: Tennessee 71-0)

Scored a safety - at Oklahoma, 9/21/24 (Jayson Jenkins TFL)

Scored two safeties - 2 vs. South Alabama, 11/20/21 (Kurott Garland sack, snap out of end zone)

Forced opponent into five turnovers - vs. Chattanooga, 9/14/19

Intercepted four passes - vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/18/21

Intercepted five passes - vs. Western Kentucky, 9/7/13

Forced four fumbles - at Kentucky, 10/28/17 Recovered four fumbles - at Kentucky, 10/28/17

Scored two defensive TDs - 3 vs. UConn, 11/4/23 (Baron fumble ret., McCollough INT ret., Beasley INT ret.)

Scored three defensive TDs - 3 vs. UConn, 11/4/23 (Baron fumble ret., McCollough INT ret., Beasley INT ret.)

Never had to punt - vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

Blocked a punt - Jordan Ross vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

Returned blocked punt for TD - 13-yard return by Jordan Ross vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

Blocked a field goal - at Florida, 9/16/23 (Bryson Eason)

Returned blocked FG for TD - 90 vs. South Carolina, 10/28/95 (Tyrone Hines)

Returned punt and kickoff for TD in same game - at Kentucky, 10/31/15 (Evan Berry 100-yard KR; Cameron Sutton 84-vard PR)

Blocked a PAT - at Florida, 9/16/23 (Omari Thomas)

Faked a punt - at Vanderbilt, 12/12/20 (Paxton Brooks completed pass for 31 yards)

Faked punt for 1st down - at Vanderbilt, 12/12/20 (Paxton Brooks completed pass for 31 yards)

Faked a FG - vs. Missouri, 11/22/14 (P. Ashford pass to A. Ellis for touchdown)

Attempted 2-pt conversion - at Florida, 9/16/23 (Joe Milton III rush unsuccessful)

Scored 2-pt conversion - vs. Alabama, 10/15/22 (H. Hooker pass to P. Fant successful) Attempted onside kick - vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (John Slaughter recovered)

Recovered onside kick - vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (John Slaughter recovered)

Shut out an opponent - 71-0 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

Shut out consecutive opponents - at Vanderbilt and vs. Kentucky, 11/23/02 & 11/30/02 (24-0)

**Won OT game** - vs. Florida, 10/12/24 (Score: UT 23-17, OT) Lost OT Game - vs. Purdue, 12/30/21 (Score: Purdue 48-45 OT)

Won game on last play - vs. Florida, 10/12/24 (UT 23-17, Dylan Sampson 1-yd rushing TD in OT) Lost game on last play - vs. Purdue, 12/30/21 (Score: Purdue 48-45: 39-yd FG in OT)

Rallied from down 10 to win - vs. Florida, 10/12/24 (trailed 10-0 in 3Q & won, 23-17 in OT)

Rallied from down 14 to win - vs. Georgia Tech, 9/4/17 (trailed 28-14 in 4Q & won, 42-41)

Beat ranked opponent - vs. #7/7 Alabama (Score: Tennessee 24-17)

Beat team ranked in top 15 - vs. #7/7 Alabama (Score: Tennessee 24-17) Beat team ranked in top 10 - vs. #7/7 Alabama (Score: Tennessee 24-17)

Beat team ranked in top 5 - vs. #3/1 Alabama, 10/15/22 (Score: Tennessee 52-49)

Committed no penalties - vs. Austin Peay, 8/31/13

Shaded - Occurred in 2024



#### THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

#### **INDIVIDUAL**

#### **OFFENSE**

Rushed for 100 yards - 102, Jamarion Wilcox vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24 (17 attempts)

Rushed for 200 yards - 205, Cody Schrader at Missouri, 11/11/23 (35 attempts)

Rushed for 250 yards - 282, Dexter McCluster at Mississippi, 11/14/09 (25 attempts)

QB Rushed for 100 yards - 106, Brady Cook vs. Missouri, 11/12/22 (16 attempts)

Passed for 300 yards - 372, Devin Leary at Kentucky, 10/28/23

Passed for 400 yards - 438, Spencer Rattler at South Carolina, 11/19/22

Passed for 500 yards - 534, Aidan O'Connell vs. Purdue, 12/30/21

Had 100 yards receiving - 132, Andrew Armstrong at Arkansas, 10/5/24

Had 150 yards receiving - 177, Antwane Wells Jr. at South Carolina, 11/19/22

Had 200 yards receiving - 217, Broc Thompson vs. Purdue, 12/30/21

Rushed for three TDs - 3, Jahmyr Gibbs vs. Alabama, 10/15/22

Rushed for four TDs - 4, Dexter McCluster at Mississippi, 11/14/09
Rushed for five TDs - 5, TaQuon Marshall vs. Georgia Tech. 9/4/17

Rushed for five TDs - 5, TaQuon Marshall vs. Georgia Tech, 9/4/1/

Threw four TD passes - 6, Spencer Rattler at South Carolina, 11/19/22

Threw five TD passes - 6, Spencer Rattler at South Carolina, 11/19/22
Threw six TD passes - 6, Spencer Rattler at South Carolina, 11/19/22

Caught three TD passes - 3. Josh Reed at LSU, 9/30/00 (overtime)

Had an 80-yard run - 85, Bo Scarbrough vs. Alabama, 10/15/16

Had an 80-yard completion - 85, Dylan Thompson to Pharoh Cooper at South Carolina (TD), 11/1/14

#### **DEFENSE**

Returned an INT for TD - 87, Aydan White vs. NC State, 9/7/24

Returned a fumble for TD - 24, Jihaad Campbell at Alabama, 10/21/23

Recorded three sacks - 4, Joe Evans vs. Iowa, 1/1/24

Intercepted two passes - 2, DeMarkus Acy vs. Missouri, 11/17/18

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Returned a kickoff for TD - 100, Kris Abrams-Draine at Missouri, 10/2/21

Returned a kickoff 100 yards - 100, Kris Abrams-Draine at Missouri, 10/2/21

Returned a punt for TD - 79, Eddie Jackson vs. Alabama, 10/15/16

Returned a blocked punt for TD - 17, Sean Westgate at UCLA, 9/1/08

**Returned an extra point for score** - Quinton Reese, Auburn (SEC Championship), 12/6/97 (yardage not recorded)

Returned a punt at least 75 yards - 79, Eddie Jackson vs. Alabama, 10/15/16 (TD)

Made four FGs - 4, Mitchell Fineran vs. Purdue, 12/30/21

Made a 50-yard FG - 50, Will Reichard at Alabama, 10/21/23

#### **TEAM**

#### **OFFENSE**

Rushed for more than 300 yards - 433 at Missouri, 11/11/17

Rushed for more than 400 yards - 433 at Missouri, 11/11/17

Rushed for more than 500 yards - 535 vs. Georgia Tech, 9/4/17 Passed for more than 300 yards - 316 vs. Georgia, 11/18/23

Had more than 600 yards total offense - 606 at South Carolina, 11/19/22 (453 pass, 153 rush)

Scored 50 points - 63 at South Carolina, 11/19/22 (Score: South Carolina 63-38)

Scored 60 points - 63 at South Carolina, 11/19/22 (Score: South Carolina 63-38)

Scored 70 points - 70 at Trinity (present-day Duke), 11/4/1893 (Score: Trinity 70-0)

Failed to rush for 100 yards - 75 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24 (34 att.)

**Failed to pass for 100 yards** - 58 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24 (9-of-16)

Two players with 100 yards rushing - at Missouri, I. Witter (216), L. Rountree (155), 11/11/17

Two players with 100 yards receiving - 155, J. Shorter; 103, R. Pearsall vs. Florida, 9/24/22

Three players with 100 yards rushing - Mississippi, P. Hofer (119), J. Reed (115), M. Sweet (103), 11/15/75
Two players with 100 yards passing - Alabama, Jalen Hurts (198) and Tua Tagovailoa (134), 10/21/17

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Held Tennessee to fewer than 100 yards passing - 44 at Alabama 10/21/17 (9-of-16, 1 int.)

Held Tennessee to fewer than 100 yards total offense - 59 vs. Alabama, 10/18/80

Held Tennessee without TD - at Florida, 9/21/19 (Score: Florida, 34-3)

Scored a safety - vs. Florida, 9/22/18 (Tim Jordan tackled in end zone)

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Never had to punt - at Kentucky, 11/6/21 (11 off. possessions in 42-45 loss)

Blocked a punt - at Pitt, 9/10/22 (P.J. O'Brien)

Returned a blocked punt for TD - 17 at UCLA, 9/1/08 (Sean Westgate)

Blocked a FG - at Missouri, 11/23/19 (blocked by Jordan Elliot)

**Blocked two FGs** - at Alabama, 10/24/09 (Terrence Cody blocked both)

Returned punt and kickoff for TD in same game - Auburn, 11/9/13 (Chris Davis 85-yard punt return; Corey Grant 90-yard kickoff return)

Faked a punt - vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23 (Kai Kroeger pass to Xavier Legette 32 yards, successful)
Faked a punt for first down - vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23 (Kai Kroeger pass to Xavier Legette 32

Failed 2-pt conversion - at Missouri, 11/11/23 (M. Singleton completion to I. Sategna failed)

Scored 2-pt conversion - vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24 (G. Wimsatt completion to J. Maclin)

Attempted an onside kick - at Oklahoma, 9/21/24 (UT recovered)

Recovered a successful onside kick - vs. Florida, 9/24/22 (UF's Diwun Black recovered)

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Shut out Tennessee - 41-0 vs. Georgia, 9/30/17

Shut out Tennessee in consecutive games - at Kentucky and vs. Vanderbilt, 11/19/59 & 11/26/59

(Scores: 20-0, 14-0)

Won OT Game - vs. Purdue, 12/30/21 (Score: Purdue 48-45 OT)

**Lost OT game** - vs. Florida, 10/12/24 (Score: UT 23-17, OT)

Beat a ranked Tennessee team - at Arkansas, 10/5/24 (Score: ARK 19, #4 UT 14)

Beat a Tennessee team ranked in the top 15 - at Arkansas, 10/5/24 (Score: ARK 19, #4 UT 14)

Beat a Tennessee team ranked in the top 5 - at Arkansas, 10/5/24 (Score: ARK 19, #4 UT 14)

Shaded - Occurred in 2024

# **GAME REGAPS**

# **GAME 1**

# Chattanooga #15/15 Tennessee

Aug. 31, 2024
Neyland Stadium
Knoxville, Tenn.
Attendance: 101,915

Time: 12:47 p.m. ET • Duration: 3:19

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Sampson, Dylan	12	124	0	124	3	56	10.3
Bishop, DeSean	5	60	0	60	1	24	12.0
Keith, Khalifa	10	44	1	43	1	9	4.3
Seldon, Cameron	7	47	0	47	0	14	6.7
McCoy, Bru	1	9	0	9	0	9	9.0
Lewis, Peyton	4	14	0	14	0	7	3.5
lamaleava, Nico	4	10	4	6	0	5	1.5
Merklinger, Jake	3	3	2	1	0	3	0.3

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Iamaleava, Nico	22	28	314	3	0	59	1
Moore, Gaston	7	12	69	0	1	13	0
Merklinger, Jake	4	4	31	0	0	13	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	3	105	2	59
McCoy, Bru	6	89	0	37
Brazzell II, Chris	5	59	0	23
Sampson, Dylan	3	29	0	19
White, Squirrel	2	22	0	11
Davis, Ethan	2	20	1	16
Webb, Kaleb	2	19	0	13
Weary, Trey	3	18	0	8
Staes, Holden	2	13	0	9
Leacock, Nathan	1	13	0	13
Sneed, Dayton	1	12	0	12
Bishop, DeSean	1	10	0	10
Nimrod, Chas	1	7	0	7
Seldon, Cameron	1	-2	0	0

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PUNTING Ross, Jackson	<b>No.</b> 1	<b>Yds.</b> 23	<b>Avg.</b> 23	Long 23	<b>I20</b> 0	<b>TB</b> 0	<b>50+</b> 0
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FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks	
Gilbert, Max	2	2	42	36G, 42G	
Key: G=Good, WL=W	ide Left	t, WR=Wic	le Right,	S=Short, B=Block	ked

	Punt	S		Kicko	offs		Inter	ception	IS
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
McCoy, Jermod	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White, Squirrel	1	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross, Jordan	1	49	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seldon, Cameron	0	0	0	1	35	35	0	0	0

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<b>RUSHING</b> Davis, Reggie	<b>Att.</b> 20	<b>Gain</b> 59	Loss 8	<b>Net</b> 51	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>Long</b> 10	<b>Avg.</b> 2.6
Wyche, Journey	6	23	0	23	0	8	3.8
Jackson, Lance	8	10	2	8	0	3	1.0
Artopoeus, Chase	1	0	8	-8	0	0	-8.0

PASSING Artopoeus, Chase	<b>Cmp.</b> 12	<b>Att.</b> 23	<b>Yds.</b> 141	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>Int.</b> 0	Long 22	Sacks 1
Schomburg, Luke	1	1	12	0	0	12	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long	
Phillips, Sam	5	54	0	19	
Whatley, Javin	3	40	0	22	
Gibson, Jay	2	22	0	14	
Domercant, Chris	1	19	0	19	
Thornton, Zaire	2	18	0	12	

PUNTING Kelley, Jude	<b>No.</b> 3	<b>Yds.</b> 112	<b>Avg.</b> 37.3	Long 39	<b>I20</b> 0	<b>TB</b> 0	<b>50+</b> 0
Jehu, Heath	5	202	40.4	52	0	0	2
TFAM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks	
Kelley, Jude	2	1	43	43G, 25WL	
Karajic, Alen	1	0	n/a	55WL	
Key: G=Good	WI =Wide I eft	WR=Wio	le Riaht	S=Short R=Blocked	

	Punt	s		Kicko	offs		Inter	ception	S
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Joseph, Kobe	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	71	71

# #15 Vols Dominate Mocs In Season Opener, 69-3

No. 15 Tennessee scored on its first seven possessions and rolled up 718 yards of total offense, cruising past Chattanooga, 69-3, on Saturday afternoon in the 2024 season opener at Neyland Stadium. Playing in front of a sellout crowd of 101,915, the Vols scored on 10 of their 13 offensive possessions, producing touchdowns on eight of them. They finished with 414 yards through the air and another 304 on the ground, tying for the second-highest total yardage number in program history. Additionally, Tennessee's 69 points were the second-most points scored in the modern era (1937-present), and the 66-point margin of victory was the third-highest of the modern era. Quarterback  ${f Nico}$ lamaleava was very impressive in his first start on Shields-Watkins Field, completing his first 10 passes and finishing with 314 yards through the air on 22-of-28 accuracy with three touchdowns in only two quarters of action. That yardage total was a school record for a half. Running back Dylan Sampson accounted for 153 all-purpose yards and crossed the goal line three times on the ground for the second season opener in a row, while wide receiver Dont'e Thornton Jr. led the Vols with a 105-yard day on three catches, including two touchdown hauls from lamaleava. In total, 94 players saw action  $\frac{1}{2}$ in the opener with 37 making their Tennessee debuts. Twenty-eight defensive players registered at least one tackle, paced by starting safety Will Brooks with five stops. Defensive end Tyre West was disruptive in the pass rush throughout the game, logging two TFLs, one sack, one forced fumble and a quarterback hurry on the afternoon.

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1st	11:09	UT	D. Sa	mpson	1 yd ru	ın (M. 0	Gilbert	kick)	
1st	08:34	UT	E. Da	vis 4 y	d pass	from N	l. lama	leava (M	I. Gilbert kick)
1st	07:18	UT	D. Th	ornton	Jr. 36	yd pas	s from	N. lama	leava (M. Gilbert kick)
1st	03:32	UT	M. Gi	lbert 36	yd fie	eld goa	l		
2nd	14:03	UT	D. Sa	mpson	3 yd r	un (M.	Gilbert	t kick)	
2nd	10:14	UT	D. Th	ornton	Jr. 10	yd pass	from	N. lamal	eava (M. Gilbert kick)
2nd	06:43	UT	D. Sa	mpson	5 yd r	un (M.	Gilbert	t kick)	
3rd	10:10	UTC	J. Kel	ley 43	yd field	d goal			
3rd	07:15	UT	M. Gi	lbert 4	2 yd fie	eld goa	I		
3rd	01:13	UT	D. Bis	shop 22	yd ru	n (M. G	ilbert	kick)	
4th	04:06	UT	K. Ke	ith 1 yd	run (J	. Turby	ville ki	ick)	
4th	01:07	UT	Jo. R	oss 13 y	d pun	t returr	ı (J. Tu	rbyville	kick)

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FIRST DOWNS	10	36
Rushing	2	14
Passing	8	21
Penalty	0	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	74	304
Rushing Attempts	35	46
Average Per Rush	2.1	6.6
Rushing Touchdowns	0	5
Rushing Yards Gained	92	311
Rushing Yards Lost	18	7
NET YARDS PASSING	153	414
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	13-24-0	33-44-1
Average Per Attempt	6.4	9.4
Average Per Completion	11.8	12.5
Passing Touchdowns	0	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	227	718
Total Offensive Plays	59	90
Average Gain Per Play	3.1	8.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	9-65	6-52
PUNTS-YARDS	9-314	1-23
Average Yards Per Punt	34.9	23.0
Net Yards Per Punt	33.8	23.0
Inside 20	0	0
50+ Yards	2	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	2	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-99	12-780
Average Yards Per Kickoff	49.5	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	32.0	40.0
Touchbacks	0	12
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-69-1
Average Per Return	0.0	23.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-35-0
Average Per Return	0.0	35.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-71-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	30:46	29:10
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 14	9 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	7-7
Touchdowns	0	6
Field goals	1	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-6	1-8
PAT Kicks	0-0	9-9
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-3	2-2
Points off turnovers	0	7

# #14/12 Tennessee #24/23 NC State

Sept. 7, 2024
Bank of America Stadium
Charlotte, N.C.
Attendance: 72,730
Time: 7:44 p.m. ET • Duration: 3:19

Tennessee

Tennessee							
RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Sampson, Dylan	20	138	6	132	2	34	6.6
Iamaleava, Nico	8	68	3	65	1	31	8.1
Bishop, DeSean	10	42	0	42	0	15	4.2
Keith, Khalifa	3	5	0	5	0	2	1.7
Lewis, Peyton	3	5	0	5	0	3	1.7
PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Iamaleava, Nico	16	23	211	2	2	45	0
RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long			
White, Squirrel	2	67	0	45			
Kitselman, Miles	3	39	1	16			
Sampson, Dylan	3	37	0	21			
Staes, Holden	1	18	1	18			
Brazzell II, Chris	3	18	0	12			
Davis, Ethan	2	14	0	10			
McCoy, Bru	1	10	0	10			
Webb, Kaleb	11	8	0	8			
PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	ТВ	50+
	1	43	43	43	120	0	
Ross, Jackson	I	43	43	43	- 1	U	0
FIELD GOALS Gilbert, Max	Att.	Made 3	Long 45	Kicks	5G, 36G	53WI	
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	Punts Kickoffs					Interceptions			
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
White, Squirrel	3	58	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brooks, Will	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	85	85

Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

#### **NC State**

**PASSING** 

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Smothers, Hollywood	6	31	6	25	0	15	4.2
Bailey, CJ	2	11	4	7	0	11	3.5
McCall, Grayson	9	20	14	6	0	11	0.7
Raphael, Kendrick	4	8	3	5	0	8	1.3
Waters, Jordan	7	11	15	-4	0	6	-0.6

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Sacks

McCall, Grayson	15	22	104	Ü	- 1	28	3	
RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long				
Concepcion, Kevin	5	53	0	28				
Joly, Justin	4	30	0	14				
Colling Dagari	2	17	0	7				

C	oncepcion, Kevin	5	53	U	28
J	oly, Justin	4	30	0	14
C	ollins, Dacari	2	13	0	7
R	ogers, Noah	1	7	0	7
S	mothers, Hollywood	3	1	0	4

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Noonkester, Caden	6	276	46	58	1	0	3

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Vinesett, Kanoah	1	1	24	24G

Cmp.

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Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

	Punts			Kickoffs			Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Smothers, Hollywood	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0
White, Aydan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	87	87
Fitzgerald, Bishop	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	29

# #14/12 Vols Run Wild in Duke's Mayo Classic

Running back Dylan Sampson delivered another sensational performance, and 12thranked Tennessee's stellar defense shut down the No. 23 NC State Wolfpack, 51-10, in the 2024 Duke's Mayo Classic — earning UT's ninth ranked win of the Josh Heupel era and third-straight win over a ranked opponent at a neutral site. Sampson handled 20 carries for 132 yards and two rushing scores, marking his second consecutive game with over 100 yards and multiple touchdowns on the ground. The stifling Volunteer defense limited the Wolfpack to a Heupel-era best 143 yards of total offense (39 rushing, 104 passing) for the fewest yards allowed against a ranked foe since 1973. The Big Orange forced three turnovers, accumulated 13 tackles for loss with three sacks and saw senior safety Will Brooks swing the momentum in Tennessee's favor after an 85-yard picksix in the second quarter. Redshirt freshman QB Nico lamaleava accounted for three touchdowns in the victory, tallying a 31-yard rushing score on a designed run up the middle and connecting with tight ends Miles Kitselman and Holden Staes on their first receiving touchdowns for the Vols. With the final score of 51-10, Tennessee notched its third-highest margin of victory over an AP Top 25 opponent in program history and most lopsided ranked win since defeating No. 9 Florida 45-3 on Oct. 13, 1990.

			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Final	
Tenn	essee		7	13	17	14	-	51	
NC S	tate		0	3	7	0	-	10	
1st	00:09	UT	D. S	ampso	n 9 yd	run (M	. Gilbe	ert kick)	
2nd	09:04	NCST	K. V	'inesett	, Kano	ah 24 y	d field	d goal	
2nd	06:33	UT	M. (	Silbert	32 yd f	ield go	al		
2nd	03:29	UT	W. I	Brooks	85 yd	interce	otion	(M. Gilbe	ert kick)
2nd	00:00	UT	М. (	Silbert	45 yd f	ield go	al		
3rd	10:27	UT	M. k	(itselm	an 15 y	d pass	from I	N. lamale	eava (M. Gilbert kick)
3rd	06:31	UT	M. (	Silbert	36 yd f	ield go	al		
3rd	04:02	UT	N. I	amalea	va 31 y	d run (	M. Gill	oert kick	:)
3rd	02:20	NCST	A. V	Vhite 8	7 yd in	tercept	ion (k	K. Vinese	tt kick)
4th	14:07	UT	D. S	ampso	n 34 y	d run (1	M. Gilk	ert kick	)
4th	08:22	UT	H S	taes 18	vd pa	ss from	N lar	maleava	(M. Gilbert kick)

	UT	NCST
FIRST DOWNS	22	10
Rushing	11	2
Passing	11	6
Penalty	0	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	249	39
Rushing Attempts	44	28
Average Per Rush	5.7	1.4
Rushing Touchdowns	3	0
Rushing Yards Gained	258	81
Rushing Yards Lost	9	42
NET YARDS PASSING	211	104
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	16-23-2	15-22-1
Average Per Attempt	9.2	4.7
Average Per Completion	13.2	6.9
Passing Touchdowns	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	460	143
Total Offensive Plays	67	50
Average Gain Per Play	6.9	2.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-70	6-52
PUNTS-YARDS	1-43	6-276
Average Yards Per Punt	43.0	46.0
Net Yards Per Punt	43.0	38.8
Inside 20	1	1
50+ Yards	0	3
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	1	2
KICKOFFS-YARDS	9-579	3-195
Average Yards Per Kickoff	64.3	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	41.9	40.0
Touchbacks	8	3
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-58-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	19.3	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-2-0
Average Per Return	0.0	2.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-85-1	2-116-1
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	31:28	28:32
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 14	3 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-6	1-2
Touchdowns	4	1
Field goals	2	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-13	0-0
PAT Kicks	6-6	1-1
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	3-4	1-1
Points off turnovers	7	10

# Kent State #7/9 Tennessee

Sept. 14, 2024
Neyland Stadium
Knoxville, Tenn.
Attendance: 101,915

Time: 7:55 p.m. ET • Duration: 3:09

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Bishop, DeSean	7	122	2	120	2	53	17.1
Sampson, Dylan	13	101	0	101	4	22	7.8
Lewis, Peyton	10	99	0	99	0	35	9.9
Barnes, Hunter	7	38	0	38	0	14	5.4
lamaleava, Nico	5	31	0	31	0	11	6.2
Merklinger, Jake	4	27	6	21	0	24	5.3
Moore, Gaston	1	15	0	15	0	15	15.0
Keith, Khalifa	4	13	0	13	0	6	3.3
Wilk, Patrick	3	12	0	12	0	9	4.0
Shuler, Navy	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Iamaleava, Nico	10	16	173	1	0	53	0
Moore, Gaston	4	4	94	2	0	53	0
Merklinger, Jake	2	5	17	0	0	9	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long	
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	2	64	0	53	
Brazzell II, Chris	2	63	1	53	
Matthews, Mike	2	35	1	18	
Nimrod, Chas	2	34	0	27	
White, Squirrel	1	19	0	19	
Webb, Kaleb	2	17	0	9	
Staes, Holden	1	16	0	16	
Kitselman, Miles	1	15	1	15	
McCoy, Bru	1	9	0	9	
Keith, Khalifa	1	8	0	8	
Sampson, Dylan	1	4	0	4	

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Gilbert, Max	2	2	36	36G, 21G, 36G, 53WL

Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

Punt	Punts			offs		Inter	Interceptions		
No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
1	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	1	32	32	0	0	0	
1	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	55	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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FIELD GOALS

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	טו	Long	Avg.	
Sherrod, JD	7	57	1	56	0	30	8.0	
Lowe, Jordan	7	32	0	32	0	13	4.6	
Douglas, Curtis	4	14	0	14	0	6	3.5	
Thomas, Ky	7	12	2	10	0	3	1.4	
Wolford, Cade	2	5	0	5	0	3	2.5	
TEAM	5	0	63	-63	0	0	-12.6	

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Kargman, Devin	9	15	58	0	0	9	0
Sherrod, JD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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RECEIVING McCray, Chrishon	<b>No.</b> 3	<b>Yds.</b> 27	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>Long</b> 9
Etheridge, Jay Jay	2	16	0	9
Floriea, Luke	3	13	0	8
Thomas, Ky	1	2	0	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Smith, Josh	8	334	41.8	49	1	1	0

Kicks

Made Long

Glass, Andrew	1	0	n/a	51S	
Key: G=Good, WL	=Wide Left	. WR=V	Vide Right, .	S=Short	B=Blocked

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	Punt	S		Kicko	Kickoffs			Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
Floriea Luke	Ο	Ω	Ο	1	8	8	Ο	Ω	Ω	

# Sampson Ignites #7/9 Vols In Historic Shutout

**Dylan Sampson** ran for four first-half touchdowns as No. 7/9 Tennessee exploded for 37 first-quarter points en route to a record-setting 71-0 shutout of Kent State in front of a sellout crowd at Neyland Stadium. The Vols' final point total was a modern era record, replacing the old mark from a 70-3 win over Louisiana-Monroe on Sept. 23, 2000, and it stands as the most generated by the squad from Rocky Top since 1929. Additionally, Saturday night's scoring onslaught vs. the Golden Flashes (0-3) made it the first time since 1913 and only the second time in program annals that the Big Orange tallied 50 points in each of its first three games. Individually, Sampson rushed for  $66\,$ yards and three scores in the first 15 minutes and finished with 101 yards and four TDs on 13 attempts. He became the first Vol in the modern era with four rushing touchdowns in a half and tied the modern-day school single-game record with that total. **DeSean** Bishop joined Sampson with a 100-yard day of his own, carding his first effort above the century mark as a Vol with 120 yards and a career-high two touchdowns on only seven carries. Tennessee finished with a 740 to 112 edge in total yardage, with the Vols' offensive production setting a program record and tying as the 10th best in SEC history. Defensively, Tennessee limited the Golden Flashes to an opponent's lowest total yardage of the Josh Heupel era with that 112 mark. UT also extended its streak of not allowing an offensive touchdown to 16 straight quarters - its longest such streak since 1965-66.

			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Final		
Kent	State		0	0	0	0	-	0		
Tenn	essee		37	28	3	3	-	71		
1st	11:32	UT	D. Sa	mpson	22 vd	run (M.	Gilbe	ert kick)		
1st	10:35	UT		safety		,				
1st	08:11	UT	D. Sa	mpson	1 yd ru	un (M. G	ilbert	t kick)		
1st	05:56	UT	C. Br	azzell I	53 yd	pass fr	om N	. lamale	ava (M. Gilbert k	kick)
1st	03:35	UT	D. Bis	shop 53	yd ru	n (M. G	ilbert	kick)		
1st	00:02	UT	D. Sa	mpson	1 yd ru	un (M. G	ilbert	t kick)		
2nd	13:06	UT	D. Bis	shop 47	yd ru	n (M. G	ilbert	kick)		
2nd	07:49	UT	D. Sa	mpson	14 yd	run (M.	Gilbe	rt kick)		
2nd	03:06	UT	M. Ki	tselma	า 15 yd	pass fr	om G	. Moore	(M. Gilbert kick)	)
2nd	00:19	UT	M. Ma	atthew	18 yd	pass fr	om G	. Moore	(M. Gilbert kick)	)
3rd	12:04	UT	M. Gi	lbert 3	yd fie	eld goal				
4th	14:05	UT	M. Gi	lbert 2	yd fie	ld goal				

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	KENT	UT
FIRST DOWNS	8	32
Rushing	5	20
Passing	2	12
Penalty	1	0
NET YARDS RUSHING	54	456
Rushing Attempts	32	55
Average Per Rush	1.7	8.3
Rushing Touchdowns	0	6
Rushing Yards Gained	120	464
Rushing Yards Lost	66	8
NET YARDS PASSING	58	284
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	9-16-0	16-25-0
Average Per Attempt	3.6	11.4
Average Per Completion	6.4	17.8
Passing Touchdowns	0	3
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	112	740
Total Offensive Plays	48	80
Average Gain Per Play	2.3	9.2
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	2-7	5-54
PUNTS-YARDS	8-334	0-0
Average Yards Per Punt	41.8	0.0
Net Yards Per Punt	27.1	0.0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair Catch	0	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	2-125	11-678
Average Yards Per Kickoff	62.5	61.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff	34.0	40.5
Touchbacks	1	8
Fair Catch Yards	-	-
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD Average Per Return	0-0-0 0.0	5-106-0 21.2
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-8-0	1-32-0
Average Per Return	8.0	32.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	28:15	31:45
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 12	9 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	3 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	7-8
Touchdowns	0	5
Field goals	0	2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-6	0-0
PAT Kicks	0-0	9-9
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	0-0	2-2
Points off turnovers	0	0
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# #6/7 Tennessee #15/13 Oklahoma

Sept. 21, 2024
Gaylord Family

Gaylord Family-Memorial Stadium Norman, Okla.

Attendance: 84,701 Time: 6:44 p.m. CT • Duration: 3:46

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Sampson, Dylan	24	97	5	92	1	16	3.8
Bishop, DeSean	16	70	5	65	0	17	4.1
Iamaleava, Nico	8	29	14	15	0	16	1.9
White, Squirrel	1	0	7	-7	0	0	-7.0
TEAM	3	0	14	-14	0	0	-4.7
PASSING Iamaleava, Nico	<b>Cmp.</b> 13	<b>Att.</b> 21	<b>Yds.</b> 194	<b>TD</b> 1	<b>Int.</b> 0	<b>Long</b> 66	Sacks 3

<b>RECEIVING</b> McCoy, Bru	<b>No.</b> 4	<b>Yds.</b> 92	<b>TD</b> 0	Long 42
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	2	73	1	66
White, Squirrel	3	13	0	14
Davis, Ethan	1	8	0	8
Staes, Holden	2	8	0	6
Brazzell II, Chris	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Ross, Jackson	8	387	48.4	57	2	1	3

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Gilbert, Max	3	3	41	27G, 41G, 32G
Kov: G=Good	WI =Wide Left	M/R = M/i	de Riaht	S=Short R=Rlocker

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	Punt	Punts			Kickoffs			Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
White Squirrel	2	12	8	1	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	Ω	

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Hawkins Jr., Michael	12	46	24	22	0	11	1.8
Burks,Deion	2	18	0	18	0	11	9.0
Tatum,Taylor	3	14	0	14	0	6	4.7
Barnes, Jovantae	8	19	7	12	1	17	1.5
Sawchuk, Gavin	2	0	2	-2	0	0	-1.0
Franklin,Sam	1	0	3	-3	0	0	-3.0
TEAM	1	0	4	-4	0	0	-4.0
Arnold, Jackson	5	7	28	-21	0	7	-4.2

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Hawkins Jr., Michael	11	18	132	1	0	46	2
Arnold, Jackson	7	16	54	0	1	12	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Pettaway, Jaquaize	3	79	0	46
Sharp,Bauer	4	36	0	13
Burks, Deion	4	32	0	12
Thompson, Brenen	2	18	0	12
Roberts, Jake	2	11	0	9
Ragins, Zion	1	10	0	10
Barnes, Jovantae	2	0	1	2

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	ТВ	50+
Elzinga,Luke	7	357	51	63	3	1	4

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks	
Keltner, Tyler	1	1	37	37G	
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Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

	Punts			Kickoffs			Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Bowen.Pevton	5	30	17	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Dominant Defense Leads #6/7 Vols to Victory

No. 6 Tennessee showcased its defensive prowess in a commanding, 25-15 SEC-opening victory over No. 15 Oklahoma at Memorial Stadium. The win marked the Vols' 10th over a ranked opponent under head coach Josh Heupel, who made the return to his alma mater a memorable one. Tennessee established defensive dominance from the outset, limiting the Sooners to just 222 total yards, including 36 on the ground. The Vols had an impressive defensive streak end as they went 19 quarters without allowing an offensive touchdown, which went down as the second-longest in program history. Linebacker Arion Carter was a standout for Tennessee's defense, recording six tackles, including one for a loss, and breaking up a pass. Andre Turrentine, Christian Harrison, and Keenan Pili each contributed five tackles, with Pili particularly disruptive, adding a tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries. Tennessee forced three Oklahoma turnovers thorughout the contest, including Jermod McCoy's first interception as a Vol, a forced fumble and recovery by Joshua Josephs and another fumble recovery by Jakobe Thomas. As a unit, the Vols' defense registered three sacks and 11 tackles for loss led by Jaxson Moi who posted a pair of solo stops behind the line of scrimmage. On the offensive front, quarterback Nico lamaleava had a solid performance in his first SEC start that included a career-long 66-yard scoring strike to **Dont'e Thornton Jr.** and four completions to Bru McCoy for 92 yards. Dylan Sampson finished with 92 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown, while fellow running back **DeSean Bishop** contributed 65 yards on 16 carries. As the clock expired in Norman, lamaleava presented the game ball to his head coach in recognition of the significant victory.

			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Final		
Tenn	essee		10	9	3	3	-	25		
Okla	homa		3	0	0	12	-	15		
1st	03:45	UT	M. Gi	lbert 2	7 yd fie	eld goal				
1st	00:42	OU	T. Ke	Itner 37	yd fie	ld goal				
1st	00:03	UT	D. Th	ornton	Jr. 66	yd pass	from	N. lamalea	va (M. Gill	pert kick)
2nd	09:12	UT	J. Jer	nkins 0	yd saf	ety				
2nd	01:40	UT	D. Sa	mpson	1 yd ru	ın (M. G	ilber	t kick)		
3rd	06:03	UT	M. Gi	lbert 4	yd fie	ld goal				
4th	08:25	OU	J. Ba	rnes 2	/d pass	from N	٩. Ha	wkins Jr. (2	pt conver	sion failed)
4th	03:35	UT	M. Gi	lbert 32	2 yd fie	eld goal				
4th	01:01	OU	J. Ba	rnes 1 y	d run (	(2-pt cc	nvers	sion failed)		

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FIRST DOWNS	14	16
Rushing	8	4
Passing	5	8
Penalty	1	4
NET YARDS RUSHING	151	36
Rushing Attempts	52	34
Average Per Rush	2.9	1.1
Rushing Touchdowns	1	1
Rushing Yards Gained	196	104
Rushing Yards Lost	45	68
NET YARDS PASSING	194	186
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	13-21-0	18-34-1
Average Per Attempt	9.2	5.5
Average Per Completion	14.9	10.3
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	345	222
Total Offensive Plays	73	68
Average Gain Per Play	4.7	3.3
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-2	4-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-82	3-32
PUNTS-YARDS	8-387	7-357
Average Yards Per Punt	48.4	51.0
Net Yards Per Punt	42.1	46.4
Inside 20	2	3
50+ Yards	3	4
Touchbacks	1	1
Fair Catch	1	2
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-390	4-262
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	65.5
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.0	48.5
Touchbacks	6	1
Fair Catch Yards	0	43
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-12-0	5-30-0
Average Per Return	6.0	6.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-0-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	0.0	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-17-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-1-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	35:41	24:28
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 19	3 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	3-4
Touchdowns	1	2
Field goals	2	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-27	3-14
PAT Kicks	2-2	0-1
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-1
Field Goals	3-3	1-1
Points off turnovers	10	0

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# **GAME 5**

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# #4/4 Tennessee Arkansas

Oct. 5, 2024
DWR Razorback Stadium
Fayetteville, Ark.
Attendance: 75,573

Time: 6:45 p.m. CT • Duration: 3:45

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	
Sampson, Dylan	22	138	0	138	2	53	
Bishop, DeSean	3	19	0	19	0	13	
lamaleava, Nico	11	36	19	17	0	12	

PASSING		Att.	Yds.			Long	Sacks
lamaleava, Nico	17	29	158	0	0	42	4

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	1	42	0	42
White, Squirrel	7	38	0	10
Kitselman, Miles	2	24	0	17
Brazzell II, Chris	2	21	0	15
Nimrod, Chas	2	13	0	11
Sampson, Dylan	1	11	0	11
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PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Ross, Jackson	7	299	42.7	51	2	1	2

	Punt	s		Kickoffs			Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Seldon, Cameron	0	0	0	1	24	24	0	0	0

Arkansas							
RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Russell, Braylen	8	62	0	62	0	24	7.8
Jackson, Ja'Quinden	20	61	4	57	1	22	2.9
Singleton, Malachi	4	16	1	15	1	11	3.8
Dubinion, Rashod	2	10	0	10	0	8	5.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Green, Taylen	9	9	14	-5	0	4	-0.6

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Green, Taylen	19	27	266	0	0	30	1
Singleton, Malachi	2	3	31	0	0	18	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Armstrong, Andrew	9	132	0	30
Sategna, Isaiah	5	72	0	23
Jackson, Ja'Quinden	2	33	0	26
Broden, Tyrone	1	22	0	22
Dubinion, Rashod	1	18	0	18
Hasz, Luke	1	16	0	16
Anthony, Jordan	1	4	0	4
Gumms, Var'Keyes	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Bale, Devin	3	172	57.3	66	0	1	2

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Keltner, Tyler	2	1	22	20G, 44WL
Shipley, Matthew	1	1	23	23G
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Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

	Punts	5		Kicko	offs		Inter	Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
Sategna, Isaiah	2	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	

# #4 Vols Come Up Short in Loss at Arkansas

No. 4/4 Tennessee fell to Arkansas, 19-14, in a low-scoring affair on the road at DWR Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville. After falling behind 14-3 in the third quarter, the Razorbacks scored the final 16 points of the game to pull out the victory and hand the Volunteers their first loss of the season, snapping a six-game winning streak in the process. A last-ditch effort on the final drive came up just short as the Volunteers were stopped on fourth-and-5 from the 21-yard line on the final play of the game. UT's defense put forth another solid effort but came up one stop short as Arkansas scored on their final possession of the game to pull ahead for the first time in the second half. The Vols racked up seven tackles for loss, led by James Pearce Jr. (2.0) and Arion Carter (1.5), who were two of nine different players to post at least half a tackle for loss. Despite the offensive struggles overall, **Dylan Sampson** was a bright spot once again. The junior running back recorded his fourth 100-yard rushing performance of the year and the eighth of his career, finishing with a season-high 138 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries. Sampson led a third-quarter offensive surge with a pair of touchdowns on UT's first two possessions of the half. In those two drives, the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, native carried the ball six times for 77 yards before plunging into the end zone to finish off both possessions. Three Vols finished with career highs in tackles in Will Brooks (10), Pearce Jr. (nine) and Carter (eight), while Keenan Pili led all players with a game-high 14 stops, the most in a game during his UT career.

			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Final	
Tenn	essee		0	0	14	0	-	14	
Arka	ınsas		3	0	7	9	-	19	
1st	05:47	ARK	K. Ra	msey 2	0 yd fi	eld go	al		
3rd	12:33	UT	D. Sa	mpson	4 yd r	un (M.	Gilber	t kick)	
3rd	08:19	UT	D. Sa	mpson	4 yd r	un (M.	Gilber	t kick)	
3rd	04:38	ARK	J. Ja	ckson 2	yd rur	n (M. Sh	nipley	kick)	
4th	12:08	ARK	M. Sł	nipley 2	3 yd fie	eld goa	ıl		
4th	01:17	ARK	M. Si	ngletor	11 yd i	run (2-	ot con	version	failed)

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FIRST DOWNS	16	23
Rushing	6	8
Passing	8	14
Penalty	2	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	174	137
Rushing Attempts	36	44
Average Per Rush	4.8	3.1
Rushing Touchdowns	2	2
Rushing Yards Gained	193	158
Rushing Yards Lost	19	21
NET YARDS PASSING	158	297
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	17-29-0	21-30-0
Average Per Attempt	5.4	9.9
Average Per Completion	9.3	14.1
Passing Touchdowns	0	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	332	434
Total Offensive Plays	65	74
Average Gain Per Play	5.1	5.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-60	6-45
PUNTS-YARDS	7-299	3-172
Average Yards Per Punt	42.7	57.3
Net Yards Per Punt	38.0	50.7
Inside 20	2	0
50+ Yards	2	2
Touchbacks	1	1
Fair Catch	1	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-195	5-324
Average Yards Per Kickoff		
Net Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	64.8
	40.0	40.0
Touchbacks	3	4
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-13-0
Average Per Return	0.0	6.5
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-24-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	24.0	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	24:31	35:28
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 16	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	1 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-5
Touchdowns	2	2
Field goals	0	2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	4-19
PAT Kicks	2-2	1-1
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-1
Field Goals	0-0	2-3
Points off turnovers	0	0

Florida 17 (OT) #8/9 Tennessee 23

17 (OT) Oct. 12, 2024 Neyland Stadium Knoxville, Tenn. Attendance: 101,915

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Sampson, Dylan	27	119	7	112	3	23	4.1
Bishop, DeSean	7	24	0	24	0	6	3.4
McCoy, Bru	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
lamaleava, Nico	8	22	21	1	0	15	0.1
DASSING	Cmn	Λtt	Vde	TD	Int	Long	Sacks

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
lamaleava, Nico	16	26	169	0	1	24	3

RECEIVING White, Squirrel	<b>No.</b> 5	<b>Yds.</b> 71	<b>TD</b> 0	Long 24
Brazzell II, Chris	3	49	0	23
Nimrod, Chas	1	16	0	16
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	1	11	0	11
Davis, Ethan	2	10	0	11
Sampson, Dylan	2	7	0	8
Staes, Holden	2	5	0	3

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Ross, Jackson	7	319	45.6	53	3	0	1

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Gilbert, Max	1	1	35	35G

Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

	Punt	Punts			offs		Inter	Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
McCoy, Jermod	2	34	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Carter Arion	0	0	Ο	0	0	Ο	1	15	15	

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Johnson Jr., Montrell	12	86	1	85	0	23	7.1
Baugh, Jadan	12	35	10	25	0	12	2.1
Jackson, Ja'Kobi	5	20	4	16	0	13	3.2
Mertz, Graham	5	21	10	11	0	15	2.2
Lagway, DJ	5	16	15	1	0	8	0.2
Wilson III, Eugene	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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7 98	1	1	27	2
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<b>RECEIVING</b> Dike, Chimere	<b>No.</b> 4	<b>Yds.</b> 76	<b>TD</b> 1	Long 27
Boardingham, Arlis	3	40	1	20
Hansen, Hayden	3	40	0	17
Wilson III, Eugene	5	35	0	18
Badger, Elijhah	2	30	0	18
Johnson Jr., Montrell	1	8	0	8
Jackson, Ja'Kobi	1	-1	0	0
Baugh, Jadan	1	-5	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Crawshaw, Jeremy	5	224	44.8	59	2	0	2

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks	
Smack, Trey	2	1	42	42G, 47WR	
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Key: G=Good,	WL=Wide Left,	WR=Wide	Right, S	S=Short,	B=Blocked

	Punts			Kickot	fs		Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Dike, Chimere	2	57	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denson, Sharif	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	20

# #8/9 Vols Take Down Gators In Overtime

**Dylan Sampson** ran for three touchdowns, including the decisive blow in overtime, as No. 8/9 Tennessee overcame a double-digit third-quarter deficit to stave off Florida, 23-17, in front of a sold-out Checker Neyland crowd. The Vols trailed 10-0 midway through the third quarter before scoring 17 unanswered points to seize the lead with just under 10 minutes remaining in the contest. Florida evened it up at 17 with 29 seconds left and came up empty on its first possession in overtime with a missed field goal, setting the stage for UT's first walk-off victory since defeating No. 3/1 Alabama, 52-49, in regulation on Oct. 15, 2022. Sampson plunged past the goal line from one-yard out, capping his night with 27 carries for 112 yards. Defensively, Tennessee came up with big plays at opportune times to prevent the Gators from adding to their lead. Contributing to that effort were a pair of turnovers forced and fourth-down stops, 12 tackles for losses (by 12 players) and three sacks. Safety Christian Charles, LEO Joshua Josephs, STAR Boo Carter and LEO James Pearce Jr. all recorded seven tackles each, with Carter posting a sack and 1.5 TFLs; Joseph 1.5 TFLs and a pass break-up; Pearce a half sack, TFL, forced fumble and fumble recovery; and Charles a TFL. Defensive tackle Omarr Norman-Lott also was credited with 1.5 sacks along with two tackles. LB Arion Carter had a key interception in the second half. Pearce Jr. forced UF QB Graham Mertz to fumble at the goal line, and Pearce recovered it in one of the biggest plays of the game in the first half. It marked the first time UT secured back-to-back home wins over Florida since 1990-92.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT		Final
Florida	3	0	7	7	0	-	17
Tennessee	0	0	10	7	6	-	23

3rd         07:18         FLA         A. Boardingham 13 yd pass from G. Mertz (T. Smack kick)           3rd         02:57         TEN         D. Sampson 6 yd run (M. Gilbert kick)           3rd         01:37         TEN         M. Gilbert 35 yd field goal           4th         09:42         TEN         D. Sampson 23 yd run (M. Gilbert kick)
3rd 01:37 TEN M. Gilbert 35 yd field goal 4th 09:42 TEN D. Sampson 23 yd run (M. Gilbert kick)
4th 09:42 TEN D. Sampson 23 yd run (M. Gilbert kick)
4th 00:29 FLA C. Dike 27 yd pass from D. Lagway (T. Smack kick)
OT 00:00 TEN D. Sampson 1 yd run

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FIRST DOWNS	22	10
	22 10	18 9
Rushing	10	9
Passing	1	
Penalty	138	0 143
NET YARDS RUSHING		43
Rushing Attempts	40 3.4	43 3.3
Average Per Rush		
Rushing Touchdowns	0 178	3 171
Rushing Yards Last		
Rushing Yards Lost	40	28
NET YARDS PASSING Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	223 20-32-1	169 16-26-1
Average Per Attempt	7.0	6.5
Average Per Attempt  Average Per Completion	11.2	10.6
Passing Touchdowns	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	361	312
Total Offensive Plays	72	69
Average Gain Per Play	5.0	4.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-36	6-47
PUNTS-YARDS	5-224	7-319
Average Yards Per Punt	44.8	45.6
Net Yards Per Punt	38.0	37.4
Inside 20	2	3
50+ Yards	2	1
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	3	4
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-260	4-260
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.0	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.0	40.0
Touchbacks	4	4
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-57-0	2-34-0
Average Per Return	28.5	17.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	0.0	0.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	1-20-0	1-15-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	34:56	25:04
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 2	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-6	3-3
Touchdowns	2	2
Field goals	1	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-19	3-25
PAT Kicks	2-2	2-2
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-2	1-1 7
Points off turnovers	0	3

# #7/7 Alabama #11/10 Tennessee

Oct. 19, 2024
Neyland Stadium
Knoxville, Tenn.
Attendance: 101,915

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Sampson, Dylan	26	140	1	139	2	36	5.3
Iamaleava, Nico	9	61	17	44	0	27	4.9
Bishop, DeSean	5	36	0	36	0	15	7.2
Seldon, Cameron	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
TEAM	2	0	6	-6	0	0	-3.0
PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Iamaleava, Nico	14	27	194	1	1	55	3
Moore, Gaston	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long			
McCoy, Bru	6	80	0	23			
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	3	70	0	55			
Brazzell II, Chris	2	27	1	16			
Davis, Ethan	2	12	0	11			
Staes, Holden	1	5	0	5			
PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	ТВ	50+
Ross, Jackson	4	187	46.8	49	2	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks		
Gilbert, Max	3	1	41	53WR,	50WR, 41G	
Key: G=Good,	WL=Wide Left,	WR=W	ide Right,	S=Short,	B=Blocked	

	Punt	s		Kick	offs		Inter	ception	ıs
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Seldon, Cameron	0	0	0	1	18	18	0	0	0
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# Alabama

Burnip, James

RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	net	ID	Long	Avg.
Miller, Jamarion	12	50	8	42	0	11	3.5
Haynes, Justice	8	22	0	22	1	7	2.8
Milroe, Jalen	14	41	30	11	0	10	0.8
PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Milroe, Jalen	25	45	239	1	2	28	3
RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long			
Williams, Ryan	8	73	1	16			
Bernard, Germie	5	72	0	28			
Law, Kendrick	4	37	0	20			
Haynes, Justice	5	34	0	13			
Dippre, CJ	2	21	0	12			
Miller, Jamarion	1	2	0	2			

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	Long	Kicks
Nicholson Graham	2	1	75	5/S 35G

Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

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	Punt	s		Kickoffs				Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
Adams, Cole	3	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mbakwe, Jaylen	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	9	
Moore Malachi	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41	41	

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# #11/10 Tennessee Turns Back #7 Tide

Safety Will Brooks' fourth-quarter interception with 1:28 remaining sealed the deal as Tennessee's defense was stout throughout and its offense scored all of its points in the second half to earn a thrilling 24-17 victory over rival Alabama in front of a raucous crowd at Neyland Stadium. The Vols trailed 7-0 at the half, 10-7 in the third quarter and 17-14 in the fourth before a 16-yard Nico lamaleava pass found a diving Chris Brazzell II in the back of the end zone to put UT up 21-17 with 5:52 remaining. Max Gilbert's 41yard field goal with 1:30 left extended the final lead to seven, 24-17. The Crimson Tide, though, had one final opportunity, starting at its own 25. On the first play, quarterback Jalen Milroe's pass attempt was picked off by Brooks. The Tennessee offense took two snaps to run out the clock, setting the scene for the orange-clad masses to stream onto the field, reminiscent of the 52-49 Vols triumph in Knoxville two seasons ago. Running back Dylan Sampson propelled a second-half resurgence by the Big Orange's offense, carrying 26 times for a career-high-tying 139 yards and two touchdowns on the night. With the two scores, Sampson passed Tony Thompson (16 in 1990) and tied Reggie Cobb (17 in 1987) for the second-most single-season rushing TDs in Tennessee history. In addition to Brooks' pick, cornerback Jermod McCoy came up with a huge one earlier in the game to prevent points by Alabama. With the Tide threatening at the UT three-yard line, the cornerback leaped high into the air to intercept a second-down Milroe pass in the end zone and return the ball 54 yards to the Alabama 46. McCoy finished the game with a team-high eight stops and added a pass break-up. Brooks also matched McCoy for tackles, including a pair of key stops that appeared to thwart potential scoring plays, and added a tackle for a loss. Alabama's last four drives managed only three yards.

			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Final		
Alaba	ama		0	7	3	7	-	17		
Tenn	essee		0	0	14	10	-	24		
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2nd	13:01	ALA	R. W	illiams :	5 yd pa	ass fron	า J. M	ilroe (G	. Nicholson l	(ick)
3rd	06:32	UT	D. Sa	mpson	2 yd r	un (M. (	Gilber	t kick)		
3rd	03:11	ALA	G. Ni	cholsor	35 yd	field g	oal			
3rd	01:00	UT	D. Sa	mpson	3 yd r	un (M. (	Gilber	t kick)		
4th	13:56	ALA	J. Ha	ynes 7	yd run	(G. Nic	holso	n kick)		
4th	05:52	UT	C. Br	azzell II	16 yd	pass fro	om N.	lamale	ava (M. Gilbe	ert kicl
4th	01:30	UT	M. Gi	lbert 4	yd fie	ld goal				

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	ALA	UT
FIRST DOWNS	23	21
Rushing	8	7
Passing	12	8
Penalty	3	6
NET YARDS RUSHING	75	214
Rushing Attempts	34	43
Average Per Rush	2.2	5.0
Rushing Touchdowns	1	2
Rushing Yards Gained	113	238
Rushing Yards Lost	38	24
NET YARDS PASSING	239	194
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	25-45-2	14-28-2
Average Per Attempt	5.3	6.9
Average Per Completion	9.6	13.9
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	314	408
Total Offensive Plays	79	71
Average Gain Per Play	4.0	5.7
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	15-115	11-95
PUNTS-YARDS	7-327	4-187
Average Yards Per Punt	46.7	46.8
Net Yards Per Punt	43.9	43.0
Inside 20	2	2
50+ Yards	2	0
Touchbacks	1	Ö
Fair Catch	3	Ö
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-254	5-325
Average Yards Per Kickoff	63.5	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	41.8	40.0
Touchbacks	2	5
Fair Catch Yards	19	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-15-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	5.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-18-0
Average Per Return	0.0	18.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	2-50-0	2-54-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	33:15	26:32
Third-Down Conversions	3 of 14	6 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-4	3-4
Touchdowns	2	3
Field goals	1	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-17	3-19
PAT Kicks	2-2	3-3
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-2	1-3
Points off turnovers	0	0
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# **Kentucky** #7/7 Tennessee

Nov. 2, 2024 18 Neyland Stadium Knoxville, Tenn. Attendance: 101,915

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Jamaleava Nico

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RUSHING	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Long	Avg.
Sampson, Dylan	27	143	1	142	2	17	5.3
Lewis, Peyton	8	25	1	24	1	5	3.0
Iamaleava, Nico	7	22	8	14	0	8	2.0
Bishop, DeSean	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
TEAM	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks

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RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	TD	Long	
Kitselman, Miles	6	97	1	31	
McCoy, Bru	5	56	0	23	
Nimrod, Chas	3	45	0	19	
Thornton Jr., Dont'e	5	36	0	9	
Staes, Holden	3	27	0	20	
White, Squirrel	2	11	0	6	
Brazzell II, Chris	2	11	0	7	
Sampson, Dylan	1	9	0	9	
Matthews, Mike	1	0	0	0	

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	ТВ	50+
Ross, Jackson	3	119	39.7	45	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	e Long	Kicks	
Gilbert, Max	3	0	n/a	43WL,	40WR, 34WL
Kov: G-Good	M/I = Mida Laft	1//D-1/	lida Diaht	S-Short	R-Blocked

Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

	Punt	s		Kick	offs		Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.
McCoy, Jermod	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, Peyton	0	0	0	1	21	21	0	0	0
Turrentine, Andre	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brooks, Will	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	67	67

#### Kentucky

Raynor, Alex

RUSHING Wilcox, Jamarion	Att.	Gain 102	Loss	<b>Net</b> 102	TD	Long 50	<b>Avg.</b> 6.0
Sumo-Karngbaye, D.	6	38	0	38	0	15	6.3
Wimsatt, Gavin	4	20	0	20	0	13	5.0
Vandagriff, Brock	9	37	23	14	0	16	1.6
TEAM	1	0	6	-6	0	0	-6.0

PASSING	Cmp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Long	Sacks
Vandagriff, Brock	10	17	123	1	1	27	3
Wimsatt, Gavin	4	10	69	1	1	32	0

RECEIVING Key, Dane	<b>No.</b> 2	<b>Yds.</b> 43	<b>TD</b> 0	Long 26
Maclin, Ja'Mori	1	32	1	32
Brown, Barion	3	29	0	16
Kattus, Josh	1	27	1	27
Gilmore IV, Hardley	1	25	0	25
Sumo-Karngbaye, D.	2	11	0	6
Wilcox, Jamarion	2	10	0	7
Anderson, Khamari	1	9	0	9
Farrier II, Fred	1	6	0	6

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	120	TB	50+
Laros, Aidan	4	200	50	61	2	0	2

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FIELD GOALS	Att.	Made	long	Kicke		
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Key: G=Good, WL=Wide Left, WR=Wide Right, S=Short, B=Blocked

	Punts	unts			Kickoffs			Interceptions		
ALL RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	No.	Yds.	Lg.	
Walker, Deone	0	0	0	1	16	16	0	0	0	
Brown, Barion	0	0	0	1	23	23	0	0	0	

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# #7 Vols Dominate Final Three Quarters, Upend Kentucky

No. 7 Tennessee outscored visiting Kentucky by 17 points over the final 35 minutes inside a sold-out Neyland Stadium, treating the 101,915 fans in attendance to a 28-18 triumph. The Volunteers scored 21 of the game's 29 second-half points en route to defeating the Wildcats for the fourth time in as many tries under head coach Josh Heupel. A staunch Tennessee defense forced three turnovers, two of which led to second-half touchdowns, helping the team post a second-half comeback victory for the third consecutive outing. Junior running back **Dylan Sampson** totaled a career-high-tying 27 carries for a careerbest 142 yards and etched his name into Tennessee history with a pair of rushing touchdowns, setting the single-season school record for rushing scores at 19. The record-breaking was a total team effort as all 10 of Sampson's teammates on the field pushed the pile over the goal line for a six-yard touchdown with 4:55 remaining in the contest. Redshirt freshman quarterback Nico lamaleava was magnificent, completing 28-of-38 passes for 292 yards and a six-yard touchdown through the air to tight end Miles Kitselman, who led all receivers with six catches for 97 yards - the most by a Vol tight end in a single game since 2012. Defensively, starting safeties **Andre Turrentine** and WIII Brooks each came up with interceptions in the win, the latter of which was returned 67 yards to set up a Tennessee scoring drive late in the third quarter. Junior edge rusher Joshua Josephs generated a momentum-shifting play in the third quarter as well, as his strip sack was recovered by sophomore linebacker Jeremiah Telander. Arion Carter led the defensive unit with 10 total tackles, followed by Jalen Smith with 9 total stops.

			1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Final			
Kent	ucky		7	3	0	8	-	18			
Tenn	essee		0	7	14	7	-	28			
1st	05:28	UK	J. Ka	ttus 27	yd pas	ss from	B. Va	ndagriff	(A. Raynoi	kick)	
2nd	04:45	UT	P. Le	wis 1 yc	l run (N	Ч. Gilbe	rt kic	k)			
2nd	00:30	UK	A. Ra	ynor 3	2 yd fie	eld goal					
3rd	08:28	UT	D. Sa	mpson	7 yd r	un (M. (	Gilber	t kick)			
3rd	00:33	UT	M. Ki	tselmaı	n 6 yd	pass fro	om N.	lamalea	va (M. Gilb	ert kick)	
4th	13:31	UK	J. Ma	J. Maclin 32 yd pass from G. Wimsatt (J. Maclin pass)							
4th	04:55	UT	D. Sa	moson	6 vd r	un (M. (	Gilber	t kick)			

	UK	UT
FIRST DOWNS	19	29
Rushing	9	13
Passing	6	15
Penalty	4	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	168	185
Rushing Attempts	37	44
Average Per Rush	4.5	4.2
Rushing Touchdowns	0	3
Rushing Yards Gained	197	196
Rushing Yards Lost	29	11
NET YARDS PASSING	192	292
Completions-Attempts-Interceptions	14-27-2	28-38-0
Average Per Attempt	7.1	7.7
Average Per Completion	13.7	10.4
Passing Touchdowns	2	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	360	477
Total Offensive Plays	64	82
Average Gain Per Play	5.6	5.8
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-71	9-77
PUNTS-YARDS	4-200	3-119
Average Yards Per Punt	50.0	39.7
Net Yards Per Punt	51.2	39.7
Inside 20	2	1
50+ Yards	2	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair Catch	1	1
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-257	5-325
Average Yards Per Kickoff	64.2	65.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	40.2	42.2
Touchbacks	3	3
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-2-0
Average Per Return	0.0	1.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-39-0	1-21-0
Average Per Return	19.5	21.0
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-67-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	30:32	29:28
Third-Down Conversions Fourth-Down Conversions	4 of 14 0 of 2	7 of 14 1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	4-8
Touchdowns	0	4-0
	1	0
Field goals Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-8	3-23
PAT Kicks	2-0 1-1	3-23 4-4
2Pts Conversions	1-1	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	0-0
Points off turnovers	0	7
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OVERALL: 7-1 SEC: 4-1 HOME: 5-0 AWAY: 1-1 NEUTRAL: 1-0

SCHEE	OULE & RES	BULTS								
Date	UT (rank)	Opponent	TV	Site	Time/Result	Att.	Top Rusher (A-Y-TD)	Top Passer (C-A-Y-TD)	Top Receiver (R-Y-TD)	Top Tackler
Aug. 31	15/15	Chattanooga	SECN	Knoxville	W, 69-3	101,915	D. Sampson (12-124-3)	N. lamaleava (22-28-314-3)	D. Thornton (3-105-2)	W. Brooks (5)
Sept. 7	14/12	vs. #24/23 NC State	ABC	Charlotte	W, 51-10	72,730	D. Sampson (20-132-2)	N. lamaleava (16-23-211-2)	S. White (2-67-0)	Three tied (4)
Sept. 14	7/9	Kent State	SECN	Knoxville	W, 71-0	101,915	D. Bishop (7-120-2)	N. lamaleava (10-16-173-1)	D. Thornton (2-64-0)	E. Farooq (6)
Sept. 21	6/7	at #15/13 Oklahoma*	ABC	Norman	W, 25-15	84,701	D. Sampson (24-92-1)	N. lamaleava (13-21-194-1)	B. McCoy (4-92-0)	A. Carter (6)
Oct. 5	4/4	at Arkansas*	ABC	Fayetteville	L, 19-14	75,573	D. Sampson (22-138-2)	N. lamaleava (16-28-158-0)	D. Thornton (1-42-0)	K. Pili (14)
Oct. 12	8/9	Florida*	ESPN	Knoxville	W, 23-17 (OT)	101,915	D. Sampson (27-112-3)	N. lamaleava (16-26-169-0)	S. White (5-71-0)	Four tied (7)
Oct. 19	11/10	#7/7 Alabama*	ABC	Knoxville	W, 24-17	101,915	D. Sampson (26-139-2)	N. lamaleava (14-27-194-1)	B. McCoy (6-80-0)	Brooks/McCoy (8)
Nov. 2	7/7	Kentucky*	SECN	Knoxville	W, 28-18	101,915	D. Sampson (27-142-2)	N. lamaleava (28-38-292-1)	M. Kitselman (6-97-1)	A. Carter (10)
Nov. 9	7/6	Miss. State* (HC)	ESPN	Knoxville	7 ET					
Nov. 16	-/-	at Georgia*	TBD	Athens	Night					
Nov. 23	-/-	UTEP	SECN+	Knoxville	1 p.m. ET					
Nov. 30	-/-	at Vanderbilt*	TBD	Nashville	Early					
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Rankings listed (AP/Coaches) \*SEC Game

# **TEAM STATS**

	UT	OP
Scoring	305	99
Points per game	38.1	12.4
Points Off Turnovers	34	10
First Downs	188	131
Rushing	88	48
Passing	89	67
Penalty	11	16
Rushing Yardage	1876	72:
Yards gained rushing	2027	1043
Yards lost rushing	151	32:
Rushing attempts	363	28
Average per rush	5.2	2.
Average per game	234.5	90.
TDs Rushing	25	
Passing Yardage	1916	145
Comp-Att-Int	153-234-6	135-230-
Average per pass	8.2	6.
Average per catch	12.5	10.
Average per game	239.5	181.
TDs Passing	11	
Total offense	3792	217
Total plays	597	514
Average per play	6.4	4.:
Average per game	474.0	271.
Kick returns: #-Yards	6-130	4-4
Punt returns: #-Yards	17-281	12-11
Int returns: #-Yards	7-238	6-25
Kick return average	21.7	12.3
Punt return average	16.5	9.0
Int return average	34.0	42.8
Fumbles-Lost	10-5	19-
Penalties-Yards	64-537	57-42
Average per game	67.1	52.
Punts-Yards	31-1377	49-220
Average per punt	44.4	45.
Net punt average	39.4	39.
Kickoffs-Yards	55-3532	28-177
Average per kick	64.2	63.
Net kick average	40.6	40.5
Time of possession / game	29:12	30:4
3rd-down conversion	55/122	27/11:
3rd-down pct	45%	249
4rd-down conversion	8/11	3/14
4rd-down pct	73%	219
Sacks by-Yards	18-124	18-8
Misc Yards	0	
Touchdowns scored	38	1
Field goals - attempts	12-18	8-1-
On-Side kicks	1-1	0-
Red-zone scores		
Red-zone touchdowns	(34-42) 81%	(16-25) 649
	(26-42) 62%	(8-25) 329
PAT-attempts	(37-37) 100%	(7-8) 88%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(1-3) 33%
Attendance	509575	15964
Games / Avg per game	5/101915	2/7982
Neutral site games		1/72730

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	TOT
Tennessee	78	78	85	58	6	305
Opponents	16	13	27	43	0	99
	16	13	27	43	0	

# **INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS**

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Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dylan Sampson	8	171	1000	20	980	5.7	19	56	122.5
DeSean Bishop	8	54	379	7	372	6.9	3	53	46.5
Nico lamaleava	8	60	279	86	193	3.2	1	31	24.1
Peyton Lewis	8	25	143	1	142	5.7	1	35	17.8
Khalifa Keith	3	17	62	1	61	3.6	1	9	20.3
Cameron Seldon	4	8	48	0	48	6.0	0	14	12.0
Hunter Barnes	2	7	38	0	38	5.4	0	14	19.0
Jake Merklinger	2	7	30	8	22	3.1	0	24	11.0
Bru McCoy	8	2	15	0	15	7.5	0	9	1.9
Gaston Moore	4	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	3.8
Patrick Wilk	2	3	12	0	12	4.0	0	9	6.0
Navy Shuler	1	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Squirrel White	8	1	0	7	-7	-7.0	0	0	-0.9
Team	8	6	0	21	-21	-3.5	0	0	-2.6
Total	8	363	2027	151	1876	5.2	25	56	234.5
Opponents	8	284	1043	322	721	2.5	4	50	90.1

#### Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Nico lamaleava	8	144.7	136-208-4	65.4	1705	9	66	213.1
Gaston Moore	4	160.5	11-17-2	64.7	163	2	53	40.8
Jake Merklinger	2	111.5	6-9-0	66.7	48	0	13	24.0
Total	8	144.5	153-234-6	65.4	1916	11	66	239.5
Opponents	8	114.2	135-230-7	58.7	1452	6	46	181.5

#### Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Bru McCoy	8	25	345	13.8	0	42	43.1
Squirrel White	8	22	241	11.0	0	45	30.1
Chris Brazzell II	8	20	248	12.4	2	53	31.0
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	8	17	401	23.6	3	66	50.1
Holden Staes	8	12	92	7.7	1	20	11.5
Miles Kitselman	8	12	175	14.6	3	31	21.9
Dylan Sampson	8	11	97	8.8	0	21	12.1
Chas Nimrod	8	9	115	12.8	0	27	14.4
Ethan Davis	7	9	64	7.1	1	16	9.1
Kaleb Webb	5	5	44	8.8	0	13	8.8
Trey Weary	2	3	18	6.0	0	8	9.0
Mike Matthews	6	3	35	11.7	1	18	5.8
DeSean Bishop	8	1	10	10.0	0	10	1.3
Cameron Seldon	4	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.5
Khalifa Keith	3	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.7
Nathan Leacock	5	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.6
Dayton Sneed	3	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Total	8	153	1916	12.5	11	66	239.5
Opponents	8	135	1452	10.8	6	46	181.5

# **INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE/SPECIAL TEAMS STATISTICS**

Field Goals									
Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Max Gilbert	12-18	66.7	0-0	2-2	6-7	4-6	0-3	45	0
Opponents	8-14	57.1	0-0	3-4	3-3	2-4	0-3	43	0

Scoring									
				PAT					
Player	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Dylan Sampson	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114
Max Gilbert	-	12-18	35-35	-	-	-	-	-	71
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Miles Kitselman	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
DeSean Bishop	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chris Brazzell II	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Will Brooks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Holden Staes	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ethan Davis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Khalifa Keith	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nico Iamaleava	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Matthews	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Peyton Lewis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jordan Ross	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Josh Turbyville	-	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Jayson Jenkins	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Total	38	12-18	37-37	0	0	0	0	2	305
Opponents	11	8-14	7-8	0	1	1	0	0	99

Score by Periods									
Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	TOT			
Tennessee	78	78	85	58	6	305			
Opponents	16	13	27	43	0	99			

Punt Returns	;				
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Squirrel White	7	112	16.0	0	31
Jermod McCoy	6	59	9.8	0	23
Boo Carter	2	55	27.5	0	35
Jordan Ross	1	49	49.0	1	36
Braylon Harmon	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total	17	281	16.5	1	36
Opponents	12	115	9.6	0	30

Interceptions	5				
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Will Brooks	3	152	50.7	1	85
Jermod McCoy	2	71	35.5	0	54
Andre Turrentine	1	0	0.0	0	0
Arion Carter	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	7	238	34.0	1	85
Opponents	6	257	42.8	1	87

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cameron Seldon	3	77	25.7	0	35
Squirrel White	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mike Matthews	1	32	32.0	0	32
Peyton Lewis	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	6	130	21.7	0	35
Opponents	4	49	12.3	0	23

Fumble Retur	ns				
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Joshua Josephs	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jeremiah Telander	2	0	0.0	0	0
Dominic Bailey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jakobe Thomas	1	0	0.0	0	0
James Pearce Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	7	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	5	1	0.2	0	1

	Punting									
	Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
1	Jackson Ross	31	1377	44.4	57	2	8	11	6	0
1	Total	31	1377	44.4	57	2	8	11	6	0
	Opponents	49	2204	45.0	66	4	13	11	17	1
1	Dunt Daturns									

Punt Returns					
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Squirrel White	7	112	16.0	0	31
Jermod McCoy	6	59	9.8	0	23
Boo Carter	2	55	27.5	0	35
Jordan Ross	1	49	49.0	1	36
Braylon Harmon	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total	17	281	16.5	1	36
Opponents	12	115	9.6	0	30

Kick Returns					
Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cameron Seldon	3	77	25.7	0	35
Squirrel White	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mike Matthews	1	32	32.0	0	32
Peyton Lewis	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	6	130	21.7	0	35
Opponents	4	49	12.3	0	23

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dylan Sampson	8	980	97	0	0	0	1077	134.6
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	8	0	401	0	0	0	401	50.1
DeSean Bishop	8	372	10	0	0	0	382	47.8
Bru McCoy	8	15	345	0	0	0	360	45.0
Squirrel White	8	-7	241	112	0	0	346	43.3
Chris Brazzell II	8	0	248	0	0	0	248	31.0
Nico lamaleava	8	193	0	0	0	0	193	24.1
Miles Kitselman	8	0	175	0	0	0	175	21.9
Peyton Lewis	8	142	0	0	21	0	163	20.4
Will Brooks	8	0	0	0	0	152	152	19.0
Jermod McCoy	8	0	0	59	0	71	130	16.3
Cameron Seldon	4	48	-2	0	77	0	123	30.8
Chas Nimrod	8	0	115	0	0	0	115	14.4
Holden Staes	8	0	92	0	0	0	92	11.5
Khalifa Keith	3	61	8	0	0	0	69	23.0
Mike Matthews	6	0	35	0	32	0	67	11.2
Ethan Davis	7	0	64	0	0	0	64	9.1
Boo Carter	8	0	0	55	0	0	55	6.9
Jordan Ross	7	0	0	49	0	0	49	7.0
Kaleb Webb	5	0	44	0	0	0	44	8.8
Hunter Barnes	2	38	0	0	0	0	38	19.0
Jake Merklinger	2	22	0	0	0	0	22	11.0
Trey Weary	2	0	18	0	0	0	18	9.0
Gaston Moore	4	15	0	0	0	0	15	3.8
Arion Carter	8	0	0	0	0	15	15	1.9
Nathan Leacock	5	0	13	0	0	0	13	2.6
Patrick Wilk	2	12	0	0	0	0	12	6.0
Dayton Sneed	3	0	12	0	0	0	12	4.0
Navy Shuler	1	6	0	0	0	0	6	6.0
Braylon Harmon	1	0	0	6	0	0	6	6.0
Total	8	1876	1916	281	130	238	4441	555.1
Opponents	8	721	1452	115	49	257	2594	324.3

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Nico lamaleava	8	268	193	1705	1898	237.3
Dylan Sampson	8	171	980	0	980	122.5
DeSean Bishop	8	54	372	0	372	46.5
Gaston Moore	4	18	15	163	178	44.5
Peyton Lewis	8	25	142	0	142	17.8
Jake Merklinger	2	16	22	48	70	35.0
Khalifa Keith	3	17	61	0	61	20.3
Cameron Seldon	4	8	48	0	48	12.0
Hunter Barnes	2	7	38	0	38	19.0
Bru McCoy	8	2	15	0	15	1.9
Patrick Wilk	2	3	12	0	12	6.0
Navy Shuler	1	1	6	0	6	6.0
Squirrel White	8	1	-7	0	-7	-0.9
Total	8	597	1876	1916	3792	474.0
Opponents	8	514	721	1452	2173	271.6

# **INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

				Tac	kles		Sacks	Pass	defense		Fumble	es	blk	d
##	Player	gp	ua	а	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
7	Arion Carter	8	16	27	43	4.5-7		1-15	3	3				
35	Will Brooks	8	19	18	37	2.5-3		3-152	4	1		1		
11	Keenan Pili	6	11	18	29	1.5-4				3				
19	Joshua Josephs	8	12	15	27	6-19	1-7		1	5	2-0	3		
3	Jermod McCoy	8	15	10	25	0.5-0		2-71	6					
22	Jeremiah Telander	8	9	16	25	1.5-2	0.5-1		1		2-0			
2	Andre Turrentine	8	12	11	23	0.5-1		1-0	3					
27	James Pearce Jr.	8	12	11	23	6.5-39	4.5-34		1	9	1-0	1		
39	Jalen Smith	8	5	18	23									
23	Boo Carter	8	16	7	23	1.5-11	1-10			3				
90	Dominic Bailey	8	9	12	21	2.5-16	2-15			3	1-0	1		
9	Jakobe Thomas	8	11	7	18	3-12	1-5		1		1-0			
1	Rickey Gibson III	7	13	5	18				2					
20	Bryson Eason	8	11	6	17	3.5-14			1	2				
14	Christian Charles	6	11	5	16	2-3								
5	Christian Harrison	7	8	6	14	2.5-6	0.5-1			1				
21	Omari Thomas	8	8	5	13	3.5-12	1-7		3	3				
8	Kalib Perry	7	6	7	13	1-7				1		1		
55	Omarr Norman-Lott	8	4	8	12	2.5-17	2.5-17			3				
42	Tyre West	8	6	6	12	4-18	2-12			1		1		
51	Jaxson Moi	8	5	6	11	3.5-13	1-7							
53	Daevin Hobbs	8	2	9	11	1-1	0.5-0			3				
15	Edrees Farooq	8	6	4	10	1-1								
6	Jalen McMurray	8	7	1	8				1					
10	Elijah Simmons	8	2	5	7	1.5-7								
97	Jayson Jenkins	8	1	3	4	2-12	0.5-8							1
12	John Slaughter	5	2	2	4	0.5-1								
56	Kellen Lindstrom	2	2	2	4									
95	Carson Gentle	2	1	3	4									
52	Eli Purcell	8		3	3									
31	Caleb Herring	7	1	2	3					1				
24	Jordan Matthews	8	2	1	3				2					
13	Edwin Spillman	2	1	2	3									
25	Kaleb Beasley	8	2	1	3				1					
29	Jordan Ross	7	1	2	3	1.5-4							1	
30	Jamal Wallace	2		3	3									
47	Matthew Salansky	8	2		2									
94	Nathan Robinson	8		2	2	0.5-0								
50	Ryan Scott	3	1	1	2	1-1								]
70	Andrej Karic	8	1		1									
13	Gaston Moore	4	1		1									]
8	Nico lamaleava	8	1		1									
85	Nathan Leacock	5	1		1									]
27	Peyton Lewis	8		1	1									
28	Marcus Goree Jr.	2	1		1									]
40	Colin Brazzell	2	1		1									
43	Jackson Mathews	2	1		1									]
57	Grier Short	2		1	1									
89	Mike Bethea II	2	1		1									
	Totals	8	260	272	532	62-231	18-124	7-238	30	42	7-0	8	1	2
	Opponents	8	296	332	628	40-134	18-89	6-257	18	18	5-1	5	0	0



# **TEAM GAME-BY-GAME COMPARISON**

			First Do	owns		Rushing	Passing		Total Offense	Return	Turn-
Opponent	Score	Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number-Yards	Comp-AttInt	Yards	Plays-Yards	Yards	Overs
Chattanooga	69-3	36 / 10	14 / 2	21/8	1/0	46-304 / 35-74	33-44-1 / 13-24-0	414 / 153	90-718 / 59-227	104 / 71	1/1
NC State	51-10	22 / 10	11 / 2	11/6	0/2	44-249 / 28-39	16-23-2 / 15-22-1	211 / 104	67-460 / 50-143	143 / 118	2/3
Kent St.	71-0	32 / 8	20 / 5	12 / 2	0/1	55-456 / 32-54	16-25-0 / 9-16-0	284 / 58	80-740 / 48-112	138 / 8	0/0
Oklahoma	25-15	14 / 16	8 / 4	5/8	1/4	52-151 / 34-36	13-21-0 / 18-34-1	194 / 186	73-345 / 68-222	29 / 31	2/3
Arkansas	14-19	16 / 23	6/8	8 / 14	2/1	36-174 / 44-137	17-29-0 / 21-30-0	158 / 297	65-332 / 74-434	24 / 13	0/0
Florida	23-17	18 / 22	9/10	9/11	0/1	43-143 / 40-138	16-26-1 / 20-32-1	169 / 223	69-312 / 72-361	49 / 77	2/2
Alabama	24-17	21 / 23	7/8	8 / 12	6/3	43-214 / 34-75	14-28-2 / 25-45-2	194 / 239	71-408 / 79-314	72 / 65	3/2
Kentucky	28-18	29 / 19	13/9	15/6	1/4	44-185 / 37-168	28-38-0 / 14-27-2	292 / 192	82-477 / 64-360	90 / 39	1/3
Totals	305-99	188 / 131	88 / 48	89 / 67	11 / 16	363-1876 / 284-721	153-234-6 / 135-230-7	1916 / 1452	597-3792 / 514-2173	649 / 422	11 / 14

	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of	TOP	Avg	Avg	Avg	Punting	Penalties	
Opponents	Conversion	Conversion	Possession	Margin	Yds/Rush	Yds/Pass	Yds/Play	Number-Avg	Number-Yards	Sacks
Chattanooga	9-15 / 1-14	1-1 / 0-0	29:10 / 30:46	-01:36	6.6 / 2.1	9.4 / 6.4	8.0 / 3.8	1-23.0 / 9-34.9	6-52.0 / 9-65.0	1/2
NC State	7-14 / 3-12	1-1 / 0-2	31:28 / 28:32	02:56	5.7 / 1.4	9.2 / 4.7	6.9 / 2.9	1-43.0 / 6-46.0	7-70.0 / 6-52.0	3/0
Kent St.	9-15 / 2-12	3-4 / 0-0	31:45 / 28:15	03:30	8.3 / 1.7	11.4 / 3.6	9.3 / 2.3	0-0.0 / 8-41.8	5-54.0 / 2-7.0	0/1
Oklahoma	6-19 / 3-15	0-0 / 1-3	35:41 / 24:28	11:13	2.9 / 1.1	9.2 / 5.5	4.7 / 3.3	8-48.4 / 7-51.0	10-82.0 / 3-32.0	3/3
Arkansas	7-16 / 6-15	0-2 / 1-3	24:31 / 35:28	-10:57	4.8 / 3.1	5.4 / 9.9	5.1 / 5.9	7-42.7 / 3-57.3	10-60.0 / 6-45.0	2/4
Florida	4-15 / 5-15	2-2 / 0-2	25:04 / 34:56	-09:52	3.3 / 3.5	6.5 / 7.0	4.5 / 5.0	7-45.6 / 5-44.8	6-47.0 / 6-36.0	3/3
Alabama	6-14 / 3-14	0-0 / 1-2	26:32 / 33:15	-06:43	5.0 / 2.2	6.9 / 5.3	5.7 / 4.0	4-46.8 / 7-46.7	11-95.0 / 15-115.0	3/3
Kentucky	7-14 / 4-14	1-1 / 0-2	29:28 / 30:32	-01:04	4.2 / 4.5	7.7 / 7.1	5.8 / 5.6	3-39.7 / 4-50.0	9-77.0 / 10-71.0	3/2
Totals	55-122 / 27-111	8-11 / 3-14	233:39 / 246:12	-12:33	5.2 / 2.5	8.2 / 6.3	6.4 / 4.2	31-44.4 / 49-45.0	64-537.0 / 57-423.0	18 / 18

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

# **TURNOVERS**

#### **TENNESSEE GIVEAWAY/TAKEAWAY**

	G	ivea	way	Т	Takeaway			
Game	Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	Tot	Dif.	
Chattanooga	0	1	1	1	0	1	Even	
vs. NC State	0	2	2	2	1	3	+1	
Kent State	0	0	0	0	0	0		
at Oklahoma	2	0	2	2	1	3	+1	
at Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Florida	1	1	2	1	1	2		
Alabama	1	2	3	0	2	2	-1	
Kentucky	1	0	1	1	2	3	+2	
TOTAL	5	6	11	7	7	14	+3	

#### **INTERCEPTIONS**

Name	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Chattanooga	0	0	0.0	0	-
vs. NC State	1	85	85.0	1	85
Kent State	0	0	0.0	0	-
at Oklahoma	1	17	17.0	0	17
at Arkansas	0	0	0.0	0	-
Florida	1	15	15.0	0	15
Alabama	2	54	27.0	0	54
Kentucky	2	67	33.5	0	67
TOTAL	7	238	34.0	1	85

#### **FUMBLES**

Name	NoLost	
Nico lamaleava	5-3	
Boo Carter	1-0	
Jermod McCoy	1-0	
Dylan Sampson	2-2	
TOTAL	9-5	

## **OPENING DRIVES**

#### **OPENING OFFENSIVE SERIES**

Game	1st Haif	2nd Half
Chattanooga	TOUCHDOWN	TOUCHDOWN
vs. NC State	Punt	TOUCHDOWN
Kent State	TOUCHDOWN	FIELD GOAL
at Oklahoma	Punt	Punt
at Arkansas	Punt	TOUCHDOWN
Florida	Fumble	Punt
Alabama	Fumble	Punt
Kentucky	Missed FG	Missed FG

#### **OPENING DEFENSIVE SERIES**

Game	1st Half	2nd Half
Chattanooga	Fumble	Punt
vs. NC State	Punt	Fumble
Kent State	Punt	Punt
at Oklahoma	Downs	Punt
at Arkansas	FIELD GOAL	Punt
Florida	Punt	Punt
Alabama	Punt	Punt
Kentucky	Downs	Fumble

### **UNIFORMS**

#### **TENNESSEE UNIFORM COMBOS**

Game	Helmet	Jersey	Pants
Chattanooga	Smokey Grey	Smokey Grey	Smokey Grey
vs. NC State	White	White	White
Kent State	White	Orange	Orange
at Oklahoma	White	White	White
at Arkansas	White	White	Orange
Florida	White	Orange	White
Alabama	White	Orange	White
Kentucky	Black	Black	Black

## **PREGAME**

#### **COIN FLIPS**

Game	Flip Outcome
Chattanooga	UTC Won & Deferred to 2nd Half
vs. NC State	UT Won & Deferred to 2nd Half
Kent State	UT Won & Deferred to 2nd Half
at Oklahoma	UT Won & Deferred to 2nd Half
at Arkansas	UT Won & Deferred to 2nd Half
Florida	UF Won & Deferred to 2nd Half
Alabama	UA Won & Elected to Receive
Kentucky	UT Won & Deferred to 2nd Half

#### **TENNESSEE CAPTAINS**

Game	Name(s)
Chattanooga	Bru McCoy, Keenan Pili,
	Matthew Salansky, Omari Thomas
vs. NC State	Cooper Mays, Keenan Pili,
	Matthew Salansky, Elijah Simmons
Kent State	Arion Carter, Dayne Davis,
	Matthew Salansky, Jeremiah Telander
at Oklahoma	Cooper Mays, Keenan Pili,
	Matthew Salansky, Dylan Sampson,
	Omari Thomas
at Arkansas	Omarr Norman-Lott,
	Matthew Salansky, Elijah Simmons,
	Omari Thomas
Florida	Cooper Mays, Keenan Pili,
	Matthew Salansky, Omari Thomas
Alabama	Cooper Mays, Bru McCoy, Keenan Pili,
	Matthew Salansky, Omari Thomas
Kentucky	Dayne Davis, Bryson Eason,
	Miles Kitselman, Matthew Salansky,
	Jourdan Thomas

# **STARTING LINEUPS**

Offense	TE	LT	LG	С	RG	RT	WR	WR	QB	TB	RB/FB/TE	WR
Chattanooga	M. Kitselman	L. Heard	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy	S. White	N. lamaleava	D. Sampson		C. Brazzell
vs. NC State	M. Kitselman	L. Heard	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy		N. lamaleava	D. Sampson	H. Staes	C. Brazzell
Kent State	M. Kitselman	D. Davis	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy	S. White	N. lamaleava	D. Sampson		C. Nimrod
at Oklahoma	M. Kitselman	D. Davis	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy	S. White	N. lamaleava	D. Sampson		C. Brazzell
at Arkansas	M. Kitselman	L. Heard	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy	S. White	N. lamaleava	D. Sampson		D. Thornton
Florida	M. Kitselman	L. Heard	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy	S. White	N. lamaleava	D. Sampson		C. Brazzell
Alabama	M. Kitselman	L. Heard	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy	S. White	N. lamaleava	D. Sampson		C. Brazzell
Kentucky	M. Kitselman	L. Heard	A. Karic	C. Mays	J. Spraggins	J. Campbell	B. McCoy		N. lamaleava	D. Sampson	H. Staes	C. Brazzell

Defense	LEO	DT	DT	DE	MLB	WLB	SLB	STAR	СВ	S	S	СВ
Chattanooga	J. Pearce	O. Thomas	B. Eason	D. Bailey	K. Pili	A. Carter		C. Harrison	J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	J. McMurray
vs. NC State	J. Josephs	O. Thomas	B. Eason	D. Bailey	K. Pili	A. Carter	J. Pearce		J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson
Kent State	J. Pearce	O. Thomas	B. Eason	D. Bailey	K. Pili	A. Carter		C. Harrison	J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson
at Oklahoma	J. Pearce	E. Simmons	B. Eason	D. Bailey	K. Pili	A. Carter		C. Harrison	J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson
at Arkansas	J. Pearce	E. Simmons	B. Eason	D. Bailey	K. Pili	A. Carter		C. Harrison	J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson
Florida	J. Josephs	O. Thomas	B. Eason	T. West	J. Teleander	A. Carter	K. Perry		J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson
Alabama	J. Josephs	O. Thomas	B. Eason	T. West	J. Teleander	A. Carter	K. Perry		J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson
Kentucky	J. Josephs	O. Thomas	B. Eason	T. West	J. Teleander	A. Carter		B. Carter	J. McCoy	W. Brooks	A. Turrentine	R. Gibson

# **STARTING EXPERIENCE**

OFFENSE	<b>'19</b>	'20	<b>'21</b>	'22	<b>'23</b>	<b>'24</b>	Tot	Strk
Chris Brazzell II, WR					8*	6	14	3
John Campbell Jr., OL	2*	4*		12*	9	8	35	8
Dayne Davis, OL			3		3	2	8	
Lance Heard, OL					1*	6	7	4
Nico Iamaleava, QB					1	8	9	9
Andrej Karic, OL		1*	1*	3*	4	8	17	8
Miles Kitselman, TE						8	8	8
Jackson Lampley, OL					2		2	
Cooper Mays, OL		2	8	13	9	8	40	17
Bru McCoy, WR		3*		12	5	8	28	8
Chas Nimrod, WR					5	1	6	
Dylan Sampson, RB					1	8	9	9
Javontez Spraggins, OL		1	12	13	11	8	45	8
Holden Staes, TE				1*	8*	2	11	1
Dont'e Thornton Jr., WR			2*	3*	3	1	9	
Squirrel White, WR				2	13	6	21	

<sup>\*</sup> Starts were recorded while playing for another school

DEFENSE	<b>'19</b>	'20	<b>'21</b>	'22	<b>'23</b>	<b>'24</b>	Tot	Strk
Dominic Bailey, DL					2	5	7	
Will Brooks, DB					1	8	9	8
Arion Carter, LB						8	8	8
Boo Carter, DB						1	1	1
Christian Charles, DB			1	6			7	
Bryson Eason, DL				1	7	8	16	8
Rickey Gibson III, DB					1	7	8	7
Christian Harrison, DB						4	4	
Joshua Josephs, DL						4	4	3
Jermod McCoy, DB					5*	8	13	11
Jalen McMurray, DB				12*	11*	1	24	
Jaxson Moi, DL				1*	7*		8	
Omarr Norman-Lott, DL			1*	2*	2		5	
James Pearce Jr., DL					3	5	8	
Kalib Perry, LB					1	2	3	
Keenan Pili, LB	1*	8*	3*	12*	1	5	30	
Elijah Simmons, DL		2	4			2	8	
Jeremiah Telander, LB						3	3	3
Jakobe Thomas, DB				3*	10*		13	
Jourdan Thomas, DB					1		1	
Omari Thomas, DL			6	13	11	6	36	3
Andre Turrentine, DB					3	8	11	11
Tyre West, DL						3	3	3

<sup>\*</sup> Starts were recorded while playing for another school



# **EXPLOSIVE PLAYS (20+ YARDS)**

#### **20-YARD PLUS PLAYS**

BY TENNESSEE (56)

OFFE	NSE (	42)	
Yards		Player(s)	Opp.
66*	Pass	lamaleava to Thornton Jr.	OU
59	Pass	lamaleava to Thornton Jr.	UTC
56	Rush	Dylan Sampson	UTC
55	Pass	lamaleava to Thornton Jr.	UA
53	Rush	Dylan Sampson	ARK
53*	Rush	DeSean Bishop	KSU
53*	Pass	Iamaleava to Brazzell II	KSU
53	Pass	Moore to Thornton Jr.	KSU
47*	Rush	DeSean Bishop	KSU
45	Pass	lamaleava to White	NCST
42	Pass	lamaleava to Thornton Jr.	ARK
42	Pass	lamaleava to McCoy	OU
38	Pass	Iamaleava to McCoy	OU
37	Pass	lamaleava to McCoy	UTC
36	Rush	Dylan Sampson	UA
36*	Pass	lamaleava to Thornton Jr.	UTC
35	Rush	Peyton Lewis	KSU
34*	Rush	Dylan Sampson	NCST
31	Pass	lamaleava to Kitselman	UK
31*	Rush	Nico lamaleava	NCST
27	Rush	Nico lamaleava	UA
27	Pass	lamaleava to Nimrod	KSU
24	Pass	lamaleava to White	UF
24	Rush	Jake Merklinger	KSU
24	Rush	Peyton Lewis	KSU
24	Pass	lamaleava to McCoy	UTC
24	Rush	DeSean Bishop	UTC
23	Pass	lamaleava to McCoy	UK
23	Pass	lamaleava to McCoy	UA
23*	Rush	Dylan Sampson	UF
23	Pass	lamaleava to Brazzell II	UF
23	Pass	lamaleava to Brazzell II	UTC
22	Pass	lamaleava to Kitselman	UK
22*	Rush	Dylan Sampson	KSU
22	Pass	lamaleava to White	NCST
22*	Rush	DeSean Bishop	UTC
21	Pass	lamaleava to Sampson	NCST
20	Pass	lamaleava to Staes	UK
20	Pass	lamaleava to McCoy	UA
20	Rush	Dylan Sampson	UA
20	Pass	lamaleava to Brazzell II	UF
20	Rush	Dylan Sampson	UF
		cored on play	JI

#### DEEENICE (7)

DEFENSE (3)								
Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opp.					
85*	INT	Will Brooks	NCST					
67	INT	Will Brooks	UK					
54	INT	Jermod McCoy	UA					
* touchdown scored on play								

SPE	CIAL TI	EAMS (11)	
Yard	ds Type	Player(s)	Opp.
49*	PR	Jordan Ross	UTC
35	PR	Boo Carter	KSU
35	KR	Cameron Seldon	UTC
32	KR	Mike Matthews	KSU
31	PR	Squirrel White	NCST
32 31 24 23 22	KR	Cameron Seldon	ARK
23	PR	Jermod McCoy	KSU
22	PR	Squirrel White	KSU
21	KR	Peyton Lewis	UK
20 20	PR	Boo Carter	KSU
	PR	Squirrel White	UTC

#### \* touchdown scored on play

#### **20-YARD PLUS PLAYS** BY OPPONENT (32)

OFFE	NCE /	24)	
	NSE (		_
	Type		Team
50	Rush	Jamarion Wilcox	Uk
46	Pass	Hawkins Jr. to Pettaway	OL
32*	Pass	Wimsatt to Maclin	Uk
30	Pass	Green to Armstrong	ARK
30	Rush	JD Sherrod	KSL
28	Pass	Milroe to Bernard	UA
28	Pass	McCall to Concepcion	NCST
27*	Pass	Vandagriff to Kattus	Uk
27*	Pass	Lagway to Dike	UF
26	Pass	Wimsatt to Key	Uk
26	Pass	Green to Jackson	ARK
26	Pass	Green to Armstrong	ARK
25	Pass	Vandagriff to Gilmore IV	Uk
25	Pass	Mertz to Dike	UF
24	Rush	Braylen Russell	ARK
24 23	Rush	Montrell Johnson Jr.	UF
23	Pass	Green Sategna	ARK
22	Rush	Ja'Quinden Jackson	ARK
22	Pass	Green to Broden	ARK
22 21 20	Pass	Artopoeus to Whatley	UTC
21	Pass	Milroe to Bernard	UΑ
20	Pass	Milroe to Law	UΑ
20	Rush	Montrell Johnson Jr.	UF
20	Pass	Lagway to Boardingham	UF
* touch	down so	cored on play	

#### DEFENSE (5)

DEI E113E (3)							
Yards	Type	Player(s)	Team				
87*	INT	Aydan White	NCST				
71	INT	Kobe Joseph	UTC				
41	INT	Malachi Moore	UA				
29	INT	Bishop Fitzgerald	NCST				
20	INT	Sharif Denson	UF				
* touchdown scored on play							

# SPECIAL TEAMS (3) Yards Type Player(s)

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Team
30	PR	Chimere Dike	UF
27	PR	Chimere Dike	UF
23	KR	Barion Brown	UK
* touch	idown s	cored on play	

#### **UT LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS**

Long Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	1	1
70-79	0	0
60-69	2	1
50-59	8	2
40-49	5	2
30-39	12	3
20-29	28	3

Long Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	17	7
Passing	25	3
Punt returns	7	1
Kick returns	4	0
Interceptions	3	1
Fumble returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	56	12

#### **20-YARDS-PLUS BY PLAYER**

Player	No.	TD	Rush	Rec	KR	PR	IR	FR
Dylan Sampson	9	3	8	1	0	0	0	0
Bru McCoy	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	6	2	0	6	0	0	0	0
Squirrel White	6	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
DeSean Bishop	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Brazzell II	4	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Peyton Lewis	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Will Brooks	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Boo Carter	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Nico lamaleava	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Miles Kitselman	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Jermod McCoy	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Cameron Seldon	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mike Matthews	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jake Merklinger	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chas Nimrod	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jordan Ross	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Holden Staes	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	56	12	17	25	4	7	3	0

#### **20-YARDS-PLUS BY GAME**

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Chattanooga	11	3	3	5	1	2	0	0
vs. NC State	7	3	2	3	0	1	1	0
Kent State	14	4	6	3	1	4	0	0
at Oklahoma	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
at Arkansas	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Florida	5	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
Alabama	7	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Kentucky	6	0	0	4	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	56	12	17	25	4	7	3	0

#### **20-YARDS-PLUS OPPONENT BY GAME**

Player	No.	TD	R	P	KR	PR	IR	FR
Chattanooga	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
vs. NC State	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Kent State	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
at Arkansas	7	0	2	5	0	0	0	0
Florida	8	1	2	3	0	2	1	0
Alabama	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
Kentucky	6	2	1	4	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	32	4	6	18	1	2	5	0

#### **TENNESSEE'S LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR**

Rushing	56	Dylan Sampson vs. Chattanooga (8/31)
Rushing TD	53	DeSean Bishop vs. Kent State (9/14)
Passing	66	D. Thornton Jr. from N. lamaleava at Oklahoma (9/21)
Passing TD	66	D. Thornton Jr. from N. lamaleava at Oklahoma (9/21)
Punt Return	49	Jordan Ross vs. Chattanooga (8/31)
Kick Return	34	Cameron Seldon vs. Chattanooga (8/31)
INT Return	85	Will Brooks vs. NC State (9/7)
Fumble Return		
Field Goal	45	Max Gilbert vs. NC State (9/7)
Punt	57	Jackson Ross at Oklahoma (9/21)

# TENNESSEE MISCELLANEOUS INDIVIDUAL STATS

		TION					
laver	<b>'19</b>		21 '2	2 '2	3 '2	4 Stre	ak Career
eSean Bishop						1	1
hris Brazzell II			1*			3 19	
harlie Browder							
than Davis				. 1		5	
halifa Keith						1	1
liles Kitselman			1*			4 1	5
athan Leacock						1	1
like Matthews						2 1	2
ru McCoy			12	2 5		7 2	30
has Nimrod				. 7	ī	5 1	12
athan Roberts				. 1			1
ylan Sampson			3	10	) (	5 1	19
						1	1
ayton Sneed				- 1		1	
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layer	'19	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Career
eSean Bishop				1*	77*	1	1
hris Brazzell II				1*	33*	14	48
					2	5	7
liles Kitselman				1*		10	11
athan Leacock						1	11
like Matthews						2	2
ru McCoy		11*		28	9	14	62
					10	6	16
ylan Sampson				1	10	4	15
ayton Sneed					1		1
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Player	'20	<b>'21</b>	'22	'23	'24	Streak	Career	
Nico lamaleava				2	6	2	8	
Gaston Moore					1		1	

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Player	'20	<b>'21</b>	'22	'23	<b>'24</b>	Streak	Career	
Nico lamaleava					2		2	
Gaston Moore					1		1	

GAMES WITH A 1 Player	<b>'19</b>	'20	'21	'22	'23	'24	Streak	Career
Hunter Barnes				1				1
Dominic Bailey			1	7	8	8	9	24
Kaleb Beasley						2	1	2
Mike Bethea II						1		1
Ben Bolton				 1	2	- '		3
Colin Brazzell						1		<u></u>
				4	5	7		16
Will Brooks					<u>5</u>			
Arion Carter					/	8	8	15
Boo Carter						8	8	8
Christian Charles			3	9		6	5	18
Dayne Davis					1			1
Bryson Eason		2	2	12	12	7	5	35
Edrees Faroog						3		3
Carson Gentle						2		2
Rickey Gibson III					4	5	3	9
Marcus Goree Jr.						1		1
Christian Harrison				5	1	6	2	12
Caleb Herring					2	3		5
Daevin Hobbs					6	7	5	13
Nico lamaleava						1		1
Jayson Jenkins				1	4	3		8
Joshua Josephs				5	10	8	12	23
Andrej Karic					1	1	12	23
Nathan Leacock						1		1
						1		1
Peyton Lewis								
Kellen Lindstrom						1		1
Jackson Mathews						1		11
Jordan Matthews					1	2		3
Jermod McCoy			1*	12*	8*	7	5	15
Jalen McMurray			I*		11*	6		30
Jaxson Moi				9*	9*	5		23
Gaston Moore						1		1
Omarr Norman-Lott		1*	10*	7*	9	7	5	34
James Pearce Jr.				4	11	6	5	21
Kalib Perry				6	10	6	6	22
Keenan Pili	9*	10*	3*	12*	1	6		41
Eli Purcell						2		2
Nathan Robinson						2		2
Jordan Ross						2		2
Matthew Salansky		2	1		2	2		7
Rvan Scott						2		2
Cameron Seldon					1			1
Grier Short						1	•••	1
Elijah Simmons		6	4	5	9	5	1	29
					1	3	•	4
John Slaughter					4	<u>3</u>		11
Jalen Smith							4	2
Edwin Spillman						2		
Javontez Spraggins					1			1
Jeremiah Telander					9	7	4	16
<u>Jakobe Thomas</u>				9*	11*	8	26	28
Jourdan Thomas				6	88			14
Omari Thomas		7	11	11	11	6	5	46
Josh Turbyville					1			1
Andre Turrentine				5	6	7	5	18
						2		2
Jamai Wallace								
Jamal Wallace Tyre West				6	6	6		18

# GAMES AS LEADING TACKLER (UT ONLY) Player '20 '21 '22 '23 '24 Streak Career Will Brooks ... ... ... 1 2 ... 3

Player	20	41	~~	23	24	Streak	Career
Will Brooks				1	2		3
Boo Carter					1		1
Arion Carter					2	1	2
Christian Charles			1		1		2
Bryson Eason					1		1
Edrees Faroog					1		1
Joshua Josephs					1		1
Jermod McCoy					1		1
James Pearce Jr.					1		1
Kalib Perry			1				1
Keenan Pili					2		2
Jeremiah Telander				1			1
Omari Thomas					1		1
Andre Turrentine			1				1

#### **DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLE GAMES**

Player	'20	'21	'22	<b>'23</b>	<b>'24</b>	Streak	Career	
Will Brooks					1		1	
Arion Carter					1	1	1	
Keenan Pili		1*			1		2	
Jakobe Thomas			1*	1*			2	

<sup>\*</sup>Stats recorded while playing for another school



<sup>\*\*</sup>Only stats recorded at the FBS level listed

# **TENNESSEE MISCELLANEOUS TEAM STATS**

3rd-Down	Conversions														
Date	Opponent		Score	Over	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		Qtr	Overtime	
08/31/2024	Chattanooga	W	69-3	9-15	60.0	1-3	33.3	4-6	66.7	0-1	0.0	4-5	80.0	0-0	0.0
09/07/2024	vs NC State	W	51-10	7-14	50.0	2-3	66.7	0-2	0.0	4-6	66.7	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
09/14/2024	Kent St.	W	71-0	9-15	60.0	3-4	75.0	4-5	80.0	1-3	33.3	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
09/21/2024	at Oklahoma	W	25-15	6-19	31.6	0-3	0.0	3-7	42.9	2-5	40.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
10/05/2024	at Arkansas	L	14-19	7-16	43.8	0-1	0.0	2-5	40.0	3-4	75.0	2-6	33.3	0-0	0.0
10/12/2024	Florida	Wot1	23-17	4-15	26.7	2-4	50.0	0-3	0.0	1-4	25.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
10/19/2024	Alabama	W	24-17	6-14	42.9	1-3	33.3	0-2	0.0	2-3	66.7	3-6	50.0	0-0	0.0
11/02/2024	Kentucky	W	28-18	7-14	50.0	1-3	33.3	2-4	50.0	1-3	33.3	3-4	75.0	0-0	0.0
	Tennessee			55-122	45.1	10-24	41.7	15-34	44.1	14-29	48.3	16-35	45.7	0-0	0.0
	Opponents			27-111	24.3	12-33	36.4	5-30	16.7	5-20	25.0	5-27	18.5	0-1	0.0

#### 4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Score Ov		1s	1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		time
08/31/2024	Chattanooga	W	69-3	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/07/2024	vs NC State	W	51-10	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/14/2024	Kent St.	W	71-0	3-4	75.0	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/21/2024	at Oklahoma	W	25-15	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/05/2024	at Arkansas	L	14-19	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/12/2024	Florida	Wot1	23-17	2-2	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/19/2024	Alabama	W	24-17	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/02/2024	Kentucky	W	28-18	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
Tennessee			8-11	72.7	2-2	100.0	3-4	75.0	3-3	100.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	
Opponents				3-14	21.4	1-4	25.0	1-3	33.3	0-1	0.0	1-6	16.7	0-0	0.0

#### **Time of Possession**

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/31/2024	Chattanooga	W	69-3	29:10	07:48	06:47	04:28	10:07	00:00
09/07/2024	vs NC State	W	51-10	31:28	06:49	05:47	08:33	10:19	00:00
09/14/2024	Kent St.	W	71-0	31:45	08:01	06:23	02:56	14:25	00:00
09/21/2024	at Oklahoma	W	25-15	35:41	06:32	11:47	09:48	07:34	00:00
10/05/2024	at Arkansas	L	14-19	24:31	02:19	06:57	07:51	07:24	00:00
10/12/2024	Florida	Wot1	23-17	25:04	04:20	07:42	07:12	05:50	00:00
10/19/2024	Alabama	W	24-17	26:32	03:55	05:43	06:32	10:22	00:00
11/02/2024	Kentucky	W	28-18	29:28	06:43	07:56	06:36	08:13	00:00
	Tennessee		Total	233:39	46:27	59:02	53:56	74:14	00:00
			Avg.	29:12	05:48	07:23	06:45	09:17	00:00
	Opponents		Total	246:12	65:53	68:29	51:03	60:47	00:00
			Avg.	30:47	08:14	08:34	06:23	07:36	00:00

## **RED ZONE STATS**

#### **Tennessee Inside Opponent Red-Zone**

		Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	F	ailed t	o so	ore in	side	RZ		
Date	Opponent		Score	In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2024	Chattanooga	W	69-3	7	7	45	6	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	vs NC State	W	51-10	6	5	28	3	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Kent St.	W	71-0	8	7	41	5	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	at Oklahoma	W	25-15	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/05/2024	at Arkansas	L	14-19	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10/12/2024	Florida	W	23-17	3	3	16	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/19/2024	Alabama	W	24-17	4	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/02/2024	Kentucky	W	28-18	8	4	28	4	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
Totals 34 of 42 (81.0%)			42	34	206	26	18	8	8	11	2	2	0	0	1	

#### **Opponents Inside Tennessee Red-Zone**

		Times	Times	Total		Rush	Pass	FGs	F	ailed to	) S	core in	ıside	RZ		
Date	Opponent		Score	In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/31/2024	Chattanooga	W	69-3	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/07/2024	NC State	W	51-10	2	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/14/2024	Kent St.	W	71-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/21/2024	Oklahoma	W	25-15	4	3	15	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
10/05/2024	Arkansas	L	14-19	5	4	19	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
10/12/2024	Florida	W	23-17	6	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
10/19/2024	Alabama	W	24-17	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
11/02/2024	Kentucky	W	28-18	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 16 of 25 (64.0%)			25	16	78	8	4	4	8	9	3	2	2	0	1	

# **OFFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME**

# **Passing**

#8 Nico lamaleava	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Chattanooga	22	28	0	78.6	314	3	59	1-4	208.1
NC State	16	23	2	69.6	211	2	45	0-0	157.9
Kent St.	10	16	0	62.5	173	1	53	0-0	174.0
Oklahoma	13	21	0	61.9	194	1	66	3-14	155.2
Arkansas	17	29	0	58.6	158	0	42	4-19	104.4
Florida	16	26	1	61.5	169	0	24	3-19	108.4
Alabama	14	27	1	51.9	194	1	55	3-17	117.0
Kentucky	28	38	0	73.7	292	1	31	2-8	146.9
Totals	136	208	4	65.4	1705	9	66	16-81	144.7

#12 Jake Merklinger	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Chattanooga	4	4	0	100.0	31	0	13	1-2	165.1
Kent St.	2	5	0	40.0	17	0	9	1-6	68.6
Totals	6	9	0	66.7	48	0	13	2-8	111.5

#13 Gaston Moore	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Chattanooga	7	12	1	58.3	69	0	13	0-0	90.0
Kent St.	4	4	0	100.0	94	2	53	0-0	462.4
Alabama	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	-200.0
Totals	11	17	2	64.7	163	2	53	0-0	160.5

# Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Dylan Sampson	171-980/19	12-124/3	20-132/2	13-101/4	24-92/1	22-138/2	27-112/3	26-139/2	27-142/2
Nico lamaleava	60-193/1	4-6/0	8-65/1	5-31/0	8-15/0	11-17/0	8-1/0	9-44/0	7-14/0
DeSean Bishop	54-372/3	5-60/1	10-42/0	7-120/2	16-65/0	3-19/0	7-24/0	5-36/0	1-6/0
Peyton Lewis	25-142/1	4-14/0	3-5/0	10-99/0	-	-	-	-	8-24/1
Khalifa Keith	17-61/1	10-43/1	3-5/0	4-13/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Cameron Seldon	8-48/0	7-47/0	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	1-1/0	DNP
Hunter Barnes	7-38/0	-	DNP	7-38/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jake Merklinger	7-22/0	3-1/0	DNP	4-21/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Patrick Wilk	3-12/0	-	DNP	3-12/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Bru McCoy	2-15/0	1-9/0	-	-	-	-	1-6/0	-	-
Gaston Moore	1-15/0	-	-	1-15/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Navy Shuler	1-6/0	DNP	DNP	1-6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Squirrel White	17/0	-	-	-	17/0	-	-	-	-

# Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Bru McCoy	25-345/0	6-89/0	1-10/0	1-9/0	4-92/0	2-9/0	-	6-80/0	5-56/0
Squirrel White	22-241/0	2-22/0	2-67/0	1-19/0	3-13/0	7-38/0	5-71/0	-	2-11/0
Chris Brazzell II	20-248/2	5-59/0	3-18/0	2-63/1	1-0/0	2-21/0	3-49/0	2-27/1	2-11/0
Dont'e Thornton Jr.	17-401/3	3-105/2	-	2-64/0	2-73/1	1-42/0	1-11/0	3-70/0	5-36/0
Miles Kitselman	12-175/3	-	3-39/1	1-15/1	-	2-24/0	-	-	6-97/1
Holden Staes	12-92/1	2-13/0	1-18/1	1-16/0	2-8/0	-	2-5/0	1-5/0	3-27/0
Dylan Sampson	11-97/0	3-29/0	3-37/0	1-4/0	-	1-11/0	2-7/0	-	1-9/0
Chas Nimrod	9-115/0	1-7/0	-	2-34/0	-	2-13/0	1-16/0	-	3-45/0
Ethan Davis	9-64/1	2-20/1	2-14/0	-	1-8/0	DNP	2-10/0	2-12/0	-
Kaleb Webb	5-44/0	2-19/0	1-8/0	2-17/0	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Mike Matthews	3-35/1	DNP	DNP	2-35/1	-	-	-	-	1-0/0
Trey Weary	3-18/0	3-18/0	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Nathan Leacock	1-13/0	1-13/0	-	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP
Dayton Sneed	1-12/0	1-12/0	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
DeSean Bishop	1-10/0	1-10/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Khalifa Keith	1-8/0	-	-	1-8/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Cameron Seldon	12/0	12/0	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	-	DNP



# **DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME**

# **Total Tackles**

Total Tackles	C A	Tetal	UTC	NCCII	Vanter	ΟĽ	۸D	lie.	11.6	ш
Player	S-A	Total			KentSt		AR	UF	UA	UK
Arion Carter	16-27	43	0-3	2-1	0-3	3-3	2-6	1-3	3-3	5-5
Will Brooks	19-18	37	4-1	0-1	1-3	2-1	6-4	1-5	5-3	-
Keenan Pili	11-18	29	1-1	1-3	1-2	4-1	4-10	0-1	DNP	DNP
Joshua Josephs	12-15	27	2-1	2-0	0-1	3-0	1-3	2-5	0-3	2-2
Jermod McCoy	15-10	25	1-1	3-0	-	3-0	1-4	1-2	5-3	1-0
Jeremiah Telander	9-16	25	4-0	1-0	1-2	-	0-5	0-5	2-2	1-2
Boo Carter	16-7	23	2-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	2-0	2-5	3-0	3-1
Andre Turrentine	12-11	23	1-1	1-0	-	3-2	2-2	2-4	2-2	1-0
James Pearce Jr.	12-11	23	-	0-1	-	1-1	5-4	3-4	2-1	1-0
Jalen Smith	5-18	23	1-3	0-1	0-1	-	0-3	1-3	0-1	3-6
Dominic Bailey	9-12	21	2-1	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-2	2-2	2-2
Rickey Gibson III	13-5	18	DNP	1-0	-	1-1	-	5-1	2-1	4-2
Jakobe Thomas	11-7	18	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-1
Bryson Eason	11-6	17	2-0	2-2	-	1-0	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-1
Christian Charles	11-5	16	0-1	DNP	DNP	2-0	3-1	5-2	1-0	0-1
Christian Harrison	8-6	14	1-0	1-1	-	3-2	0-1	DNP	1-1	2-1
Omari Thomas	8-5	13	-	1-3	-	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-0
Kalib Perry	6-7	13	-	DNP	0-3	0-1	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-0
Tyre West	6-6	12	2-0	1-2	0-1	3-0	-	0-1	0-2	-
Omarr Norman-Lott	4-8	12	0-3	1-1	-	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1
Jaxson Moi	5-6	11	-	0-3	-	2-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	-
Daevin Hobbs	2-9	11	0-2	0-1	-	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3
Edrees Faroog	6-4	10	3-0	1-0	2-4	-	-	-	-	-
Jalen McMurray	7-1	8	1-0	0-1	1-0	-	2-0	2-0	1-0	-
Elijah Simmons	2-5	7	1-2	-	-	1-0	0-1	0-1	-	0-1
John Slaughter	2-2	4	-	0-2	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-
Kellen Lindstrom	2-2	4	-	DNP	2-2		DNP	DNP		DNP
Carson Gentle	1-3	4	1-1	DNP	0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jayson Jenkins	1-3	4	-	-	0-1	1-1	0-1	-	-	-
Jordan Matthews	2-1	3	0-1	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-
Kaleb Beasley	2-1	3	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	1-1
Edwin Spillman	1-2	3	DNP	DNP	0-2	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jordan Ross	1-2	3	1-0	0-2	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Caleb Herring	1-2	3	0-1	1-0	DNP	-	_	-	0-1	_
Jamal Wallace	0-3	3	0-1	DNP	0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP		DNP
Eli Purcell	0-3	3	-	0-1	0-2	-	-	-	-	-
Matthew Salansky	2-0	2	_	-	-	1-0	_	_	1-0	-
Ryan Scott	1-1	2	-	0-1	1-0		DNP	DNP		DNP
Nathan Robinson	0-2	2	_	0-1	0-1	-	-	-	-	-
Nico lamaleava	1-0	1	_	1-0	-	_		_	_	_
Gaston Moore	1-0	1		-	-	DVID	DNP	םואם	1-0	DNP
Marcus Goree Jr.	1-0	1	1-0	DNP	-	DNP		DNP		
Colin Brazzell	1-0	1	-	DNP	1-0	DNP	:	DNP		DNP
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Jackson Mathews	1-0	1 1	-	DNP	1-0	אוט	DNP	:	DNP	אוט
Andrej Karic	1-0		1.0	-	-	- -	-	1-0	- DND	- -
Nathan Leacock	1-0	1	1-0	- DND	- 1.0	DNP				DNP
Mike Bethea II	1-0	1	-	DNP	1-0	אוט	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Peyton Lewis	0-1	1	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grier Short	0-1	1	0-1	DNP	-	אאט	DNP	אאט	אאט	אאט

# **DEFENSIVE GAME-BY-GAME CONT.**

# **Tackles For Loss**

Diavor	114 4	Total	UTC	NCCII	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Player			UIC		Kentst					
James Pearce Jr.	4-5	6.5	-	0.5-2	-	0.5-8	2.0-10	1.0-6	1.5-4	1.0-9
Joshua Josephs	3-6	6.0	0.5-1	1.0-5	-	1.0-1	0.5-1	1.5-2	0.5-2	1.0-7
Arion Carter	3-3	4.5	-	1.5-3	-	1.0-1	1.5-2	0.5-1	-	-
Tyre West	3-2	4.0	2.0-11	0.5-1	-	1.0-4	-	0.5-2	-	-
Jaxson Moi	3-1	3.5	-	0.5-3	-	2.0-9	-	-	1.0-1	-
Bryson Eason	2-3	3.5	-	1.0-4	-	-	0.5-2	2.0-8	-	-
Omari Thomas	2-3	3.5	-	1.5-2	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	1.0-7
Jakobe Thomas	2-2	3.0	-	1.0-5	-	-	0.5-1	-	1.5-6	-
Christian Harrison	2-1	2.5	1.0-2	-	-	1.0-3	0.5-1	DNP	-	-
Will Brooks	2-1	2.5	-	-	1.0-2	-	-	0.5-0	1.0-1	-
Omarr Norman-Lott	2-1	2.5	-	1.0-7	-	-	-	1.5-10	-	-
Dominic Bailey	2-1	2.5	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	1.5-15	-
Christian Charles	2-0	2.0	-	DNP	DNP	1.0-2	-	1.0-1	-	-
Jayson Jenkins	1-2	2.0	-	-	-	1.5-10	0.5-2	-	-	-
Elijah Simmons	1-1	1.5	0.5-2	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-
Keenan Pili	1-1	1.5	-	0.5-2	-	1.0-2	-	-	DNP	DNP
Jordan Ross	1-1	1.5	1.0-2	0.5-2	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Jeremiah Telander	0-3	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-0	0.5-1	0.5-1	-
Boo Carter	0-3	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	1.5-11	-	-
Kalib Perry	1-0	1.0	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	1.0-7	-
Edrees Farooq	1-0	1.0	-	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ryan Scott	1-0	1.0	-	-	1.0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Daevin Hobbs	0-2	1.0	-	0.5-1	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	-
Andre Turrentine	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	-	-
Jermod McCoy	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-0	-
John Slaughter	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-
Nathan Robinson	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-0	-	-	-	-	-	-

# Sacks

Player	UA-A	Total	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
James Pearce Jr.	3-3	4.5	-	-	-	0.5-8	1-8	0.5-5	1.5-4	1-9
Omarr Norman-Lott	2-1	2.5	-	1-7	-	-	-	1.5-10	-	-
Tyre West	2-0	2	1-8	-	-	1-4	-	-	-	-
Dominic Bailey	2-0	2	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	1-14	-
Jakobe Thomas	1-0	1	-	1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joshua Josephs	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-7
Omari Thomas	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-7
Jaxson Moi	1-0	1	-	-	-	1-7	-	-	-	-
Boo Carter	0-2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1-10	-	-
Christian Harrison	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	DNP	-	-
Jeremiah Telander	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	-
Daevin Hobbs	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	-
Jayson Jenkins	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	0.5-8	-	-	-	-



# **RETURNS GAME-BY-GAME**

# **Punt Returns**

Player	No-Yds	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Squirrel White	7-112	1-20	3-58	1-22	2-12	-	-	-	-
Jermod McCoy	6-59	1-0	-	1-23	-	-	2-34	-	2-2
Boo Carter	2-55	-	-	2-55	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan Ross	1-49	1-49	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Braylon Harmon	1-6	DNP	DNP	1-6	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

# **Kick Returns**

Player	No-Yds	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Cameron Seldon	3-77	1-35	DNP	DNP	-	1-24	DNP	1-18	DNP
Mike Matthews	1-32	DNP	DNP	1-32	-	-	-	-	-
Peyton Lewis	1-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-21
Squirrel White	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-

# **Interceptions Returns**

Player	No-Yds	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Will Brooks	3-152	-	1-85	-	-	-	-	1-0	1-67
Jermod McCoy	2-71	-	-	-	1-17	-	-	1-54	-
Arion Carter	1-15	-	-	-	-	-	1-15	-	-
Andre Turrentine	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0

# **Fumble Returns**

Player	No-Yds	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
Joshua Josephs	2-0	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Jeremiah Telander	2-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	1-0
Jakobe Thomas	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
James Pearce Jr.	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-
Dominic Bailey	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-

# **TENNESSEE SCORING DRIVES**

Opponent	Plays	Yards	TOP	Result	Qtr.	Time	How Scored
Chattanooga	11	65	3:43	TD	1	11:09	Sampson 1-yd rush
Chattanooga	4	35	1:03	TD	1	8:34	Davis 4-yd rec.
Chattanooga	2	59	0:26	TD	1	7:18	Thornton Jr. 36-yd rec.
Chattanooga	8	72	2:28	FG	1	3:32	Gilbert 36-yd FG
Chattanooga	6	78	1:59	TD	2	14:03	Sampson 3-yd rush
Chattanooga	9	79	1:55	TD	2	10:14	Thornton Jr. 10-yd rec.
	2	61	0:16	TD	2	6:43	
Chattanooga							Sampson 5-yd rush
Chattanooga	9	45	2:54	FG TR	3	7:15	Gilbert 42-yd FG
Chattanooga	6	63	1:33	TD	3	1:13	Bishop 22-yd rush
Chattanooga	17	80	7:05	TD	4	4:06	Keith 1-yd rush
Chattanooga	-	-	-	TD	4	1:07	Ross 49-yd blocked PR
vs. NC State	9	62	4:10	TD	1	0:09	Sampson 9-yd rush
vs. NC State	7	61	2:31	FG	2	6:33	Gilbert 32-yd FG
vs. NC State	-	-	-	TD	2	3:29	Brooks 85-yd INT
vs. NC State	6	18	1:44	FG	2	0:00	Gilbert 45-yd FG
vs. NC State	10	75	4:33	TD	3	10:27	Kitselman 15-yd rec.
vs. NC State	4	5	1:40	FG	3	6:31	Gilbert 36-yd FG
vs. NC State	3	34	0:43	TD	3	4:02	lamaleava 31-yd rush
vs. NC State	5	60	3:13	TD	4	14:07	Sampson 34-yd rush
vs. NC State	5	34	2:58	TD	4	8:22	Staes 18-yd rec.
Kent State	7	73	1:25	TD	1	11:32	Sampson 22-yd rush
Kent State	-	-	-	Safety	1	10:35	Kent St. FR in End Zone
Kent State	7	48	2:16	TD	1	8:11	Sampson 1-yd rush
Kent State	3	51	0:33	TD	1	5:56	Brazzell 53yd rec.
Kent State	1	53	0:11	TD	1	3:35	Bishop 53-yd rush
Kent State	8	48	3:28	TD	1	0:02	Sampson 1-yd rush
Kent State	4	56	1:03	TD	2	13:06	Bishop 47-yd rush
Kent State	7	54	2:04	TD	2	7:49	Sampson 14-yd rush
Kent State	6	90	1:56	TD	2	3:06	Kitselman 15-yd rec.
Kent State	6	48	1:20	TD	2	0:19	Matthews 18-yd rec.
Kent State	9	58	2:56	FG	3	12:04	Gilbert 36-yd FG
Kent State	12	79	6:56	FG	4	14:05	Gilbert 21-yd FG
at Oklahoma	6	42	2:36	FG	1	3:45	Gilbert 27-yd FG
at Oklahoma	2	75	0:39	TD	1	0:03	Thornton Jr. 66-yd rec.
at Oklahoma		-		Safety	2	9:12	Jenkins TFL in End Zone
at Oklahoma	8	46	3:47	TD	2	1:40	Sampson 1-yd rush
at Oklahoma	6	53	2:49	FG	3	6:03	Gilbert 41-yd FG
at Oklahoma	4	9	1:40	FG	4	3:35	Gilbert 32-yd FG
at Arkansas	7	75	2:27	TD	3	12:33	Sampson 4-yd rush
at Arkansas	6	60	2:09	TD	3	8:19	Sampson 4-yd rush
Florida	11	75	4:21	TD	3	2:57	Sampson 6-yd rush
Florida	4	3	1:10	FG TD	3	1:37	Gilbert 35-yd FG
Florida	2	29	0:29	TD	4	9:42	Sampson 23-yd rush
Florida	5 7	25	1.5 4	TD	OT	 C-72	Sampson 1-yd rush
Alabama		91	1:54	TD	3	6:32	Sampson 2-yd rush
Alabama	5 7	75 5.4	2:11	TD TD	3	1:00	Sampson 3-yd rush
Alabama		54 8	2:43	TD FG	4	5:52 1:30	Brazzell II 16-yd rec.
Alabama Kentucky	4	<u> </u>	0:18	TD	<u>4</u> 2	4:45	Gilbert 41-yd FG
	14		4:54 1:77			4:45 8:28	Lewis 1-yd rush
Kentucky	<u>5</u> 2	28 10	1:37	TD TD	3		Sampson 7-yd rush Kitselman 6-yd rec.
Kentucky	<u>2</u> 13	91	0:28	TD	<u>5</u> 4	0:33 4:55	
Kentucky	13	91	5:14	Iυ	4	4.33	Sampson 6-yd rush

TOTAL - 52 Scores (38 TDs | 12 FGs | 2 Safeties)



# **PARTICIPATION**

##	Player	GP-GS	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK	##
0	William Wright	5/0				XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	39
0	Ethan Davis	7/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX	40
1	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	8/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	41
1	Rickey Gibson III	7/7		START	42						
2	Andre Turrentine	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	42
3	Squirrel White	8/6	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	43
3	Jermod McCoy	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	44
4	Jourdan Thomas	0/0									44
5	Bru McCoy	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	46
5	Christian Harrison	7/4	START	XXX	START	START	START		XXX	XXX	47
6	Jalen McMurray	8/1	START	XXX	48						
6	Dylan Sampson	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	50
7	Arion Carter	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	50
8	Kalib Perry	7/2	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	51
8	Nico lamaleava	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	:	52
9	Jakobe Thomas	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	53
10	Elijah Simmons	8/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	53
10	Mike Matthews	6/0			XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	54
11	Keenan Pili	6/5	START	START	START		START	XXX			54
11	Chas Nimrod	8/1	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	55
12	John Slaughter	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX				XXX	XXX	56
12	Jake Merklinger	2/0	XXX		XXX						57
13	Gaston Moore	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX				XXX		58
13	Edwin Spillman	2/0			XXX	XXX					58
14	Christian Charles	6/0	XXX			XXX	 XXX	 XXX	 XXX	 XXX	59
14	Braylon Staley	1/0			 XXX						59
15	Ryan Damron	1/0			XXX				•••		60
15	•	8/0	XXX	 XXX	XXX	 XXX	 XXX	 XXX	 XXX	 XXX	63
17	Edrees Farooq Chris Brazzell II	:			1 1				START	START	64
		8/6	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	START		XXX	65
18	DeSean Bishop	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	:	
18	Tyree Weathersby	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	66
19	Holden Staes	8/2	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	68
19	Joshua Josephs	8/4	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START		69
20	Bryson Eason	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	70
20	Khalifa Keith	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX						71
21	Omari Thomas	8/6	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	72
21	Navy Shuler	1/0			XXX						73
22	Jeremiah Telander	8/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START		START	74
23	Cameron Seldon	4/0	XXX			XXX	XXX		XXX		75
23	Boo Carter	8/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	76
24	Hunter Barnes	2/0	XXX		XXX						77
24	Jordan Matthews	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	78
25	Kaleb Beasley	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	79
26	Carson Whitehead	0/0									80
27	James Pearce Jr.	8/5	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	82
27	Peyton Lewis	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	83
28	Patrick Wilk	2/0	XXX		XXX						84
28	Marcus Goree Jr.	2/0	XXX		XXX						85
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	1/0			XXX						86
29	Jordan Ross	7/0	XXX	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	87
30	Tommy Winton III	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	87
30	Jamal Wallace	2/0	XXX		XXX						88
31	Jackson Locke	1/0			XXX						89
31	Caleb Herring	7/0	XXX	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	89
33	Ben Bolton	5/0		XXX		XXX	XXX		XXX	XXX	90
35	Will Brooks	8/8	START	START		START	START	START	START	START	90
36	Nathan Roberts	1/0			XXX						94
37	Montrell Bandy	7/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX	94
38	Andre Stewart	0/0									95
							:				96
39	Jalen Smith	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Yn

##	Player	GP-GS	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
39	Malcolm Kinzer	1/0			XXX					
40	Colin Brazzell	2/0	XXX		XXX					
41	IT Carver	1/0	XXX							
42	Tyre West	8/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START
42	Braylon Harmon	1/0			XXX			JIANI	JIANI	
43	Jackson Mathews	2/0	XXX		XXX					
44	Luke Shouse	0/0								
44	Steele Katina	0/0								
46	Cody Duncan	0/0								
47	Matthew Salansky	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
48	Bennett Brady	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
50	William Satterwhite		XXX	XXX	XXX					
50	Ryan Scott	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
51	Jaxson Moi	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
52	Eli Purcell	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
53	Daevin Hobbs	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
53	Lance Heard	6/6	START	START			START		START	START
54	Vysen Lang	5/0	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
54	Jordan Burns	0/0								
55	Omarr Norman-Lott	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
56	Kellen Lindstrom	2/0	XXX		XXX					
57	Grier Short	2/0	XXX		XXX					
58	Herb Gray	0/0								
58	Marshall Box	0/0								
59	Masai Reddick	0/0								
59	Tim Amet	2/0	XXX		XXX					
60	Jeremias Heard	1/0			XXX					
63	Cooper Mays	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
64	Ayden Bussell	2/0	XXX	JIANI	XXX					
65	Trevor Duncan	1/0			XXX					
66	Dayne Davis	8/2	XXX	XXX	START		XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
68	Bennett Warren	2/0	XXX		XXX					
69	Gus Hill	0/0			7000	•••				
70	Andrej Karic	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
71	Max Anderson	1/0			XXX				317411	
72	Jesse Perry	2/0	XXX		XXX					
73	Brian Grant	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
74	John Campbell Jr.	8/8	START		START			START	START	
75	Jackson Lampley	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
76	Javontez Spraggins	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
77	Larry Johnson III	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
78	Gage Ginther	2/0	XXX		XXX					
79	Shamurad Umarov	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX				XXX	XXX
80	Nate Spillman	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
82	Dayton Sneed	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
83		2/0	XXX		XXX					
84	Kaleb Webb	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX			XXX	
85	Nathan Leacock	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX		XXX	XXX		
86	Cole Harrison	2/0	XXX		XXX					
87	Joshua Helsdon	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
87	Miles Kitselman	8/8	START	START	START		START	START	START	START
88		3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX					
89	Titus Rohrer	1/0			XXX					
89	Mike Bethea II	2/0	XXX		XXX					
90	Dominic Bailey	8/5	START	START	START		START	XXX	XXX	XXX
90	Max Gilbert	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
94	Josh Turbyville	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
94	Nathan Robinson	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
95	Carson Gentle	2/0	XXX		XXX					
96	Isaiah Inge	2/0	XXX		XXX					
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**START** indictaes started **XXX** indicates played ... indicates did not play

##	Player	GP-GS	UTC	NCSU	KentSt	OK	AR	UF	UA	UK
97	Jayson Jenkins	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
98	Jackson Ross	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
98	Emmanuel Okoye	0/0								



# **TENNESSEE OVERTIME RECORDS**

#### TENNESSEE OVERTIME GAMES & RESULTS (15-9) Opponent OTs 1st Poss. Game-Winning Score Final Score Sept. 19, 1998 Florida Offense Jeff Hall 41 field goal W, 20-17 Sept. 30, 2000 at LSU Defense\* Robert Royal 25 pass from Rohan Davey (John Corbello kick) L, 31-38 Oct. 5, 2002 Jason Witten 25 pass from Casey Clausen+ W, 41-38 Arkansas Offense Sept. 27, 2003 South Carolina W. 23-20 Defense<sup>®</sup> James Banks 4 pass from Casey Clausen+ Oct. 25, 2003 at Alabama Offense Casey Clausen 1 run (James Banks pass from Casey Clausen) W. 51-43 Sept. 26, 2005 at LSU Gerald Riggs, Jr. 1 run+ W, 30-27 Defense\* South Carolina Oct. 27, 2007 Offense Daniel Lincoln 27 field goal W, 27-24 at Kentucky Nov. 24, 2007 Quintin Hancock 40 pass from Erik Ainge (Austin Rogers pass from Ainge) W, 52-50 Defense\* Sept. 1, 2008 at UCLA Defense\* Kai Forbath 42 field goal L. 24-27 Nov. 28, 2009 at Kentucky Defense\* Montario Hardesty 20 run+ W. 30-24 Sept. 25, 2010 UAB Offense Denarius Moore 25 pass from Matt Simms+ W, 32-29 vs. North Carolina# Casev Barth 23 field goal+ Dec. 30, 2010 Defense Nov. 19, 2011 Vanderbilt Eric Gordon 90 INT return+ W, 27-21 Defense\* Nov. 10, 2012 Missouri Defense Andrew Baggett 35 field goal+ L. 48-51 Oct. 5, 2013 I 31-34 Georgia Offense Marshall Morgan 42 field goal+ Nov. 1, 2014 at South Carolina Offense Aaron Medley 32 field goal W. 45-42 Sept. 12, 2015 Sterling Shepard 18 pass from Baker Mayfield (Austin Seibert kick) Oklahoma Offense L, 24-31 Joshua Dobbs rush for 1 yard to the APP1, fumble forced by Kennan Gilchrist, Sept. 1, 2016 **Appalachian State** Offense W, 20-13 fumble by Dobbs recovered by UT's Jalen Hurd in the end zone (Aaron Medley kick) Oct. 8, 2016 at Texas A&M Offense L. 38-45 Trevor Knight 1 run (Daniel LaCamera kick) Sept. 4, 2017 vs. Georgia Tech' Defense\* John Kelly 2 run (Aaron Medley kick) W. 42-41 Sept. 7, 2019 BYU Defense\* Ty'Son Williams 5 run+ L, 29-26 Dec. 30, 2021 vs. Purdue# Mitchell Fineran 39 field goal+ L, 45-48 Offense Sept. 10, 2022 at Pittsburgh Offense Cedric Tillman 28 pass from Hendon Hooker W, 34-27 W, 23-17 Oct. 12, 2024 Florida Defense\* Dylan Sampson 1 run+ \*Won coin toss +Game-ending play #Bowl game ^Neutral site regular season game

# OVERTIME TEAM RECORDS

Record in OT: 15-9

Most OT Periods: 6 vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002

Longest Game (Elapsed Time): 4:43 at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007; at Texas A&M, Oct. 8, 2016

Points: 31 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003

Opponent Points: 23 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003; Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012

Points, Both Teams: 54 (UT 31, Alabama 23), Oct. 25, 2003

Fewest Points: 0 at LSU, Sept. 30, 2000; at UCLA, Sept. 1, 2008

Fewest Points, Both Teams: 3 (Five Times) Most Recent: (Purdue 3, UT 0), Dec. 30, 2021

Touchdowns: 4 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003

Total Offense Plays: 21 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (105 yards)

Total Offense Yards: 105 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (21 plays)

Rushing Attempts: 13 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (40 yards)

Rushing Yards: 40 at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (13 attempts)

Pass Attempts: 16 vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (9 completions, 72 yards, 2 touchdowns)

Pass Completions: 9 vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (for 72 yards)

Passing Yards: 77 at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007 (6-of-9)

Field Goals Attempted: 2 vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (2 made)

Field Goals Made: 2 vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (2 attempts)

Longest Drive, Plays: 9 vs. Purdue, Dec. 30, 2021 (24 yards, TO on Downs)

Shortest Drive, Plays: 1 vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (25 yards, Jason Witten 25 pass from Casey Clausen); vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (25 yards, Tony Brown 25 pass from Casey Clausen); at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (25 yards, James Banks 25 pass from Casey Clausen); vs. UAB, Sept. 25, 2010 (25 yards, Denarius Moore 25 pass from Matt Simms)

Shortest Drive, Yards: minus-7 vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (1 play, Derrick Tinsley rush and fumble lost)

Opponent Longest Drive, Plays: 8, Pitt, Sept. 10, 2022 (5 yards, Turnover on Downs)
Opponent Shortest Drive, Plays: 1, LSU, Sept. 30, 2000 (25 yards, Robert Royal 25 pass from Rohan Davey)

Opponent Shortest Drive, Yards: minus-15, at South Carolina, Nov. 1, 2014 (4 plays, Elliott Fry missed 58-yard field goal attempt)

# **OVERTIME INDIVIDUAL RECORDS**

Points: 14, James Banks at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (2 TDs, 1 PAT)

Touchdowns: 2, James Banks at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003; John Kelly vs. Georgia Tech, Sept. 4, 2017

Rushing Attempts: 6, Jaylen Wright vs. Purdue, Dec. 30, 2021 (23 yards)

Rushing Yards: 23, Jaylen Wright vs. Purdue, Dec. 30, 2021 (6 attempts); Jabari Davis vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (5 attempts)

Longest Rushing Play: 20, Montario Hardesty at Kentucky, Nov. 28, 2009

**Longest Rushing Touchdown:** 20 yards, Montario Hardesty at Kentucky, Nov. 28, 2009

Passing Attempts: 15, Tyler Bray vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (8 completions)

Passing Completions: 8, Tyler Bray vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (15 attempts)

Passing Yards: 77, Erik Ainge at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007 (6-of-9); Tyler Bray vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (8-of-15)

Longest Pass Completion: 40, Erik Ainge to Quintin Hancock (TD) at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007 (1st-and-10 from the 40-yard line)

Longest Passing Touchdown: 40, Erik Ainge to Quintin Hancock at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007 (1st-and-10 from the 40-yard line)

Receptions: 2, Cedrick Wilson at LSU, Sept. 30, 2000 (16 yards); James Banks at Alabama, Oct. 25, 2003 (30 yards); Gerald Jones at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007 (20 yards); Denarius Moore vs. UAB, Sept. 25, 2010 (31 yards); Cordarrelle Patterson vs. Missouri, Nov, 10, 2012 (31 yards); Rajion Neal vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (12 yards); Zach Rogers vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (10 yards); Marlin Lane vs. Missouri, Nov. 10, 2012 (6 yards)

Receiving Yards: 40, Quintin Hancock at Kentucky, Nov. 24, 2007 (1 reception)

Field Goals Attempted: 2, Philip Newman vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (2 made)

Field Goals Made: 2, Philip Newman vs. Arkansas, Oct. 5, 2002 (2 attempts)

Longest Field Goal Made: 41, Jeff Hall vs. Florida, Sept. 19, 1998



# **PLAYER NOTES | LISTED ALPHABETICALLY**



# DOMINIC BAILEY

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# **CAREER**

- Experienced pass rusher who is in his fifth year with the program
- Sees most time at strongside defensive end
- Has steadily improved throughout his career and is part of the starting rotation in 2024
- Played in 37 career games with seven starts and has two years of eligibility remaining, which includes his COVID-19 exempt season

### 2024

- Tied a career high in tackles (4) for the second straight game in win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Had the most productive game of his career, setting or tying career highs in tackles (4), TFLs (1.5), sacks (1.0) and QB hurries (2) in win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Saw action on a season-high 49 snaps and finished with two tackles at Arkansas (10/5)
- Played 48 snaps in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), finishing with a pair of tackles and a QB hurry
- Posted three tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and fumble recovery in victory over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Set up a UT field goal with his third-quarter strip sack of Wolfpack QB Grayson McCall that he also recovered
- Started the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and tied a career high with three tackles

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in communication studies
- · Goes by "Dom"
- Favorite musical artist is NBA YoungBoy
- Favorite food is chicken alfredo
- Favorite sport other than football is basketball
- X: @DominicBailey56 | IG: dominic.bailey.\_
- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 56

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	4 (2x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Tackles for Loss	1.5 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Sacks	1.0 (2x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
QB Hurries	2 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Passes Defended	1 vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/18/21
Forced Fumbles	1 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Fumble Recoveries	1 (2x), last vs. NC State, 9/7/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2020	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
2021	2/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1-TTU
2022	13/0	3	8	11	0-0	1-3	0	0	1	0	3-2x
2023	13/2	7	6	13	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	1	0	0	3-IOWA
2024	8/5	9	12	21	2-15	2.5-16	1	1	3	0	4-2x
Career	37/7	19	27	46	2.5-19	4-23	1	2	4	1	4-2x

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-I, Other
*Chattanooga	2-1-3
*vs. NC State	1-2-3, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 ff, 1 fr
*Kent State	1-0-1
*at Oklahoma	1-1-2, 1 qbh
*at Arkansas	0-2-2
Florida	0-2-2
Alabama	2-2-4, 1.5 tfl, 1 s, 2 qbh
Kentucky	2-2-4
2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
<b>2023 Opp.</b> *vs. Virginia	<b>U-A-T, Other</b> 0-0-0
	,
*vs. Virginia	0-0-0
*vs. Virginia Austin Peay	0-0-0 1-0-1
*vs. Virginia Austin Peay at Florida	0-0-0 1-0-1 0-2-2
*vs. Virginia Austin Peay at Florida UTSA	0-0-0 1-0-1 0-2-2 0-2-2

at Kentucky	O-1-1
UConn	0-0-0
at Missouri	0-0-0
Georgia	1-0-1
Vanderbilt	0-0-0
*vs. lowa	3-0-3, 1 fr

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	0-0-0
at Pitt	0-0-0, 1 qbh
Akron	0-1-1
Florida	1-0-1
at LSU	0-3-3
Alabama	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl
UT Martin	0-0-0
Kentucky	0-0-0
at Georgia	2-1-3
Missouri	0-1-1
at South Carolina	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl
vs. Clemson	0-0-0

2021 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Bowling Green	DNP
Pitt	DNP
Tennessee Tech	0-1-1, 1 pd
at Florida	DNP
at Missouri	DNP
South Carolina	DNP
Ole Miss	DNP
at Alabama	DNP
at Kentucky	DNP
Georgia	0-0-0
South Alabama	DNP
Vanderbilt	DNP
vs. Purdue	DNP

2020 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
Florida	0-0-0

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



# DE'SEAN BISHOP

RB • 5-10 • 200 • R-Fr. Knoxville, Tenn.

# CAREER

- Explosive, playmaking running back who produced one of the most prolific careers in Tennessee high school history for nearby Karns High School
- A contributor in UT's running back rotation this season after a strong spring and preseason camp
- Did not see action and redshirted as a true freshman as sustaining an injury during preseason camp
- Has four years of eligibility remaining
- Played in eight career games

# 2024

- Tied for 13th in the SEC with four runs of 20-plus yards. He and teammate Dylan Sampson are two of only four SEC players with multiple rushes of 40plus yards this season
- Averaged 7.2 yards per carry in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), totaling five carries for 36 yards
- Had seven carries for 24 yards in win vs. Florida (10/12)
  Posted a career-high 16 carries and finished with 65 rushing yards in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/31)
- Continued his impressive start to the year with a game and career-high 120 rushing yards and two TDs on just seven carries in win over Kent State (9/14)
- Averaged 17.1 yards per attempt against the Golden Flashes had TD runs of 53 and 47 yards on consecutive carries in the first half
- Had a career-high 10 rushes for 42 yards (4.2 avg) in win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Shined in his collegiate debut, finishing with 60 rushing yards and a touchdown on just five carries, averaging 12.0 yards per attempt, while also adding one catch for 10 yards in season-opening win over Chattanooga (8/31)

 Had two carries of 20-plus yards against the Mocs, including a 22-yarder in the third quarter for his firstcareer touchdown

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in communication studies
- Signed with Tennessee as a preferred walk-on in Dec. 2022
- Racked up 8,347 rushing yards and 102 rushing touchdowns over the course of his high school career, ranking second and third all-time in Tennessee high school football history, respectively, according to the TSSAA online record book
- Back-to-back Tennessee Titans 5A Mr. Football Award winner after compiling more than 6,000 all-purpose yards between his junior and senior seasons
- Exploded as a junior in 2021, carrying the ball 441 times for 3,179 yards and 34 touchdowns, finishing less than 200 yards shy of the state record and second in state history
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Rushes	16 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Rushing Yards	120 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Rushing Touchdowns	2 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Rush	53 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Receptions	1 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Receiving Yards	10 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Long Reception	10 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
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# **CAREER STATS**

Rushing	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2023			D١	NP - R	edshirte	d		
2024	8/0	54	372	6.9	46.5	3	53-KSU	120-KSU
Career	8/0	54	372	6.9	46.5	3	53-KSU	120-KSU

			High Yd
dshirted			
1.3	0	10-UTC	10-UTC
1.3	0	10-UTC	10-UTC
	1.3	1.3 0	1.3 0 10-UTC

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	5-60-1, 24	1-10-0, 10
vs. NC State	10-42-0, 15	0-0-0
Kent State	7-120-2, 53	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	16-65-0, 17	0-0-0
at Arkansas	3-19-0, 13	0-0-0
Florida	7-24-0, 6	0-0-0
Alabama	5-36-0, 15	0-0-0
Kentucky	1-6-0, 6	0-0-0



# CHRIS BRAZZELL II

WR • 6-5 • 200 • R-So. Midland, Texas

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Last name pronounced BRAZ-ull

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List
- 2023 CFN Freshman All-American (HM)
- 2023 All-AAC Third Team

# CAREE

- Explosive and lengthy wide receiver who transferred to UT after playing two seasons at Tulane where he was the team's leading receiver in his final year
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2024 and went through spring practice and summer workouts
- Has three seasons of remaining eligibility, including the 2024 campaign
- Played in 15 games at Tulane, recording 45 receptions for 722 yards and five touchdowns, while averaging 16.0 yards per catch
- Owns eight 30+ yard catches and two 100-yard receiving games in his career

 Played in 23 career games (15 at Tulane, 8 at UT) with 14 starts (8 at Tulane, 6 at UT)

#### 2024

- Hauled in two receptions for 27 yards, including the game-winning diving touchdown grab on a 16yard pass in the corner of the end zone with 5:52 remaining in the fourth quarter against #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Got the start and was second on the team with three catches for 49 yards in win over Florida (10/12)
- Made a pair of first down catches for 21 yards at Arkansas (10/5)
- Hauled in two catches for 63 yards in win over Kent State (9/14), including a career-long 53-yarder in the first quarter for his first touchdown as a Vol
- Was productive in his Tennessee debut in the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31), tallying five receptions for 59 yards on eight targets

# **NOTABLE**

- · Majoring in sociology
- Teams up with his brother, Colin, who plays defensive back and joined the Vols in the summer of 2024
- Father, Chris, played at Blinn College and Angelo State before being selected in the sixth round (pick No. 174) of the 1998 NFL Draft by the New York Jets. He played on the Jets' practice squad and then spent two seasons with the Dallas Cowboys (1999-2000) before playing seven seasons in the CFL with four different franchises
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 58

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	7 at FAU, 11/18/23
Receiving Yards	103 (2x), last at FAU, 11/18/23
Receiving Touchdowns	2 vs. UTSA, 11/24/23
Long Reception	53 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	ΤD	Long	High Yd
*2022	2/0	1	11	11.0	5.5	0	11-ALC	11-ALC
*2023	13/8	44	711	16.2	54.7	5	47-UTSA	103-2x
2024	8/6	20	248	12.4	31.0	2	53-KSU	63-KSU
at TU	15/8	45	722	16.0	48.1	5	47-UTSA	103-2x
at UT	8/6	20	248	12.4	31.0	2	53-KSU	63-KSU
Career	23/14	65	970	14.9	42.2	7	53-KSU	103-2x
* at Tulane								

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
*Chattanooga	5-59-0, 23
*vs. NC State	3-18-0, 12
Kent State	2-63-1, 53
*at Oklahoma	1-0-0, 0
at Arkansas	2-21-0, 15
*Florida	3-49-0, 23
*Alabama	2-27-1, 16
*Kentucky	2-11-0, 7

2023 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
*South Alabama	4-53-1, 33
*Ole Miss	0-0-0
*at Southern Miss	3-35-1, 17
*Nicholls	4-42-0, 13
*UAB	2-49-0, 39
at Memphis	3-103-0, 38
North Texas	2-50-0, 28
at Rice	5-75-0, 24
at East Carolina	3-26-0, 12
*Tulsa	3-41-0, 26
*at FAU	7-103-1, 38
*UTSA	5-93-2, 47
*SMU	3-41-0, 22
v. Virginia Tech	DNP

2022 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
UMass	0-0-0
Alcorn State	1-11-0, 11

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# WILL BROOKS

DB • 6-1 • 206 • R-Sr. Birmingham, Ala.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- Burlsworth Trophy Walk-On of the Week (vs. Alabama, 10/22/24)
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2022 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

#### CAREER

- Smart, veteran and dependable safety who is in his fifth year with the program
- Earned a starting role in UT's secondary this season
- Stepped into a significant role in the Vols' secondary during the final two games of the 2023 regular season due to injuries and also been a prominent contributor on special teams coverage
- Three-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and will wear the SEC Graduate patch this season after earning his undergraduate degree in finance in May 2024
- Played in 44 career games and made nine starts

#### 2024

- Has started all eight games at safety, leading the team with three interceptions and ranking second with 37 total tackles
- Returned a third quarter interception 67 yards to set up what turned out to be the game-winning touchdown in win over Kentucky (11/2). Also had a QB hurry in the win over the Wildcats
- Was recognized by the Burlsworth Trophy as the Walk-On of the Week after an impressive performance in UT's win vs. Alabama (10/19), tying for the team lead with eight tackles, including a TFL, and also had an interception on the Crimson Tide's final offensive play to seal the victory
- Also made a shoestring, touchdown saving tackle on Alabama QB Jalen Milroe early in the first quarter
- Had another solid performance in a win over Florida (10/12), posting six tackles, including half a TFL and a pass breakup
- Posted a career-high 10 tackles and also forced a fumble at Arkansas (10/5)
- Played 54 snaps in win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), posting three tackles and a pass breakup in UT's dominant defensive showing
- Finished tied for second on the team with four tackles, including his first TFL of the year, in win over Kent State (9/14)
- Made his first-career interception and returned it 85 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter of win vs. #24 NC State (9/7) and also added another pass breakup
- His pick-six was the turning point in UT's win over the Wolfpack as it gave the Vols a 17-3 lead and was part of a 30-0 run to break the game open
- Started at safety in Vols' season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and led the team with five tackles on the day

# NOTABLE

- Earned his undergraduate degree in finance in May 2024 and is pursuing an MBA
- Favorite movie is Remember The Titans
- Favorite food is steak
- Favorite TV show is The Office
- Is an avid hiker
- Wears the same pair of socks for every game
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

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Tackles	10 at Arkansas, 10/5/24
Tackles for Loss	1.0 (3x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Interceptions	1 (3x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Passes Defended	2 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
QB Hurries	1 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Forced Fumbles	1 at Arkansas, 10/5/24
<b>Fumble Recoveries</b>	1 at LSU, 10/8/22
Touchdowns	1 (pick-six) vs. NC State, 9/7/24

## **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2020				Dl	NP - Re	edshirt					
2021	13/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
2022	13/0	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	2-VU
2023	10/1	13	5	18	0-0	1-6	0	0	1	0	8-VU
2024	8/8	19	18	37	0-0	2.5-3	1	0	6	3	10-ARK
Career	44/9	36	24	60	0-0	3.5-9	1	1	7	3	10-ARK

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

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2024 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	4-1-5
*vs. NC State	0-1-1, 2 pd, 1 int (TD)
*Kent State	1-3-4, 1 tfl
*at Oklahoma	2-1-3, 1 pd
*at Arkansas	6-4-10, 1 ff
*Florida	1-5-6, 0.5 tfl, 1 pd
*Alabama	5-3-8, 1 tfl, 1 pd, 1 int
*Kentucky	0-0-0, 1 pd, 1 int, 1 qbh

U-A-T, Other
1-0-1
DNP
DNP
DNP
0-0-0
0-0-0
1-0-1
0-0-0
2-0-2, 1 pd
0-0-0
5-1-6
4-4-8, 1 tfl
0-0-0

2022 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	0-0-0
at Pitt	0-0-0
Akron	1-0-1
Florida	1-0-1
at LSU	0-0-0, 1 fr
Alabama	1-0-1
UT Martin	0-0-0
Kentucky	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0
Missouri	0-0-0
at South Carolina	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	1-1-2
vs. Clemson	0-0-0

2021 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Bowling Green	0-0-0
Pitt	0-0-0
Tennessee Tech	0-0-0
at Florida	0-0-0
at Missouri	0-0-0
South Carolina	0-0-0
Ole Miss	0-0-0
at Alabama	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-0-0
Georgia	0-0-0
South Alabama	0-0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0-0
vs. Purdue	0-0-0

\* - denotes started



# JOHN CAMPBELL JR. OL • 6-6 • 330 • R-Sr. Orlando, Fla.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (at Kentucky, 10/30/23)

## **CAREER**

- Skilled, veteran offensive tackle who is in his seventh collegiate season
- Announced he would return for his final year prior to the Citrus Bowl
- Transferred to Tennessee in the spring of 2023 after spending five years at Miami
- Extremely versatile and can play both tackle spots
- Had a strong spring in 2023, in which he took control of a starting spot upon arrival and was a difference maker for the Vols, who were semifinalists for the 2023 Joe Moore Award
- Shifted to the right side for the 2024 season and played there during the spring
- Appeared in 51 career games (34 at Miami, 17 at UT) with 35 starts (18 at Miami, 17 at UT) playing 2,235 collegiate offensive snaps
- For his career, has made 25 starts at left tackle, nine at right tackle and one at left guard
- The 2024 season is his final year of eligibility

# 2024

- Has started all eight games at right tackle this season
- Did not allow any pressures in 59 snaps as Tennessee piled up 477 yards of total offense in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Appeared in the 50th game of his career in win over #7 Alabama (10/19), playing 46 snaps without allowing a sack or QB hit
- Saw action on a season-high 60 snaps and did not allowed any pressures in a win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Played 55 offensive snaps at right tackle at Arkansas (10/5)
- Started his 30th career game and played 24 clean snaps at RT in blowout win over Kent State (9/14), helping UT set a program record with 740 total yards, including 456 rushing yards, and a modernera record for total points with 71
- Started at RT and helped the Vols rush for 249 yards in blowout victory over #24 NC State (9/7), playing 30 offensive snaps without allowing a pressure
- Got the start at RT in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31), playing 37 snaps without allowing any pressures as UT racked up 718 total yards of offense, which was tied for the second most in program history

# NOTABLE

- Earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Miami in fall of 2021
- One of his favorite places to eat is Waffle House
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# **CAREER STATS**

**Games Played/Started:** 2024: 8/8; 2023: 9/9; 2022: 12/12; 2021: DNP; 2020: 7/4; 2019: 11/2; 2018: 4/0 **Career: 51/35; Miami: 34/18; Tennessee: 17/17** 

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LB • 6-1 • 234 • So.
Smyrna, Tenn.

First name pronounced air-EE-on

# **CAREER HONORS**

• 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

#### CADEED

- Talented, physical in-state linebacker who is off to a strong start in 2024
- Was limited during spring practice after a shoulder surgery in October 2023 forced him to miss the final five games of the year
- Earned a starting role at WLB this season
- Played in 16 career games and made eight starts

#### 2024

- Has started all eight games at WLB this season
- Led the team with a career-high 10 tackles and added a QB hurry in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Totaled six tackles and a QB hurry is win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Finished with four tackles, half a TFL and had a key interception in the third quarter vs. Florida (10/12) that he returned 15 yards to set up a field goal that tied the game. The INT was the first of his career
- Posted eight tackles and tied career bests with 1.5 TFLs and one pass breakup at Arkansas (10/5)
- Led a dominant defensive effort in win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) with a team-leading six tackles, including a TFL and a pass breakup
- Flashed in win over #24 NC State (9/7), making three tackles while setting or tying career highs in TFLs (1.5), QB hurries (1) and pass breakups (1)
- Made his first-career start in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and finished with three tackles while playing 22 defensive snaps

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in pre-professional programs
- Also lettered in basketball and track & field in high school, qualifying for the state meet in the 300-meter hurdles
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	10 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (2x), last at Arkansas, 10/5/24
QB Hurries	1 (3x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Passes Defended	1 (5x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Interceptions	1 vs. Florida, 10/12/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2023	8/0	8	9	17	0-0	1-4	0	0	1	0	4-UVA
2024	8/8	16	27	43	0-0	4.5-7	0	0	4	1	10-UK
Career	16/8	24	36	60	0-0	5.5-11	0	0	5	1	10-UK

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

South Carolina

Texas A&M

at Alabama

at Kentucky

UConn

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	0-3-3
*vs. NC State	2-1-3, 1.5 tfl, 1 pd
*Kent State	0-3-3
*at Oklahoma	3-3-6, 1 tfl, 1 pd
*at Arkansas	2-6-8, 1.5 tfl, 1 pd
*Florida	1-3-4, 0.5 tfl, 1 pd, 1 int
*Alabama	3-3-6, 1 qbh
*Kentucky	5-5-10, 1 qbh
2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	2-2-4
Austin Peay	1-0-1
at Florida	2-1-3
UTSA	1-1-2, 1 pd

1-2-3, 1 tfl

DNP - Injury

1-1-2

0-0-0

0-2-2

at Missouri	DNP - Injury
Georgia	DNP - Injury
Vanderbilt	DNP - Injury
vs. lowa	DNP - Iniurv

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started

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BOO CARTER DB • 5-11 • 195 • Fr. Chattanooga, Tenn.

# CAREER

- SEC Freshman of the Week (vs. Florida, 10/14/24)
- 2024 Shaun Alexander Award Watch List
- 2024 On3 True Freshman Preseason All-American

#### CARFER

- Dynamic athlete and two-way star who has the ability to make an impact on defense and special teams as a true freshman
- Early enrollee in January 2024 who participated in Citrus Bowl practices and spring practice
- Worked in the secondary during spring practice and sees action at Tennessee's STAR position
- · Has also seen time as a punt returner
- Played in eight career games and made one start

#### 2024

- Earned his first-career start (STAR) and made four tackles in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Played a season-high 45 snaps and finished with three solo tackles in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Had his most productive game of the year to date, posting career highs in tackles (7), TFLs (1.5) and sacks (1.0) to go along with one QB hurry in a win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Played 39 defensive snaps and had two tackles at Arkansas (10/5)
- Made a pair of tackles in his SEC debut during road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Showcased his playmaking ability in the return game with two punt returns of 20-plus yards in win vs. Kent State (9/14), including a 35-yard return in the second quarter
- Played 23 defensive snaps and made a pair of tackles in win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Flashed in his collegiate debut, playing 30 defensive snaps and making two tackles while leading all players with two QB hurries in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Full name is Orlando Boo Carter
- Majoring in marketing
- · Favorite movie is Friday
- Models his game after Tyrann Mathieu
- Favorite sport other than football is baseball
- Was named the 2023 Tennessee Titans Class 6A Mr. Football Award winner after a phenomenal senior campaign that saw him finish with 1,795 all-purpose yards and 27 total touchdowns
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	7 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Tackles for Loss	1.5 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Sacks	1.0 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
QB Hurries	2 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Punt Returns	2 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Punt Return Yards	55 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Punt Return	35 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2024	8/1	16	7	23	1-10	1.5-11	0	0	0	0	7-UF
Career	8/1	16	7	23	1-10	1.5-11	0	0	0	0	7-UF
Punt Ret	urns No	Υ	ds	Avg	, Pe	r/G	TD	L	ong		High Yd
2024	2		55	27.5	5 6	.9	0	35	-KSL	J	55-KSU
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# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other	PR-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	2-02, 2 qbh	0-0-0
vs. NC State	2-0-2	0-0-0
Kent State	0-1-1	2-55-0, 35
at Oklahoma	2-0-2	0-0-0
at Arkansas	2-0-2	0-0-0
Florida	2-5-7, 1.5 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh	0-0-0
Alabama	3-0-3	0-0-0
*Kentucky	3-1-4	0-0-0

\* - denotes started



# **CHRISTIAN** 14 **CHARLES**

DB • 6-1 • 200 • R-Jr. Gainesville, Ga.

- · Versatile and instinctive redshirt junior defensive back who is also a major contributor on special teams coverage
- · Suffered an Achilles injury during the Vols' second game of the 2023 season and has worked his way back
- Has recorded 59 career tackles to go along with two TFLs, one pass breakup and one fumble recovery
- Played in 26 games with seven starts in career
- · Including this season, has two years of eligibility

- Tied a season high with 29 snaps and made one tackle in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Saw action on a season-high 29 snaps and made one tackle in win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- · Played 26 snaps at safety and finished with a season-best seven tackles to go along with one TFL in win over Florida (10/12)
- · Posted four tackles in 24 defensive snaps at Arkansas (10/5)
- · Played 21 snaps and had two tackles, including a TFL, in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- · Saw action on 20 defensive snaps and made one tackle in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in sport management
- · Was an All-Region QB at Chestatee High School
- First football player from Chestatee High School to sign with an SEC program since 2009
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 63

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	8 (2x), last vs. Alabama, 10/15/22
Tackles for Loss	1.0 (3x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Passes Defended	1 at Missouri, 10/2/21
Fumbles Recovered	1 vs. Alabama, 10/15/22
Blocked Kicks	1 (Blocked Punt) vs. Pitt, 9/11/21

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2021	8/1	6	2	8	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	0	4-TTU
2022	10/6	19	16	35	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	8-2x
2023	2/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
2024	6/0	11	5	16	0-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	7-UF
Career	26/7	36	23	59	0-0	3-5	0	1	1	0	8-2x

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

0-1-1 DNP DNP
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DNP
2-0-2, 1 tfl
3-1-4
5-2-7, 1 tfl
1-0-1
0-1-1

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	0-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0-0
Missed remainder of se	eason due to injury

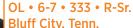
2022 Орр.	U-A-T, Other	
*Ball State	3-5-8	
at Pitt	0-0-0	
*Akron	1-0-1	
*Florida	3-1-4	
*at LSU	6-1-7	
*Alabama	3-5-8, 1 fr	
UT Martin	DNP	
Kentucky	DNP	
at Georgia	DNP	
Missouri	1-1-2	
at South Carolina	1-1-2	
*at Vanderbilt	0-1-1	
vs. Clemson	1-1-2	

2021 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Bowling Green	2-0-2
Pitt	0-0-0, 1 blocked punt
Tennessee Tech	3-1-4, 1 tfl
at Florida	1-1-2
*at Missouri	0-0-0, 1 pd
South Carolina	DNP
Ole Miss	DNP
at Alabama	DNP
at Kentucky	DNP
Georgia	DNP
South Alabama	0-0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0-0
vs. Purdue	0-0-0

\* - denotes started



# DAYNE **DAVIS**



# **CAREER HONORS**

- SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Vanderbilt, 11/27/23)
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2022 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2020 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

- Former preferred walk-on offensive lineman who has been invaluable in terms of his versatility at multiple positions
- · Seen action at right tackle, left tackle and center during his career
- Was a key contributor in the offensive line rotation in 2023
- Earned a scholarship in December 2020 and then made an immediate impact on the staff with his outstanding play and work ethic
- Played in 47 career games and made eight starts (six at RT, two at LT)
- · Is using his last year of eligibility this season

- Saw action on 25 snaps at RT, helping Vols post 477 yards of total offense in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- · Logged 30 offensive snaps at RT in win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Saw limited action at RT against Arkansas (10/5) and Florida (10/12)
- Started at LT for the second straight game in SEC opener at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) and played a seasonhigh 75 snaps, splitting time at both tackle spots
- · Made his seventh career start and first at LT in win over Kent State (9/14), playing 39 clean snaps to help UT set a program record with 740 total yards, including 456 rushing yards, and a modern-era record for total points with 71
- · Did not allow a pressure in 33 snaps at RT and helped the Vols rush for 249 yards in 51-10 win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Played 25 clean snaps at RT in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31) as UT racked up 718 total yards of offense, which was tied for the second most in program history

# **NOTABLE**

- Earned his bachelor's degree in supply chain management from the Haslam College of Business in May 2023 and is working towards a master's degree in management and human resources
- · Has helped contribute to the "Mountain Strong" campaign by raising over \$8,000 in supplies for relief efforts following Hurricane Helene and delivering those supplies to those in need in East Tennessee
- Is an avid golfer
- Twitter/X: @BigDayne Davis | IG: @ daynedavis >> Full profile on Record Book Page 65

# **CAREER STATS**

Games Played/Started: 2024: 8/2; 2023: 13/3; 2022: 13/0; 2021: 13/3; 2020: 0/0; 2019: 0/0 Career: 47/8



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# **CAREER HONORS**

• 2023 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

#### CAREER

- · Athletic tight end with big-play potential who is part of the Vols' stellar rotation
- Outstanding job developing his body and skills in the spring and summer
- Enrolled at UT in Jan. 2023 and showed his bigplay potential and physicality during spring and fall practices
- Played in 10 career games

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- Played 20 snaps in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19) and for the fourth time this season, tied his career-high with two receptions which gained 12 yards
- Tied his career high with two catches for 10 yards in win over Florida (10/12)
- Saw action on 14 snaps and made one catch for eight yards in his SEC debut in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Played 23 snaps and made two catches for 14 yards in blowout win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- · Hauled in his first-career touchdown reception on a four-yard pass from Nico lamaleava in the first quarter of UT's season-opening win over Chattanooga (8/31) and finished with two catches for 20 yards on the day

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in sociology
- Was one of the top tight end prospects in the nation coming out of Collins Hill HS in Georgia
- Was a two-sport star in high school who was also a coveted recruit on the basketball court, garnering offers from numerous major D-I programs
- Holds the school record for points in a game with 43 against Mill Creek on Feb. 9, 2022 and is a two-time Georgia All-State selection in hoops
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	2 (4x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Receiving Yards	33 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Receiving Touchdowns	1 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Long Reception	19 vs. UConn, 11/4/23

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2023	3/0	2	33	16.5	11.0	0	19-CONN	33-CONN
2024	7/0	9	64	7.1	9.1	1	16-UTC	20-UTC
Career	10/0	11	97	8.8	9.7	1	19-CONN	33-CONN

2024 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	2-20-1, 16
vs. NC State	2-14-0, 10

Kent State	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	1-8-0, 8
at Arkansas	DNP
Florida	2-10-0, 11
Alabama	2-12-0, 11
Kentucky	0-0-0

2023 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
vs. Virginia	0-0-0
Austin Peay	DNP
at Florida	DNP
UTSA	DNP
South Carolina	DNP
Texas A&M	DNP
at Alabama	DNP
at Kentucky	DNP
UConn	2-33-0, 19
at Missouri	DNP
Georgia	DNP
Vanderbilt	DNP
vs. Iowa	0-0-0



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# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- · 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

#### CAREER

- A strong, disruptive in-state interior defensive lineman who is coming off the best season of his career in 2023
- Has totaled 67 tackles, 14 TFLs, three sacks, nine QB hurries, one fumble recovery and two PBUs in his career
- Played in 43 career games with 16 starts
- Including this season, has two years of eligibility remaining

# 2024

- Has started all eight games at DT this season
- Played 30 snaps and finished with three tackles in win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Finished with three tackles, including a career-high tying two TFLs in win vs. Florida (10/12), including a key five-yard TFL in overtime
- Had two tackles, half a TFL and a QB hurry at Arkansas (10/5) before having to leave the game with an injury
- Played a season-high 36 snaps in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), finishing with one tackle and one QB hurry
- Played just 11 defensive snaps but posted a pass breakup in win over Kent State (9/14)
- Tied a career high with four tackles, including one TFL in victory over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Started at DT and finished with two tackles in 15 defensive snaps during season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in communication studies
- Came to Tennessee has a linebacker before bulking up and transitioning to defensive line
- Made his first-career start in the 2022 Capital One Orange Bowl victory over No. 7 Clemson
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 67

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	4 (4x), last vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Tackles for Loss	2.0 (2x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Sacks	1.0 (2x), last at Florida, 9/16/23
QB Hurries	2 at Alabama, 10/21/23
Passes Defended	1 (2x), last vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Fumble Recoveries	1 at Georgia, 11/5/22
Blocked Kicks	1 (FG) at Florida, 9/16/23

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2020	6/0	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1-2x
2021	3/0	2	1	3	0-0	2-7	0	0	1	0	2-BG
2022	13/1	10	8	18	1.5-3	3.5-8	0	1	2	0	3-VU
2023	13/7	8	19	27	1.5-10	5-17	0	0	4	1	4-3x
2024	8/8	11	6	17	0-0	3.5-14	0	0	2	1	4-NCST
Career	43/16	31	36	67	3-13	14-46	0	1	9	2	4-4x

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	2-0-2
*vs. NC State	2-2-4, 1 tfl
*Kent State	0-0-0, 1 pd
*at Oklahoma	1-0-1, 1 qbh
*at Arkansas	1-1-2, 0.5 tfl, 1 qbh
*Florida	1-2-3, 2 tfl
*Alabama	2-0-2
*Kentucky	2-1-3

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl
Austin Peay	0-0-0
at Florida	3-1-4, 1.5 tfl, 1 s,
	1 qbh, 1 blk (FG)
*UTSA	0-3-3, 0.5 tfl
*South Carolina	2-2-4
*Texas A&M	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 qbh
*at Alabama	1-2-3, 2 qbh
*at Kentucky	1-3-4, 1 tfl
*UConn	0-1-1, 1 pd
*at Missouri	0-1-1
Georgia	0-1-1
Vanderbilt	0-1-1
vs. lowa	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	0-2-2
at Pitt	0-1-1
Akron	1-1-2, 1 s, 1 tfl
Florida	1-0-1
at LSU	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s
Alabama	1-0-1
UT Martin	2-0-2, 1 qbh
Kentucky	1-0-1
at Georgia	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 fr
Missouri	0-0-0
at South Carolina	0-1-1
at Vanderbilt	2-1-3, 1 tfl
*vs. Clemson	1-1-2, 1 qbh

U-A-T, Other
2-0-2, 2 tfl
0-0-0, 1 qbh
DNP
0-1-1
DNP

U-A-T, Other
DNP
DNP
DNP
0-1-1
0-0-0
DNP
0-0-0
0-0-0
0-1-1
0-0-0

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**CAREER HONORS** 

• 2023 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

#### CAREER

•Lockdown cornerback who made an immediate impact as a true freshman in 2023 and is one of the Vols' starters at the position in 2024

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- Finished the year strong with his first career start in the Citrus Bowl and was a regular contributor on special teams coverage as well
- Arrived at Tennessee in Dec. 2022 and participated in Orange Bowl practices before going through spring practice 2023
- Saw an increased role at corner as the 2023 season progressed
- Played in 20 career games and made eight starts

#### 2024

- Tied a career high with six tackles and also had a crucial pass breakup in the end zone on fourth down in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Made three tackles in win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Posted a career-high six tackles and one pass breakup in win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Did not allow a reception and was targeted just once in 69 snaps while also making two tackles during win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Made his season debut in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), getting the start at corner and making one tackle in 39 defensive snaps
- Did not play in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) due to injury

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in supply chain management
- His father, Rickey Gibson Jr., played basketball at Stillman College (Ala.) and went on to have a nineyear professional career overseas
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	6 (2x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Tackles for Loss	1.0 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Passes Defended	1 (3x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2023	13/1	6	3	9	0-0	1-3	0	0	1	0	4-CONN
2024	7/7	13	5	18	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	6-2x
Career	20/8	19	8	27	0-0	1-3	0	0	3	0	6-2x

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# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	DNP - Injury
*vs. NC State	1-0-1
*Kent State	0-0-0
*at Oklahoma	1-1-2
*at Arkansas	0-0-0
*Florida	5-1-6, 1 pd
*Alabama	2-1-3
*Kentucky	4-2-6, 1 pd

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	0-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0-0
at Florida	0-0-0
UTSA	0-0-0
South Carolina	0-0-0
Texas A&M	0-0-0
at Alabama	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-1-1
UConn	3-1-4, 1 tfl
at Missouri	0-0-0
Georgia	0-0-0, 1 pd
Vanderbilt	2-1-3
*vs. lowa	1-0-1

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# **CAREER HONORS**

- SEC Special Teams Player of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/23/24)
- 2023 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Strong-legged, in-state placekicker who starred for Lausanne Collegiate School in Memphis
- Redshirted as a true freshman in 2023 and won the starting kicker spot this fall
- Arrived on Rocky Top in Dec. 2022 and participated in Orange Bowl practices before beginning classes in January 2023
- Played in eight career games

## 2024

- Ranks 12th nationally and fourth in the SEC among kickers in scoring (8.9 points/game)
- Tied for 34th in the FBS and sixth in the SEC in total points scored (71)
- Ranks fourth in the SEC and tied for 15th nationally in PATs made with 35
- Missed two 50-plus yard FG attempts in the first half but responded with an important 41-yarder late in the fourth quarter in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Made his lone FG attempt and both PATs in win vs. Florida (10/12). His 35-yard FG in the third quarter tied the game at 10
- Connected on all three of his FG attempts and both PATs, including a long FG of 41 yards in his SEC debut on the road at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Posted 15 points for the second straight game after drilling a career-high nine PATs and both of his FG attempts from 36 and 21 yards in win over Kent State (9/14)
- Went 3-of-4 on field goal attempts, making his first three in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), including a career-long 45-yarder on the last play of the first half. Also drilled all six of his PATs, giving him a total of 15 points on the night
- Was perfect in his collegiate debut, totaling 13 points after drilling a pair of field goals from 36 yards and 42 yards and all seven of his PATs

# NOTABLE

- · Majoring in management
- Was rated by Kohl's Kicking as a five-star prospect and the No. 30 placekicker in the nation
- Was one of three finalists for the 2022 Tennessee Mr. Football High School Kicker of the Year
- Transitioned from soccer to football after former LSU All-American kicker Josh Jasper, who coached at his high school, emailed his mother to come join the team
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Field Goals Made	3 (2x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>	4 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Longest Field Goal	45 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Longest Attempt	53 (2x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
PATs	9 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Points	15 (2x), last vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Kick	GP	FG	FGA	Pct.	PAT	Pts	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Long
2023					DN	P -	Redshi	rted			
2024	8	12	18	66.7	35-35	71	2-2	6-7	4-6	0-3	45-NCST
Career	8	12	18	66.7	35-35	71	2-2	6-7	4-6	0-3	45-NCST

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	FGs, PATs, Pts
Chattanooga	2-2 (36G, 42G), 7-7, 13
vs. NC State	3-4 (32G, 45G, 36G, 53M), 6-6, 15
NC State	2-2 (36G, 21G), 9-9, 15
at Oklahoma	3-3 (27G, 41G, 32G), 2-2, 11
at Arkansas	0-0, 2-2, 2

Florida	1-1 (35G), 2-2, 5
Alabama	1-3 (53M, 50M, 41G), 3-3, 7
Kentucky	0-3 (43M, 40M, 34M), 4-4, 4



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## **CAREER HONORS**

- 2023 SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2022 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

#### CARFER

- Versatile DB out of Georgia who is also one of the Vols' top special teams coverage contributors
- •In his third year with the program and part of the starting rotation at STAR
- Has totaled 25 tackles, three TFLs and half a sack in his career
- Played in 20 career games with four starts

#### 2024

- Played 16 snaps at STAR and made three tackles in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Returned to action and played 11 defensive snaps in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), finishing with a pair of tackles against the Crimson Tide
- Started at STAR and recorded half a sack for the first time in his career in loss at Arkansas (10/5)
- Had the most productive game of his career thus far in road win over #15 Oklahoma (9/21), posting a career-high five tackles, including a TFL, in 56 snaps
- Finished with two tackles and a QB hurry in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- Made his first-career start in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31), logging one tackle and one TFL in 23 defensive snaps from the STAR position

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in sport management
- Father, Rodney Harrison, was a 15-year NFL veteran, two-time Super Bowl champion and a two-time Pro Bowler who played for the San Diego Chargers from 1994-2002 and the New England Patriots from 2003-08 before serving as a broadcaster for NBC
- His father also owns the most sacks of any defensive back in NFL history (30.5) and is the league's alltime career leader in Super Bowl tackles (33)
- Says his father is his biggest influence and inspiration because "he was always and still is the hardest working person in the room, and he motivates me to be great everyday"
- Aspires to be a business owner or get into real estate following his playing career
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	5 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Tackles for Loss	1.0 (2x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Sacks	0.5 at Arkansas, 10/5/24
QB Hurries	1 vs. NC State, 9/7/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2022	8/0	5	4	9	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	3-BSU
2023	5/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2-IOWA
2024	7/4	8	6	14	0.5-1	2.5-6	0	0	0	0	5-OU
Career	20/4	15	10	25	0.5-1	3-7	0	0	0	0	5-00

# GAME-BY-GAME

U-A-T, Other
1-0-1, 1 tfl
1-1-2, 1 qbh
0-0-0
3-2-5, 1 tfl
0-1-1, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s
DNP
1-1-2
2-1-3

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other	
vs. Virginia	0-0-0	
Austin Peay	0-0-0	
at Florida	0-0-0	
UTSA	0-0-0	
South Carolina	DNP	
Texas A&M	DNP	
at Alabama	DNP	
at Kentucky	DNP	
UConn	DNP	
at Missouri	DNP	
Georgia	DNP	
Vanderbilt	DNP	
vs. Iowa	2-0-2	

2022 0	II A T Other
2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	1-2-3, 0.5 tfl
at Pitt	DNP
Akron	2-0-2
Florida	DNP
at LSU	DNP
Alabama	DNP
UT Martin	0-2-2
Kentucky	1-0-1
at Georgia	DNP
Missouri	0-0-0
at South Carolina	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	1-0-1
vs. Clemson	0-0-0

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# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Fourth Team (Athlon)
- 2023 SEC All-Freshman Team

# CAREER

- Physically impressive five-star offensive tackle who transferred to Tennessee after an SEC All-Freshman season at LSU in 2023
- His combination of size and athleticism was on full display in the spring as he took control of left tackle for the Vols
- Considered the second-highest rated offensive tackle prospect during the 2023 transfer portal cycle
- Signed with LSU as a member of the Class of 2023 before committing and signing with Tennessee in January 2024
- Played in 18 career games (12 at LSU, 6 at UT) and has made seven starts (1 at LSU, 6 at UT)

# 2024

- Played all 82 offensive snaps at LT in win vs. Kentucky (11/2), helping the Vols post 477 yards of total offense
- Was in at LT on all 71 offensive plays and did not allow a sack in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Played all 69 offensive snaps and allowed just one pressure in win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Returned from injury and played all 64 offensive snaps at Arkansas (10/5)
- Did not play in wins over Kent State (9/14) or Oklahoma (9/21) due to injury
- Started at LT and helped the Vols rush for 249 yards in blowout victory over #24 NC State (9/7), playing 63 offensive snaps
- Started at LT in Chattanooga opener (8/31) and did not allow a pressure in 45 offensive snaps as UT racked up 718 total yards of offense, which was tied for the second most in program history

# NOTABLE

- Full name is Zalance Heard
- Majoring in communication studies
- Played in the Army All-American Game in December of 2022 and caught a touchdown pass



- · Was ranked the No. 2 offensive tackle prospect in high school by On3 and No. 3 by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN in the class of 2023
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#### **CAREER STATS**

Games Played/Started: 2024: 6/6 2023: 12/1 Career: 18/7; LSU: 12/1; Tennessee: 6/6



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# CAPEER HONORS

2023 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

### CAREER

- Athletic edge rusher with exceptional burst who is in his second season with the program in 2024
- · Bulked up this offseason and did an outstanding job developing his body after true freshman season
- The consensus No. 1 overall player in the state of Tennessee for the Class of 2023 and a consensus four-star prospect
- Arrived on Rocky Top in Dec. 2022 and participated in Orange Bowl practices and spring practice 2023
- Saw increased action as the 2023 season progressed
- Played in 18 career games

#### 2024

- Played nine snaps and had one tackle in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- · Had one tackle and one quarterback hurry in 20 defensive snaps during season-opening victory vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- · Majoring in agricultural leadership, education and communication
- Was a top-15 edge rusher in the country by all major recruiting outlets, rated as high as No. 4 by Rivals and No. 8 by ESPN
- Younger brother of Elijah Herring, who played for the Vols from 2022-23 before transferring to Memphis
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

1.0 vs. UTSA, 9/23/23
1.0 vs. UTSA, 9/23/23
s. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2023	11/0	1	2	3	1-7	1-7	1	0	0	0	2-UTSA
2024	7/0	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1-3x
Career	18/0	2	4	6	1-7	1-7	1	0	1	0	2-UTSA

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	0-1-1, 1 qbh
vs. NC State	1-0-1
Kent State	DNP
at Oklahoma	0-0-0
at Arkansas	0-0-0
Florida	0-0-0
Alabama	0-1-1
Kentucky	0-0-0

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	0-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0-0
at Florida	0-0-0
UTSA	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 ff
South Carolina	0-0-0
Texas A&M	0-0-0
at Alabama	DNP
at Kentucky	DNP
UConn	0-0-0

at Missouri	0-1-1	
Georgia	0-0-0	
Vanderbilt	0-0-0	
vs lowa	0-0-0	



53 DAEVIN **HOBBS** DL • 6-4 • 300 • So. Concord. N.C.

First name pronounced DAY-vin

# CAREER

31

- Former five-star recruit out of North Carolina who is ready to make a major impact in his second season as a Vol defensive lineman
- Enrolled at Tennessee in Jan. 2023 and was limited in spring practice after recovering from an injury
- · When healthy, was in the defensive line rotation as a true freshman in 2023
- Played in 18 career games

- Had one of his most productive games as a Vol in win vs. Kentucky (11/2), racking up a career-high four tackles while and a QB hurry
- Played a season-high 22 snaps and finished with one tackle and one QB hurry in win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Had half a sack and a QB hurry at Arkansas (10/5)
- Posted one tackle in 11 defensive snaps in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Played 13 defensive snaps and had half a TFL in win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Logged 16 defensive snaps and made two tackles in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in sport management
- · Considered the No. 4 defensive lineman in the country by On3 and 247Sports
- · Ranked the top prospect in North Carolina by 247Sports and Rivals
- Also starred on the basketball court for Robinson High, leading the Bulldogs to a 2021 Class 2A state championship while averaging 14.7 points per game
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 76

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	4 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (4x), last at Arkansas, 10/5/24
Sacks	0.5 at Arkansas, 10/5/24
QB Hurries	1 (3x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2023	10/0	6	8	14	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	3-2x
2024	8/0	2	9	11	0.5-0	1-1	0	0	3	0	4-UK
Career	18/0	8	17	25	0.5-0	2-2	0	0	3	0	4-UK

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	0-2-2
vs. NC State	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl
Kent State	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	1-0-1
at Arkansas	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s, 1 qbh
Florida	0-1-1
Alabama	0-1-1, 1 qbh
Kentucky	1-3-4, 1 abh

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	3-0-3
Austin Peay	2-1-3
at Florida	DNP
UTSA	0-2-2
South Carolina	DNP
Texas A&M	DNP
at Alabama	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-2-2
UConn	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl

at Missouri	0-0-0	
Georgia	0-0-0	
Vanderbilt	1-1-2, 0.5 tfl	
vs Iowa	0-0-0	_



NICO **IAMALEAVA** QB • 6-6 • 215 • R-Fr. Long Beach, Calif.

Last name pronounced ee-ah-MAH-LAY-ah-va

# **CAREER HONORS**

- Manning Award QB of the Week (9/11/24)
- · SEC Freshman of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/23/24; vs. NC State, 9/9/24; vs. Chattanooga, 9/2/24)
- 2024 Maxwell Award Watch List
- 2024 Shaun Alexander Award Watch List
- 2024 Polynesian CFB Player of the Year Watch List
- 2024 ESPN.com College Football Top 100 Player (No. 92)
- 2024 Citrus Bowl MVP
- 2023 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

## CARFFR

- · Dynamic, dual-threat quarterback who is in his second season with the program
- Strong-armed signal caller with natural physical tools and leadership traits
- Member of the team's 2024 leadership council
- Arrived at Tennessee as the No. 1 prep player in the country according to On3 for the Class of 2023
- Came to Knoxville in Dec. 2022 and participated in 2022 Orange Bowl practices
- Followed that up a year later with his first career start in leading the Vols to a 2024 Citrus Bowl victory in which he was named the MVP
- Became the first UT true freshman QB to win a bowl game since Peyton Manning beat Virginia Tech in the 1994 Gator Bowl
- Played in 13 career games and made nine starts

- Named SEC Freshman of the Week in three of the first four weeks to start the season, which has already tied UT's single-season record for most times winning the award
- Posted his best SEC performance to date in win vs. Kentucky (11/2), setting career highs in completions (28) and pass attempts (38) while totaling 292 yards and one touchdown through the air while adding 14 vards on the ground, as well
- Finished with 194 passing yards after completing 14 of 27 pass attempts, including the game-winning 16-yard TD connection with Chris Brazzell II with 5:52 left in the fourth quarter to defeat #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Went 16-of-26 passing for 169 yards in win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Was 17 of 29 for 158 yards and no interceptions and had 11 carries for 17 yards at Arkansas (10/5)
- · Delivered another solid performance in his firstcareer SEC start, completing 13 of 21 passes for 194 yards, including a career-long 66-yard touchdown pass to Dont'e Thornton at the end of the first quarter, in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Was 10-of-16 passing for 173 yards and a touchdown in just a quarter and a half of action in blowout victory vs. Kent State (9/14), including a 53-yard TD pass to Chris Brazzell II in UT's record-setting 37-point first quarter. Also had five rushes for 31 yards in the win over the Golden Flashes
- Played a solid all-around game in blowout win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), passing for 211 yards and two touchdowns while adding a career-high 65 rushing yards and a score on the ground, as well
- Wowed in his first-ever start at Neyland Stadium, completing 22-of-28 pass attempts for a career-high 314 yards and three touchdowns in the first half of UT's season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31) ... Was tabbed SEC Freshman of the Week

- His 314 yards vs. the Mocs broke the school record for passing yards in a half, previously held by Tyler Bray who logged 313 in the first half against Troy on Nov. 3, 2012. It marked the fourth 300-yard passing total in a half in Tennessee history.
- Opened the game vs. UTC 10-of-10 for 159 yards and two touchdowns, and led the Vols into the end zone on each of its first three drives of the game

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in information sciences
- · Is of Samoan descent
- Comes from an athletic family and has seven siblings, Nicaylah, Matt, Madden, McKennah, Ninalei, Mallory and Nori
- His older brother, Matt, was one of the top high school volleyball players in the country before playing at Long Beach State
- His sister, Nicaylah, played volleyball at Cypress College
- His younger brother, Madden, is one of the top prep quarterbacks in the country for the Class of 2025
- Wears No. 8 because he is one of eight children in his family (seven siblings) and because one of his favorite players, Marcus Mariota, wore it in college
- Was widely considered one of the top high school volleyball players in the country
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 77

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Completions	28 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Attempts	38 at Kentucky, 11/2/24
Passing Yards	314 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Passings Touchdowns	3 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Long Pass	66 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Rushing Attempts	15 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Rushing Yards	65 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Rushing Touchdowns	3 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Long Rush	31 vs. NC State, 9/7/24

# **CAREER STATS**

2023	5/1	20	4.5							
	J/ I	20	45	62.2	2	0	314	62.8	28-CONN	151-IOWA
2024	8/8	136	208	65.4	9	4	1705	213.1	66-OU	314-UTC
Career	13/9	164	253	64.8	11	4	2019	155.3	66-OU	314-UTC

Rushing	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2023	5/1	20	71	3.6	14.2	3	25-CONN	27-IOWA
2024	8/8	60	193	3.2	24.1	1	31-NCST	65-NCST
Career	13/9	80	264	3.3	20.3	4	31-NCST	65-NCST

# GAME-BY-GAME

2024 Opp.	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Pct.	Yards	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
*Chattanooga	22	28	3	0	78.6	314	59	4	6	0	5
*vs. NC State	16	23	2	2	69.6	211	45	8	65	1	31
*Kent State	10	16	1	0	62.5	173	53	5	31	0	11
*Oklahoma	13	21	1	0	61.9	194	66	8	15	0	16
*at Arkansas	17	29	0	0	58.6	158	42	11	17	0	12
*Florida	16	26	0	1	61.5	169	24	8	1	0	15
*Alabama	14	27	1	1	51.9	194	55	9	44	0	27
*Kentucky	28	38	1	0	73.7	292	31	7	14	0	8

2023 Opp.	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Pct.	Yards	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
vs. Virginia	2	3	0	0	66.7	11	6	1	8	0	8
Austin Peay					DNP						
at Florida					DNP						
UTSA	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	-	1	-4	0	-4
So. Carolina					DNP						
Texas A&M					DNP						
at Alabama					DNP						
at Kentucky					DNP						
UConn	5	9	1	0	55.6	86	28	1	25	0	25
at Missouri					DNP						
Georgia					DNP						
Vanderbilt	9	12	0	0	75.0	66	14	2	15	0	11
*vs. lowa	12	19	1	0	63.2	151	27	15	27	3	19

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# JAYSON JENKINS

DL • 6-6 • 281 • R-So. Bordentown, N.J.

# **CAREER**

- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2022 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

# **CAREER**

- Hard-working and talented defensive end who enters his third season with the program
- Continues to make significant strides under coach Rodney Garner, who called him one of the hardest working and most improved players all spring
- Turned into a consistent contributor on DL unit
- Played in 15 career games

#### 2024

- Finished with half a TFL at Arkansas (10/5)
- Made the most of five defensive snaps in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), setting career highs with 1.5 TFLs and half a sack to go along with a safety in the second quarter as part of a dominating effort by UT's defense
- Made one tackle in shutout win vs. Kent State (9/14)
- Logged 13 defensive snaps in season-opening win over Chattanooga (8/31)

# **NOTABLE**

- · Majoring in sport management
- Grandfather, Willis Crenshaw, played for Kansas State in the early 1960s and went on to play in the NFL for seven seasons for the St. Louis Cardinals and Denver Broncos
- Says he models his game after former NFL star Julius Peppers because he watched him a lot growing up
- Favorite movie is "Pulp Fiction"
- Favorite food is fried fish and mac and cheese
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	2 (2x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Tackles for Loss	1.5 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Sacks	0.5 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2022	1/0	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2-BSU
2023	6/0	3	1	4	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	1-4x
2024	8/0	1	3	4	0.5-8	2-12	0	0	0	0	2-OU
Career	15/0	5	5	10	0.5-8	3-13	0	0	0	0	2-2x

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2022 Opp.

**Ball State** 

2024 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	0-0-0
vs. NC State	0-0-0
Kent State	0-1-1
at Oklahoma	1-1-2, 1.5 tfl, 0.5 s
at Arkansas	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl
Florida	0-0-0
Alabama	0-0-0
Kentucky	0-0-0

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other	
vs. Virginia	0-1-1	
Austin Peay,	1-0-1, 1 tfl	
at Florida	DNP	
UTSA	1-0-1	
South Carolina	DNP	
Texas A&M	DNP	
at Alabama	DNP	
at Kentucky	DNP	
UConn	1-0-1	
at Missouri	DNP	
Georgia	DNP	
Vanderbilt	0-0-0	
vs. Iowa	0-0-0	



# LARRY JOHNSON III

OL • 6-7 • 348 • R-So. Savannah, Ga. 77

# CAREER

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- Towering offensive lineman with impressive size who joined the Vols as a junior college transfer from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College and owns three years of remaining eligibility
- Played in four games and earned a redshirt during his first season at Tennessee in 2023
- Arrived on Rocky Top in Dec. 2022 and participated in Orange Bowl practices and then spring practice
- Played in 12 career games

#### 2024

- Saw the most extensive action of his UT career in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) after being forced into action due to injuries along the offensive line
- Played 41 clean snaps at LT against the Sooners and was UT's highest-graded lineman according to PFF. com after not allowing any pressures
- Did not allow any pressures in 31 offensive snaps vs. Kent State (9/14), helping UT set a program record with 740 total yards, including 456 rushing yards, and a modern-era record for total points with 71
- Played six offensive snaps at LT and nine special teams snaps in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- Logged 32 snaps at LT in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31) as UT racked up 718 total yards of offense, which was tied for the second most in program history

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in communication studies
- · Nickname is "Big Larry"
- A top-10 overall junior college prospect and the No.
   2 JUCO offensive tackle according to the 247Sports Composite rankings
- Named to the All-KJCCC first team as a freshman and helped lead the Blue Dragons to an undefeated regular season and a berth to the 2021 NJCAA National Championship game
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# **CAREER STATS**

**Games Played/Started:** 2024: 8/0; 2023: 4/0 Career: 12/0



# JOSHUA JOSEPHS

DL • 6-3 • 245 • Jr. Kennesaw, Ga. 19

# **CAREER HONORS**

• SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/23/24)

# **CAREER**

- Third-year defensive pass rusher who possesses great length and quickness
- Started the 2024 season strong as one of the Vols' most prominent LEO edge rushers
- Recorded 59 tackles, 13 TFLs and five sacks, 13 QB hurries, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups in his career
- Played in 32 career games and made four starts

# 2024

- Had four tackles, a QB hurry and a massive strip sack to force a turnover and setup a go-ahead touchdown for the Vols in the third quarter of their win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Started at defensive end and played a season-high 40 snaps in win over #7 Alabama (10/19), posting three tackles, including half a TFL and a career-best three QB hurries



1-1-2

U-A-T, Other

2-1-3

- Was a force in win over Florida (10/12), setting career highs in tackles (7), TFLs (1/5) and pass breakups (1) while also recording a QB hurry
- Played 38 snaps and finished with four tackles and half a TFL at Arkansas (10/5)
- Was extremely disruptive in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), posting three tackles, a TFL, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery in a dominant defensive effort
- Forced and recovered a fumble to stifle a potential Sooners' scoring drive inside UT's 10-yard line at the beginning of the second quarter
- Made his first-career start in blowout win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), posting two tackles and a TFL on 18 defensive snaps
- Played 15 snaps and posted three tackles, half a TFL and made his first-career fumble recovery, which led to a first-quarter touchdown in UT's season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- · Majoring in communication studies
- Models his game after T.J. Watt
- Favorite movie is Kung Fu Panda
- Favorite artist is YoungBoy Never Broke Again
- · Would most like to visit Greece
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	7 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Tackles for Loss	1.5 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Sacks	1.0 (5x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
QB Hurries	3 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Forced Fumbles	2 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
<b>Fumble Recoveries</b>	1 (2x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Passes Defended	1 (4x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	ΤT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2022	12/0	6	6	12	1-7	2.5-9	0	0	5	2	3-2x
2023	12/0	11	9	20	3-18	4.5-24	0	0	3	1	5-MIZ
2024	8/4	12	15	27	1-7	6-92	3	2	5	1	7-UF
Career	32/3	29	30	59	5-32	13-52	3	2	13	4	7-UF

II-A-T Other

# GAME-BY-GAME

ZUZT OPP.	O A 1, Other
Chattanooga	2-1-3, 0.5 tfl, 1 fr
*vs. NC State	2-0-2, 1 tfl
Kent State	0-1-1
at Oklahoma	3-0-3, 1 tfl, 2 ff, 1 fr
at Arkansas	1-3-4, 0.5 tfl
*Florida	2-5-7, 1.5 tfl, 1 qbh, 1 pd
*Alabama	0-3-3, 0.5 tfl, 3 qbh
*Kentucky	2-2-4, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh, 1 ff
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2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	1-1-2
Austin Peay	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s
at Florida	DNP
UTSA	0-1-1
South Carolina	1-0-1, 1 s, 1 tfl, 1 qbh
Texas A&M	1-0-1
at Alabama	2-0-2, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 pd
at Kentucky	0-0-0
UConn	0-0-0, 1 qbh
at Missouri	4-1-5, 1 tfl
Georgia	0-1-1
Vanderbilt	0-4-4, 0.5 tfl, 1 qbh
vs. lowa	1-1-2

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl, 1 pd
at Pitt	DNP
Akron	3-0-3, 1 tfl
Florida	0-1-1, 2 qbh
at LSU	1-1-2, 1 s, 1 tfl
Alabama	0-0-0
UT Martin	0-1-1, 1 qbh, 1 pd
Kentucky	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0
Missouri	0-0-0, 1 qbh
at South Carolina	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0, 1 qbh

vs. Clemson

\* - denotes started



**KARIC**OL • 6-6 • 314 • Sr.
Southlake, Texas

Name is pronounced awn-DRAY KAHR-ich

#### CARFER

- Athletic, nimble offensive lineman who arrived at Tennessee with three years of experience at the Power Five level at Texas
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2023 and earned a starting spot at guard in his first season
- Saw action on 540 offensive snaps at Texas and 727 at Tennessee
- Originally signed with the Longhorns for the Class of 2020 as a four-star prospect
- · Has one year of eligibility remaining
- Played in 39 career games (26 at Texas, 13 at UT) with 17 starts (5 at Texas, 12 at UT)
- Of his 17 starts, 12 have come at left guard, three at jumbo tight end, one at left tackle and one at right tackle

# 2024

- Tennessee's starting left guard in all eight games this season and according to PFF College, has allowed one sack in 480 offensive snaps
- Blocked for 71 snaps at left guard vs. Kentucky (11/2) and did not allow a pressure as Tennessee totaled 477 yards of offense in the victory
- Started at LG vs. #7 Alabama (10/19) and paved the way for 214 rushing yards and 408 yards of total offense, seeing action on all 71 offensive snaps
- Played all 69 offensive snaps at left guard vs. Florida (10/12) and did not allow a pressure or commit a penalty in the overtime victory
- Saw action at LG on all 64 offensive plays and earned the highest blocking grade (73.8) on the team according to PFF College at Arkansas (10/5)
- Played all 73 snaps at LG in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) and did not allow a pressure
- Started at LG vs. Kent State (9/14) and saw action on 12 offensive snaps, helping UT post a recordsetting 37 first-quarter points
- Made second-straight start at LG vs. #24 NC State (9/7), played 63 snaps without allowing a pressure and paved the way for 249 rushing yards and 460 yards of total offense
- Started the season opener at LG vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and played 43 clean snaps, helping the Vols pile up 718 total yards of offense, which is tied for the third most in program history

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in communication studies
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# CAREER STATS

**Games Played/Started:** 2024: 8/8; 2023: 5/4; 2022: 12/3; 2021: 11/1; 2020: 3/1

Career: 39/17; Texas: 26/5; Tennessee: 13/12



MILES KITSELMAN TE • 6-5 • 256 • Sr. Lyndon, Kan.

# CAREER HONORS

• 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Veteran SEC tight end who came to Tennessee after spending the 2022-23 seasons at Alabama
- Went through spring practice with UT and possesses outstanding blocking and pass catching ability

- Originally signed with Alabama after playing one season at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College
- Played in 27 games at the FBS level with eight starts (8/8 at UT) and owns 14 career catches for 193 yards and three touchdowns

# 2024

70

- UT's starting tight end in all eight games this season who leads the unit with three receiving TDs
- Produced the best outing of his FBS career against Kentucky (11/2), finishing with a game- and careerhigh six receptions for 97 yards, including a 6-yard touchdown that ended up being the game-winning score against the Wildcats
- His 97 receiving yards in the win over the Wildcats were the most by a Tennessee tight end in a single game since Mychal Rivera had 129 vs. Missouri on Nov. 10. 2012
- Started and played 53 offensive snaps against his former team as Tennessee defeated #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Pulled in two receptions for 24 yards at Arkansas (10/5), including a season-long 17-yard catch in the second quarter
- Made fourth-straight start at TE in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), seeing action on 58 snaps
- Started at TE and hauled in a touchdown for the second week in a row on a 15-yard strike from Gaston Moore in victory over Kent State (9/14)
- Was the highest graded tight end in the country for Week 2 (94.0) according to PFF College in the win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Made second straight start at tight end and caught three passes for 39 yards vs. #24 NC State (9/7), including an 15-yard touchdown grab in the third quarter for his first trip to the end zone as a Vol
- Started at TE and played 26 offensive snaps in his Tennessee debut vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- · Majoring in marketing
- Enjoys fishing and is a scratch golfer
- Says his father has been his biggest influence
- · Models his game after Rob Gronkowski
- Favorite movie is Step Brothers
- Favorite TV show is Breaking Bad
- Superstition before every game is eating a Snickers
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 83

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	6 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Receiving Yards	97 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
<b>Receiving Touchdowns</b>	1 (3x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Long Reception	31 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
*2022	6/0	2	18	9.0	3.0	0	13-UST	18-UST
*2023	13/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0		
2024	8/8	12	175	14.6	21.9	3	31-UK	97-UK
at ALA	19/0	2	18	9.0	0.9	0	13-UST	18-UST
at UT	8/8	12	175	14.6	21.9	3	31-UK	97-UK
Career	27/8	14	193	13.8	7.1	3	31-UK	97-UK
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# **GAME-BY-GAME**

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2024 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
*Chattanooga	0-0-0
*vs. NC State	3-39-1, 16
*Kent State	1-15-1, 15
*at Oklahoma	0-0-0
*at Arkansas	2-24-0, 17
*Florida	0-0-0
*Alabama	0-0-0
*Kentucky	6-97-1, 31

2023 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
MTSU	0-0-0
Texas	0-0-0
at USF	0-0-0
Ole Miss	0-0-0
at Mississippi St.	0-0-0
at Texas A&M	0-0-0
Arkansas	0-0-0

Tennessee	0-0-0	
LSU	0-0-0	
at Kentucky	0-0-0	
Chattanooga	DNP	
at Auburn	0-0-0	
vs. Georgia	0-0-0	
vs. Michigan	0-0-0	

2022 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
Utah State	2-18-0, 13
at Texas	0-0-0
ULM	0-0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0-0
at Arkansas	DNP
Texas A&M	DNP
at Tennessee	DNP
Mississippi State	DNP
at LSU	DNP
at Ole Miss	DNP
Austin Peay	0-0-0
Auburn	DNP
vs. Kansas State	0-0-0

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



# JACKSON LAMPLEY



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# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2020 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2019-20 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

#### **CAREER**

- A constant contributor on the interior offensive line who continued a family legacy of Tennessee Vols
- In his sixth and final season with the program
- Four-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll who graduated in December 2023
- Sees time at guard and on field goal and PAT units
- According to PFF College, has allowed only one sack in his career on 533 offensive snaps
- Played in 47 career games with two starts

# 2024

- Blocked for 19 offensive snaps in win over Kentucky (11/2) and did not allow a pressure
- Played 10 offensive snaps at right guard in win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Blocked for the PAT and FG units in back-to-back SEC road trips to Oklahoma (9/21) and Arkansas (10/5)
- Saw action on 33 offensive snaps in a dominant win over Kent State (9/14), helping the Vols pile up 71 points and 740 yards of total offense - both setting school records
- Played 11 snaps at RG vs. #24 NC State (9/7) and did not allow a sack or pressure
- Made his 40th career appearance, saw action on 44 offensive snaps vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and did not allow a pressure as the Vols racked up 718 yards of total offense in their season opener

# **NOTABLE**

- Earned his bachelor's degree in management from the Haslam College of Business in December 2023
- Currently working on a master's degree in recreation and sport management
- Father, Brad, played offensive line for the Vols during the Peyton Manning era and was a threetime member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Wore the No. 50 his first four years at UT in honor of his grandfather, Dennis, who is a member of the Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame
- Dennis coached for 47 years at Trinity High School in Louisville and still holds the Kentucky state record for consecutive wins with 50
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# **CAREER STATS**

**Games Played/Started:** 2024: 8/0; 2023: 13/2; 2022: 12/0; 2021: 12/0; 2020: 0/0; 2019: 2/0

**Career: 47/2** 



PEYTON LEWIS RB • 6-1 • 210 • Fr.

#### CADEED

- Electrifying freshman running back with elite track speed and a strong frame
- Signed with the Vols as a four-star prospect and top-15 running back in the country by all major recruiting services
- Began his Tennessee career as a special teams contributor before earning a spot in the rotation at running back
- · Played in eight career games

# 2024

- Scored his first-career rushing touchdown during the win over Kentucky (11/2), finishing with eight carries for 24 yards and saw action as Tennessee's kickoff return specialist, as well
- Carried the ball 10 times for 99 yards in Tennessee's rout of Kent State (9/14)
- Made his collegiate debut in the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31), rushing four times for 14 yards

# **NOTABLE**

- · Majoring in kinesiology
- · Favorite movie is Friday
- Favorite TV show is Stranger Things
- · Plays the guitar
- Models his game after Earl Campbell
- Competed in track & field in high school and was a five-time state champion
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Rushes	10 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Rushing Yards	99 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Rushing Touchdowns	1 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Long Rush	35 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Kickoff Returns	1 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Kickoff Return Yards	21 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Long Kickoff Return	21 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Rushing	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2024	8/0	25	142	5.7	17.8	1	35-KSU	99-KSU
Career	8/0	25	142	5.7	17.8	1	35-KSU	99-KSU

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg	KR-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	4-14-0, 7	0-0-0
vs. NC State	3-5-0, 3	0-0-0
Kent State	10-99-0, 35	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Arkansas	0-0-0	0-0-0
Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0
Alabama	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kentucky	8-24-1, 5	1-21-0, 21
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# MIKE MATTHEWS WR • 6-1 • 197 • Fr. Lilburn, Ga.

# **CAREER**

- Signed with the Vols as one of the nation's top wide receiver prospects
- Showcases elite ball skills and athleticism and can make an impact in the return game, as well
- Enrolled at Tennessee in Jan. 2024 and participated in Citrus Bowl practices and spring ball
- Played in six career games

#### 2024

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- Has seen action in six games in the wide receiver rotation this season
- Made one catch in win over Kentucky (11/2)
- In his collegiate debut vs. Kent State (9/14), hauled in two catches for 35 yards and his first touchdown

#### NOTABLE

- · Majoring in sport management
- Models his game after Justin Jefferson
- Says LeBron James is his biggest sports influence because he took this generation to another level along with his attitude toward the game
- Favorite TV show is Stranger Things
- Favorite food is pasta
- Favorite musical artists include Young Thug, Hunxho, Gunna and Lil Baby
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	2 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Receiving Yards	35 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Receiving TDs	1 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Reception	18 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Kickoff Returns	1 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Kickoff Return Yards	32 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Kickoff Return	32 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2024	6/0	3	35	11.7	5.8	1	18-KSU	35-KSU
Career	6/0	3	35	11.7	5.8	1	18-KSU	35-KSU

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	KR-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	DNP - Injury	
vs. NC State	DNP - Injury	
Kent State	2-35-1, 18	1-32-0, 32
at Oklahoma	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Arkansas	0-0-0	0-0-0
Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0
Alabama	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kentucky	1-0-0, 0	0-0-0



# COOPER MAYS



OL • 6-4 • 310 • Sr. Kingston, Tenn.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Alabama, 10/21/24; vs. NC State, 9/9/24)
- 2024 Rimington Trophy Watch List
- 2024 Outland Trophy Watch List
- 2024 Preseason All-American First Team (Walter Camp)
- 2024 Preseason All-American Second Team (AP, ESPN, Phil Steele)
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC First Team (Coaches, Media)
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Second Team (Athlon, Phil Steele)
- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2023 All-SEC Second Team (AP, Phil Steele)
- 2022 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
   SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Missouri, 11/14/22)
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CADEED

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- Local All-SEC performer and preseason All-American who serves as Tennessee's starting center and continues a family legacy of Vols
- In his fifth and final year with the program and serves as the Vols' starting center for the fourth consecutive season
- A Rimington and Outland Trophy candidate who is one of the nation's smartest and most consistent centers



- Leader of an offensive line that was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award in 2022 and 2023
- Lined up alongside his brother, Cade, on the offensive line for two seasons, while his father, Kevin, was an All-SEC guard in the 90s
- A three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient, member of the team's leadership council and a leader on and off the field
- Wears the SEC graduate patch this season after earning his degree in May 2024
- Saw action on 2,606 career offensive snaps, allowing only four sacks
- · Played in 48 games with 40 starts, all at center
- Has not allowed a sack in 22 straight appearances, a streak that dates back to the 2022 season

# 2024

- Tennessee's starting center in all eight games this season who has not given up a sack or QB hit in 531 offensive snaps according to PFF
- His 99.2 pass blocking efficiency rating according to PFF ranks first in the SEC and 10th in the FBS among centers (min. 250 pass blocking snaps)
- Made his 40th career start in the win over Kentucky (11/2) and saw action on all 82 offensive plays while not allowing a sack or QB hit
- Earned SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after his performance vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), paving the way for a Tennessee offense that put up 408 total yards and 214 rushing yards
- Against Alabama, was the highest graded blocker in the game on both sides at 82.9 according to PFF
- Registered 69 offensive snaps at center vs. Florida (10/12) and did not allow a sack or QB hit
  PFF recognized his effort against the Gators as the
- highest graded center in Week 7 (75.8)

   Started at center and did not give up a pressure in
- Started at center and did not give up a pressure in all 64 offensive plays at Arkansas (10/5)
- Played all 73 snaps at center in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) and did not allow a pressure for the third time this season
- Started at center vs. Kent State (9/14) and did not allow a pressure in 39 offensive snaps as Tennessee set modern-era school records for points (71) and total offense (740)
- In his 11th consecutive game starting at center, saw action on 63 snaps and did not allow a sack vs. #24 NC State (9/7) — paving the way for 249 rushing yards and 460 yards of total offense ... Was named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for the second time in his career for his efforts
- Started the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and played 54 snaps at center without allowing a pressure, helping the Vols compile 718 total yards of offense, which was tied for the second most in program history

# NOTABLE

- Earned his undergraduate degree in sport management in May 2024
- Played alongside his brother, Cade, for two seasons from 2020-21, before Cade was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in the sixth round (pick 199) of the 2022 NFL Draft
- Father, Kevin, lettered for the Vols from 1991-94 and was a team captain and All-SEC guard in 1994
- Started playing football in third grade
- · An avid outdoorsman
- Dream vacation says is to Santorini, Greece
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# **CAREER STATS**

**Games Played/Started:** 2024: 8/8; 2023: 9/9; 2022: 13/13; 2021: 8/8; 2020: 10/2

Career: 48/40



# BRU McCOY



# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Semifinalist
- 2024 Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- 2024 AFCA Good Works Team Nominee
- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- · 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List

# CAREER

- A physical, big-target wide receiver who transferred from Southern Cal to Tennessee and made an immediate impact in the Vols' record-setting offense
- In his third season with the Vols and sixth at the collegiate level
- Returned from a fracture-dislocation of his right ankle that he sustained on Sept. 30, 2023
- Member of the team's leadership council, a team captain and a leader in the community
- Continued the pipeline of transfers from USC to Tennessee which included his former teammates Velus Jones Jr. and Chase McGrath
- Originally enrolled at Southern Cal before spending the spring of 2018 at Texas and then returning to USC for three seasons
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2022
- Entered the collegiate ranks after a five-star, All-American prep career at powerhouse Mater Dei in California
- For his career, logged 115 catches for 1,465 yards and seven touchdowns
- Caught 21 passes for 236 yards and two touchdowns in six games played at USC
- At UT, hauled in 94 catches for 1,229 yards and five touchdowns
- Owns three 100-yard receiving games, all as a Vol
- Has played in 31 career games (6 at USC, 25 at UT) with 28 starts (3 at USC, 25 at UT)

# 2024

- Started all eight games at WR this season and leads the team lead with 25 receptions
- Logged five catches for 56 yards in the victory over Kentucky (11/2)
- Led the UT receiving corps with a season-high six catches for 80 yards in win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Held without a catch for the first time in his career in UT's overtime win over Florida (10/12) but had one rush for six yards in the first quarter
- Held without a catch for the first time in his career in UT's overtime win over Florida (10/12) but had one rush for six yards in the first quarter
- Logged a season-high 92 receiving yards on four catches in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), including a diving 42-yard grab in the third quarter
- Started and pulled in one reception each in victories over Kent State (9/14) and NC State (9/7)
- Made triumphant return to Neyland Stadium with a team-high six receptions for 89 yards in the season opening win over Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Earned his undergraduate degree in communication studies in August 2024
- His father, Horace McCoy II, was a tight end at Northern Illinois (1994) and his mother, Shelby, was a record-setting four-time (1991-94) All-Conference setter for Northern Illinois volleyball
- Is helping to make sudden cardiac arrest prevention, awareness and treatment a priority this season as he co-created Huddle for Hearts. Through Huddle For Hearts, his work provides AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) to youth sports organizations - focusing primarily on underserved communities
- Held a CPR training and demo seminar in the Knoxville community and also donated two AED machines to inner-city youth
- Hosted a charity golf tournament in Knoxville in July 2024 to benefit Huddle For Hearts

- Has an NIL deal in place this season where for every touchdown he catches, an AED will be donated to the community
- Was USC teammates with VFL and Chicago Bears WR Velus Jones Jr. and former UT placekicker Chase McGrath
- For 2024, made the switch to No. 5, which was his high school number and the number of Reggie Bush, who was one of his favorite players
- Dedicated his 2024 season to his late grandfather, Tom Snyder, who passed away on Dec. 1, 2023
- His grandfather was a former Pepperdine Hall of Fame baseball player
- Is this season's "cookie monster," continuing an NIL tradition established by VFL and current New Orleans Saint Alontae Taylor that grants fans in Knoxville two cookies from Moonshine Mountain Cookies if he catches one TD pass in a game
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

9 vs. Missouri, 11/12/22
140 at LSU, 10/8/22
1 (7x), last at Florida, 9/16/23
70 vs. Florida, 9/24/22
1 (4x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24
9 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
9 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

## **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd		
*2019	DNP - Redshirted									
*2020	6/3	21	236	11.2	39.3	2	28-ORE	76-ORE		
*2021		DNP								
2022	12/12	52	667	12.8	55.6	4	70-UF	140-LSU		
2023	5/5	17	217	12.8	43.4	1	55-UF	94-UF		
2024	8/8	25	345	13.8	43.1	0	42-OU	92-OU		
at USC	6/3	21	236	11.2	39.3	2	28-ORE	76-ORE		
at UT	25/25	94	1229	13.1	49.2	5	70-UF	140-LSU		
Career	31/28	115	1465	12.7	47.3	7	70-UF	140-LSU		
* - at South	ern Cal									

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg
*Chattanooga	6-89-0, 37	1-9-0, 9
*vs. NC State	1-10-0, 10	0-0-0
*Kent State	1-9-0, 9	0-0-0
*at Oklahoma	4-92-0, 42	0-0-0
*at Arkansas	2-9-0, 5	0-0-0
*Florida	0-0-0	1-6-0, 6
*Alabama	6-80-0, 23	0-0-0
*Kentucky	5-56-0, 23	0-0-0

2023 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, L	Lg Rush-Yds-TD, Lg					
*vs. Virginia	2-21-0, 14	0-0-0					
*Austin Peay	5-51-0, 20	0-0-0					
*at Florida	5-94-1, 55	1-2-0, 2					
*UTSA	3-30-0, 13	0-0-0					
*South Carolina	2-21-0, 17	0-0-0					
Missed remainder of season due to injury							

2022 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg
*Ball State	3-42-0, 20	0-0-0
*at Pitt	4-58-1, 32	0-0-0
*Akronv	1-9-0, 9	0-0-0
*Florida	5-102-1, 70	0-0-0
*at LSU	7-140-0, 48	1-3-0, 3
*Alabama	2-38-0, 27	0-0-0
*UT Martin	2-8-0, 5	0-0-0
*Kentucky	6-54-0, 16	0-0-0
*at Georgia	6-38-0, 11	0-0-0
*Missouri	9-111-0, 38	0-0-0
*at South Carolina	3-19-1, 8	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	DNP	·
*vs. Clemson	4-48-1, 16	0-0-0

2020 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg
Arizona State	5-51-1, 26	0-0-0
at Arizona	3-25-0, 11	0-0-0
*at Utah	5-66-0, 23	0-0-0
*Washington State	1-8-0, 8	0-0-0
at UCLA	1-10-0, 10	0-0-0
*Oregon	6-76-1, 28	0-0-0

\* - denotes started



# JERMOD McCOY DB • 6-0 • 193 • So. Whitehouse, Texas

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Jim Thorpe Award Semifinalist
- Thorpe Award National Defensive Back of the Week (at Oklahoma, 9/24/24)

#### CAREER

- Athletic, ball-hawking transfer cornerback who owns three years of remaining eligibility
- owns three years of remaining eligibility
   Tabbed a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award in 2024
- Played his true freshman season at Oregon State before entering the portal and has already made a significant impact in the Tennessee secondary
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2024 and went through spring practice
- Rated the No. 9 transfer cornerback and No. 82 overall transfer prospect according to 247Sports for the 2023 cycle
- Played in 20 career games (12 at OSU, 8 at UT) with 13 starts (5 at OSU, 8 at UT)

### 2024

- Started all eight games at corner this season and leads the Vols with eight passes defended (2 INT, 6 PRLI)
- According to PFF, his 85.0 coverage grade ranks third in the SEC and 10th in the FBS among cornerbacks who have played at least 200 coverage snaps
- Logged one solo tackle and a pass breakup in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Had a career day in his Third Saturday In October debut vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), tallying eight tackles (five solo), half a TFL, one pass breakup and a crucial, one-handed interception in the end zone that halted a second-and-goal opportunity for the Crimson Tide in the first quarter
- Tallied three tackles, a critical fourth-down PBU in the fourth quarter and two punt returns for 34 yards in an overtime victory vs. Florida (10/12)
- Posted a season-high five tackles in 71 defensive snaps at Arkansas (10/5)
- Earned National DB of the Week honors from the Jim Thorpe Award after a sensational performance at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), registering three tackles, one PBU and his first interception as a Vol that he returned 17 yards
- Logged 48 snaps against the Sooners and did not allow a completion, recording a 0.0 passer grade
- Started at corner, logged a PBU and returned a punt 23 yards in shutout victory over Kent State (9/14)
- Posted three solo tackles in his second consecutive start at corner in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- Started in his UT debut at CB, posted two tackles and had one pass breakup in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in sport management
- His cousin, Travis Gibson, plays for the Jacksonville Jaguars
- · Models his game after Jalen Ramsey
- Favorite movie is Friday
- $\bullet$  Favorite sport other than football is baseball
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	8 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Tackles For Loss	0.5 (2x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Interceptions	1 (4x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
<b>Passes Defended</b>	2 (2x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
<b>Fumble Recoverie</b>	s 1 at Washington State, 9/23/23*
<b>Punt Returns</b>	2 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
<b>Punt Return Yards</b>	34 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
<b>Long Punt Return</b>	23 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

<sup>\* -</sup> at Oregon State

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	Int	PD	High Tk
*2023	12/5	16	15	31	0-0	0.5-1	0	1	2	9	6-2x
2024	8/8	15	10	25	0-0	0.5-0	0	0	2	8	8-ALA
at OSU	12/5	16	15	31	0-0	0.5-1	0	1	2	9	6-2x
at UT	8/8	15	10	25	0-0	0.5-0	0	0	2	8	8-ALA
Career	20/13	31	25	56	0-0	1-1	0	1	4	17	8-ALA

\* - at Oregon State

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	1-1-2, 1 pd
*vs. NC State	3-0-3
*Kent State	0-0-0, 1 pd (23-yd. PR)
*at Oklahoma	3-0-3, 1 int, 2 pd
*at Arkansas	1-4-5
*Florida	1-2-3, 1 pd (2 PR for 34 yds.)
*Alabama	5-3-8, 0.5 tfl, 2 pd, 1 int
*Kentucky	1-0-1, 1 pd

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
at San Jose State	0-1-1, 1 pd
UC Davis	1-1-2, 1 pd
San Diego State	3-0-3
at Washington State	2-3-5, 1 qbh
Utah	0-0-0
*at California	2-4-6, 1 pd, 1 int, 0.5 tfl
UCLA	0-0-0, 1 pd
*at Arizona	1-5-6
at Colorado	0-0-0, 1 pd
*Stanford	0-0-0, 2 pd, 1 int
*Washington	3-1-4, 1 pd
*at Oregon	4-0-4, 1 pd
vs. Notre Dame	DNP

\* - denotes started



# JALEN McMURRAY

DB • 6-0 • 187 • R-Jr. Upper Marlboro, Md.

# **CAREER**

- Talented transfer cornerback from Temple
- Played three seasons for the Owls, appearing in 27 games with 23 starts and was a captain
- Owns two years of remaining eligibility, including the 2024 season
- Logged 98 tackles—66 solo— with 2.5 tackles for loss, one interception, 12 pass breakups, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery during his career
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2024 and went through spring practice
- Played in 35 career games (27 at TU, 8 at UT) with 24 starts (23 at TU, 1 at UT)

# 2024

- Posted one solo tackle in 32 defensive snaps as UT defeated #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Played eight defensive snaps vs. Florida (10/12) and finished the game with two solo stops
- Registered two solo tackles at Arkansas (10/5)
- Logged one solo tackle and a PBU in his 30th career appearance in shutout win over Kent State (9/14)
- Played 18 defensive snaps in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7) and had one assisted tackle
- Earned the start at CB in his Tennessee debut in season-opening victory vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and finished the game with one solo tackle

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in sport management
- Models his game after Jaire Alexander
- Favorite food is fried rice
- · Favorite movie is Avengers: Infinity War
- Favorite musical artist is J. Cole
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	7 (3x), last at UAB, 11/18/23°
Tackles For Loss	1.0 (2x), last at USF, 11/11/23°
Interceptions	1 vs. Tulsa, 10/21/22°
Passes Defended	3 at Memphis, 10/1/22°
Forced Fumbles	1 (2x), last vs. USF, 11/5/22°
Fumble Recoveries	1 vs. USF 11/5/22

# \* - at Temple

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	Int	PD	High Tk
*2021	4/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2-WAG
*2022	12/12	33	16	49	0-0	1-4	2	1	1	8	7-2×
*2023	11/11	24	15	39	0-0	1.5-7	0	0	0	4	7-UAE
2024	8/1	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2-2>
at TU	27/23	59	31	90	0-0	2.5-11	2	1	1	12	7-3)
at UT	8/1	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2-2)
Career	35/24	66	32	98	0-0	2.5-11	2	1	1	13	7-3x

<sup>\* -</sup> at Temple

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Орр.	U-A-T, Other	
*Chattanooga	1-0-1	
vs. NC State	0-1-1	
Kent State	1-0-1, 1 pd	
at Oklahoma	0-0-0	
at Arkansas	2-0-2	
Florida	2-0-2	
Alabama	1-0-1	
Kentucky	0-0-0	

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*Akron	3-1-4
*at Rutgers	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl, 2 pd
*Norfolk State	2-2-4
Miami	DNP
*at Tulsa	3-1-4
*UTSA	2-1-3
*at North Texas	3-1-4, 1 pd
*SMU	2-2-4
*Navy	1-0-1
*at USF	1-1-2, 1.0 tfl
*at UAB	5-2-7
*Memphis	2-2-4, 1 pd

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*at Duke	4-3-7
*Lafayette	2-0-2, 1 pd
*Rutgers	3-4-7, 1 pd, 1 ff
*Massachusetts	3-0-3, 1 pd
*at Memphis	2-1-3, 3 pd
*at UCF	0-2-2
*Tulsa	4-2-6, 1 int
*at Navy	2-1-3
*USF	3-1-4, 1.0 tfl, 1 ff, 1 fr
*at Houston	5-0-5
*Cincinnati	4-1-5, 1 pd
*East Carolina	1-1-2
2021 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
at Rutgers	0-0-0
at Akron	0-0-0
Wagner	2-0-2
at Tulsa	0-0-0
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<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



# JAKE MERKLINGER QB • 6-3 • 215 • Fr.

Savannah, Ga.

# 2024

- Saw action in blowout win vs. Kent State (9/14) and completed two passes for 17 yards while adding 21 rushing yards on four carries
- Made his Tennessee debut on his 19th birthday and completed four-straight passes for 31 yards in the fourth quarter of UT's season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# HIGH SCHOOL

 An experienced and athletic signal caller who was considered a consensus four-star recruit and one of the nation's top quarterback prospects

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- A four-year starter at Calvary Day School who finished his prep career with an impressive 42-10 record and 145 total touchdowns (113 passing, 32 rushing)
- Finished his senior season with 3,028 passing yards, 38 touchdown passes and just two interceptions to go along with 450 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground
- Multi-sport standout who also starred for the Calvary Day basketball and lacrosse teams
- Committed to the Vols in March 2023 and chose the Vols over 27 other Division I offers
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2024 and went through Citrus Bowl practices and spring practice

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in sport management
- Has one brother, Ryan, who played college football at Western Illinois and Valparaiso
- Favorite hobbies include playing golf, boating and chess
- Aspires to be an athletics director
- Favorite musical artist is Chris Stapleton
- Favorite TV show is Outer Banks
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 95

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Completions	4 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Attempts	5 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Passing Yards	31 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Long Pass	13 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Rushes	4 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Rushing Yards	21 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Rush	24 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Passing	GP/GS	Com	Att	Pct	TD	Int	Yds	Per/G	Long	High Yd
2024	2/0	6	6	66.7	0	0	48	24.0	13	31-UTC
Career	2/0	6	9	66.7	0	0	48	24.0	13	31-UTC

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Pct.	Yards	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
Chattanooga	a 4	4	0	0	100.0	31	13	3	1	0	3
vs. NC State					DNP						
Kent State	2	5	0	0	40.0	17	9	4	21	0	24
at Oklahoma	3				DNP						
at Arkansas					DNP						
Florida					DNP						
Alabama					DNP						
Kentucky					DNP						



# JAXSON MOI DL • 6-2 • 307 • Jr. Oceanside, Calif.

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# **CAREER HONORS**

 2024 Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List

# CAREER

- Strong, experienced interior defensive lineman who transferred from Stanford to Tennessee
- Owns two seasons of eligibility remaining, including the 2024 season
- In two seasons with the Cardinal, played in 24 games with eight starts at defensive tackle
- Recorded 48 total tackles, nine tackles for loss, two sacks and three PBUs in his collegiate career
- Played in 32 career games (24 at Stanford, 8 at UT) with eight starts (all at Stanford)

# 2024

- Blocked for Tennessee's short-yardage package vs. Kentucky (11/2) and helped pave the way for Peyton Lewis' first career rushing touchdown
- Posted a pair of solo tackles, including one TFL in his Third Saturday in October rivalry debut against #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Had two total tackles and saw action on the offensive side of the ball, blocking for UT's short-yardage package vs. Florida (10/12)

- Logged two assisted tackles at Arkansas (10/5)
- Led the team with two TFLs in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), including his first sack as a Vol for a loss of 7 yards as part of a dominant defensive showing by UT
- Logged three assisted tackles, including a half TFL, in UT's dominant defensive performance vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- Made his Tennessee debut on the defensive line in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and saw action on 16 defensive snaps

# **NOTABLE**

- · Majoring in communication studies
- Father, Junior, played football at Southern Cal
- Family is of Samoan, Irish and Armenian descent
- Models his game after Aaron DonaldFavorite food is sushi
- Grew up playing baseball
- X: @JaxsonMoi | IG: @Jaxson King
- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 96

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	4 (2x), last at California, 11/19/22*
Tackles For Loss	2.0 (2x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Sacks	1.0 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Passes Defended	1 (3x), last vs. Notre Dame, 11/25/23*
* - at Stanford	

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
*2022	12/1	8	14	22	0.5-0	4.5-10	0	0	1	2	4-2x
*2023	12/7	3	12	15	0.5-4	1-5	0	0	2	1	3-2x
2024	8/0	5	6	11	1-7	3.5-13	0	0	0	0	3-NCST
at STAN	24/8	11	26	37	1-4	5.5-15	0	0	3	3	4-3x
at UT	8/0	5	6	11	1-7	3.5-13	0	0	0	0	3-NCST
Career	32/8	16	32	48	2-11	9-28	0	0	3	3	4-3x
* - at Star	ford										

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other	
Chattanooga	0-0-0	
vs. NC State	0-3-3, 0.5 tfl	
Kent State	0-0-0	
at Oklahoma	2-0-2, 2 tfl, 1 s	
at Arkansas	0-2-2	
Florida	1-1-2	
Alabama	2-0-2, 1 tfl	
Kentucky	0-0-0	
2027 0	II A T Other	

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
at Hawaii	1-0-1
at Southern Cal	1-0-1
*Sacramento State	0-1-1
Arizona	0-1-1, 1 qbh
Oregon	1-1-2
at Colorado	0-0-0
*UCLA	0-0-0
*Washington	0-0-0
*at Washington State	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s, 1 qbh
*at Oregon State	0-3-3, 0.5 tfl
*California	0-3-3
*Notre Dame	0-1-1, 1 pd

U-A-T, Other
0-0-0, 1 qbh
0-2-2
1-1-2
0-1-1, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s
0-0-0
2-2-4, 1 pd
0-3-3, 1.0 tfl, 1 pd
1-0-1
1-2-3, 1.0 tfl
0-0-0
3-1-4, 2.0 tfl
0-2-2

\* - denotes started



# GASTON MOORE

QB • 6-2 • 212 • R-Sr. Hilton Head, S.C.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2022 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

## **CAREER**

- Smart transfer backup quarterback from UCF that brings experience and knowledge of the Josh Heupel system
- Served as UT's third string quarterback in 2022 and 2023 and is the backup this year
- In his fifth collegiate season and fourth with the Vols
- Two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll who graduated from Tennessee in May 2024
- Played in 12 career games

#### 2024

- Came in for one play in relief of Nico lamaleava in Tennessee's win over rival #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Completed 4-of-4 passes for 94 yards, recorded the first two passing TDs of his career and logged a 15yard rush in the win over Kent State (9/14)
- Made his 10th career appearance in Week 2 victory vs. #24 NC State (9/7), did not record any stats
- Completed 7-of-12 passes for 69 yards with one INT in the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

#### NOTABLE

- Earned his undergraduate degree in supply chain management from Tennessee in May 2024
- One of several avid golfers on the teamX: @gaston\_moore | IG: @gaston\_moore3
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Completions	7 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Attempts	12 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Passing Yards	94 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Passing Touchdowns	2 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Pass	53 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Interceptions	1 (3x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Rushes	2 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Rushing Yards	15 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Rush	15 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Passing	GP/GS	Com	Att	PCt	ΤD	Int	Yas	Per/G	Long	High Ya
2020*				DN	P - 1	Red:	shirte	d		
2021	1/0	2	2	100	0	0	6	6.0	3-USA	6-USA
2022	3/0	4	5	80.0	0	1	30	10.0	17-BSU	17-BSU
2023	4/0	4	10	40.0	0	0	36	9.0	19-CON	36-CON
2024	4/0	11	17	64.7	2	2	163	40.8	53-KSU	94-KSU
Career	12/0	21	34	61.8	2	3	235	19.6	53-KSU	94-KSU
* at UC	F									

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Pct.	Yards	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
Chattanooga	a 7	12	0	1	58.3	69	13	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent State	4	4	2	0	100.0	94	53	1	15	0	15
at Oklahoma	ì				DNP						
at Arkansas					DNP						
Florida					DNP						
Alabama	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky					DNP						

2023 Opp.	Comp	Att	TD	INT	Pct.	Yards	Lg	Run	Yds	TD	Lg
vs. Virginia	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UConn	4	7	0	0	57.1	36	19	1	-3	0	-3
Vanderbilt	0	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Iowa	0	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	7	0	4

1	2022 Opp.	Comp	Att	ΤD	INT	Pct.	Yards	Lg	Run	Yds	ΤD	Lg
	Ball State	1	1	0	0	100	17	17	0	0	0	0
	UT Martin	2	3	0	1	66.7	9	5	0	0	0	0
	at Vanderbil	t 1	1	0	0	100	4	4	0	0	0	0

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# **CHAS NIMROD** WR • 6-3 • 202 • R-So. Bentonville, Ark.

# **CAREER HONORS**

· 2022 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

#### CAREER

- · Speedy receiver in his third year with the program
- · Saw action on special teams early in his career before developing into a consistent contributor in the rotation at receiver
- · Redshirted in 2022 and has three years of eligibility remaining, including the 2024 campaign
- Played in 23 career games with six starts and owns 28 catches for 309 yards with one touchdown

## 2024

- Hauled in three receptions for a career-high 45 yards in win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Reeled in one catch for 16 yards vs. Florida (10/12)
- Returned to his home state and had two receptions for 13 yards at Arkansas (10/5)
- Started in Week 3 win vs. Kent State (9/14) and pulled in two catches for 34 yards
- Played 16 offensive snaps in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and hauled in one reception for seven yards

# **NOTABLE**

- · Majoring in hospitality and tourism management
- A consensus top-10 player in the state of Arkansas by all major recruiting services out of high school
- · Also ran track in high school and helped set a school record in the 4x100-meter relav
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

5 vs. Georgia, 11/18/23
45 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
1 at Kentucky, 10/28/23
39 at Kentucky, 10/28/23

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2022	2/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0		
2023	13/5	19	194	10.2	14.9	1	39-UK	44-UGA
2024	8/1	9	115	12.8	14.4	0	27-KSU	45-UK
Career	23/6	28	309	11.0	13.4	1	39-UK	45-UK

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	1-7-0, 7	0-0-0
vs. NC State	0-0-0	0-0-0
*Kent State	2-34-0, 27	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Arkansas	2-13-0, 11	0-0-0
Florida	1-16-0, 16	0-0-0
Alabama	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kentucky	3-45-0, 19	0-0-0

2023 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg
vs. Virginia	0-0-0	0-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0
UTSA	0-0-0	0-0-0
South Carolina	1-10-0, 10	0-0-0
*Texas A&M	4-31-0, 11	0-0-0
*at Alabama	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Kentucky	1-39-1, 39	0-0-0
UConn	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Missouri	2-17-0, 14	0-0-0
*Georgia	5-44-0, 21	0-0-0
*Vanderbilt	4-37-0, 16	0-0-0
*vs. lowa	2-16-0, 9	0-0-0

Rec-rus-ru, Ly	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg
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\* - denotes started



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# OMARR **NORMAN-LOTT** DL • 6-3 • 315 • Sr. North Highlands, Calif.

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# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Phil Steele)

#### CAREER

- Stout defensive tackle who transferred to Tennessee from Arizona State prior to the 2023 spring semester
- Became a critical part of Tennessee's defensive interior and with two springs and a season under his belt, is a major contributor in 2024
- Played three seasons at Arizona State, seeing action in 21 games with three starts and totaling 45 tackles
- Totaled 38 tackles, 8.5 TFLs, eight sacks and one fumble recovery in two seasons with the Vols
- Played in 39 career games (21 at ASU, 18 at UT) with five starts (3 at ASU, 2 at UT)

# 2024

- · Had one assisted tackle and one QB hurry each in back-to-back wins over #7 Alabama (10/19) and Kentucky (11/2)
- Registered 1.5 sacks for a loss of 10 yards to help the Vols secure an overtime victory over Florida (10/12)
- Played a season-high 29 defensive snaps and logged two stops at Arkansas (10/5)
- · Posted one solo tackle in victorious SEC opener at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- · Logged a pair of tackles in UT's dominant defensive effort vs. #24 NC State (9/7), including a solo sack for a loss of seven yards in the first quarter
- Played 14 defensive snaps and logged three assisted tackles in UT's season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in communication studies
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	8 vs. Wisconsin, 12/30/21*
Tackles for Loss	2.0 at Missouri, 11/11/23
Sacks	2.0 at Missouri, 11/11/23
Passes Defended	1 (2x), last vs. Oregon State, 11/19/22*
QB Hurries	2 at Oklahoma State, 9/10/22*
<b>Fumble Recoveri</b>	es 1 at Alabama, 10/21/23
* at Arizona State	

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2020*	1/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1-USC
2021*	11/1	16	14	30	2-12	4-21	0	0	0	0	8-WIS
2022*	9/2	8	6	14	2-12	3-13	0	0	2	2	4-OSU
2023	10/2	15	11	26	5.5-33	6-33	0	1	1	0	5-UGA
2024	8/0	4	8	12	2.5-17	2.5-17	0	0	3	0	3-UTC
at ASU	21/3	24	21	45	4-24	7-34	0	0	2	2	8-WIS
at UT	18/2	19	19	38	8-50	8.5-50	0	1	4	0	5-UGA
Career	39/5	43	40	83	12-74	15.5-84	10	1	6	2	8-WIS
* at Arizo	na State	,									

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	0-3-3
vs. NC State	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 s
Kent State	0-0-0, 1 qbh
at Oklahoma	1-0-1
at Arkansas	1-1-2
Florida	1-1-2, 1.5 tfl, 1.5 s
Alabama	0-1-1, 1 qbh
Kentucky	0-1-1, 1 qbh
2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	2-2-4
*Austin Peay	1-2-3
*at Florida	3-0-3
UTSA	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s
South Carolina	2-2-4, 0.5 s, 0.5 tfl
Texas A&M	DNP - Injury
at Alabanaa	4.0.4.4.61.4.4.6
at Alabama	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 fr

at Kentucky	1-1-2, 1.5 tfl, 1 s, 1 gbh
UConn	0-0-0
at Missouri	3-0-3, 2 tfl, 2 s
Georgia	1-4-5
Vanderbilt	DNP - Injury
vs. Iowa	DNP - Injury

2022 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*Northern Arizona	0-1-1, 1 pd
*at Oklahoma State	2-2-4, 2 qbh
Eastern Michigan	0-0-0
at Stanford	1-0-1
at Colorado	3-0-3, 1.0 tfl
UCLA	0-1-1
at Washington State	0-2-2, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 s
Oregon State	2-0-2, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 s, 1 pd
at Arizona	0-0-0

2021 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Southern Utah	2-0-2
at BYU	3-1-4, 1.0 tfl, 1.0 s
Colorado	1-1-2,
at UCLA	2-3-5, 0.5 tfl
Stanford	2-1-3, 1.5 tfl, 1.0 s
at Utah	1-1-2
Washington State	0-0-0
Southern Cal	1-0-1
*at Washington	1-1-2
at Oregon State	O-1-1
vs. Wisconsin	3-5-8, 1.0 tfl

2020 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
at Southern Cal	0-1-1

\* - denotes started



# **JAMES** PEARCE JR.

DL • 6-5 • 243 • Jr. Charlotte, N.C.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- · Reese's Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Florida, 10/14/24)
- · SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week (vs. Florida, 10/14/24; vs. Texas A&M, 10/16/23; vs. South Carolina, 10/2/23)
- 2024 Bednarik Award Watch List
- 2024 Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List
- 2024 Nagurski Trophy Watch List • 2024 Lombardi Award Watch List
- 2024 Lott Trophy Watch List
- 2024 Preseason All-American First Team (AP, The Athletic, Athlon, ESPN, Phil Steele, Walter Camp)
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC First Team (Athlon, Coaches, Media, Phil Steele)
- 2024 ESPN.com College Football Top 100 Player (No. 1)
- · 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2023 All-SEC First Team (AP, Coaches)

# **CAREER**

- The top returning edge rusher in the SEC and one of the best defenders in the nation who is in his third season with the program
- · Long, athletic LEO with freakish explosiveness and
- Considered the No. 1 player in the country entering the 2024 season by On3 and ESPN
- Projected as a future top 10 NFL Draft pick
- · Coming off a sophomore season in which he got stronger as the season went on and dominated in the 2024 Citrus Bowl
- · Has two seasons of remaining eligibility, including
- Owns 56 tackles (33 solo), 23 tackles for a loss of 126 yards, 16.5 sacks for a loss of 109 yards, 26 QB hurries, one interception for a touchdown, two pass breakups, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery
- · According to PFF, has generated 94 QB pressures in three seasons at Tennessee
- · Is the SEC's returning statistical leader in both tackles for loss and sacks
- · Played in 34 career games with eight starts



#### 2024

- UT's starting LEO in five of eight games this season who leads the team with 36 total pressures according to PFF College
- · His 36 total pressures lead the SEC and rank fourth among edge rushers in the Power 4 conferences
- Credited with 6.5 TFLs and 4.5 sacks so far in 2024, which leads the Tennessee defense
- · Has seen his production increase during SEC play, registering at least a half-TFL or sack in each of his last five games played
- Posted a monster solo sack for a 9-yard loss in win over Kentucky (11/2) and added a QB hurry to his season tally
- Effective in the pass rush in victory over rival #7 Alabama (10/19), logging three tackles, 1.5 sacks and three QB hurries against the Tide
- · Logged seven tackles with one TFL and a half-sack in addition to a pivotal forced fumble and recovery at the goal line in overtime win vs. Florida (10/12)
- · Impacted the game with a career-high nine tackles, two TFLs, one sack and one pass breakup at Arkansas
- Posted two total tackles, including a half-sack for a loss of eight yards in the win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Led the Vols with three QB hurries in a dominant 71-0 victory over Kent State (9/14)
- Earned the start at SAM linebacker and posted a halftackle for loss in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7) along with two quarterback hurries
- · Started at LEO in the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and played 10 defensive snaps

# NOTABLE

- · Majoring in sociology
- · Arrived on Rocky Top as a five-star recruit out of Charlotte in June 2022
- Helped lead his high school to four-straight state championship games, including back-to-back titles in 2019 and 2020
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	9 at Arkansas, 10/5/24
Tackles for Loss	2.0 (5x), last at Arkansas, 10/5/24
Sacks 2.0 (2)	(), last vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23
QB Hurries	5 vs. Texas A&M, 10/14/23
Forced Fumbles	1 (3x), last vs. Florida, 10/12/24
<b>Fumble Recoveries</b>	1 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Interceptions	1 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Passes Defended	1 (3x), last at Arkansas, 10/5/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2022	13/0	3	2	5	2-16	2-16	0	0	1	0	2-AKR
2023	13/3	18	10	28	10-59	14.5-71	2	0	16	2	4-IOWA
2024	8/5	12	11	23	4.5-34	6.5-39	1	1	9	1	9-ARK
Career	34/8	33	23	56	16 5-109	23-126	3	1	26	3	9-ARK

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	0-0-0
*vs. NC State	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl, 2 qbh
*Kent State	0-0-0, 3 qbh
*at Oklahoma	1-1-2, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s
*at Arkansas	5-4-9, 2.0 tfl, 1 s, 1 pd
Florida	3-4-7, 1 tfl, 0.5 s, 1 ff, 1 fr
Alabama	2-1-3, 1.5 tfl, 1.5 s, 3 qbh
Kentucky	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	2-1-3, 2 tfl, 2 s, 2 qbh
Austin Peay	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh
at Florida	3-0-3, 2 tfl
UTSA	0-0-0, 1 qbh
South Carolina	1-2-3, 2 tfl, 2 s, 2 qbh
Texas A&M	3-0-3, 2 tfl, 1 s, 5 qbh
at Alabama	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 ff
at Kentucky	0-1-1, 2 qbh, 1 pd
UConn	0-0-0
at Missouri	1-1-2, 1.5 tfl, 1 s
Georgia	1-2-3
*Vanderbilt	2-1-3, 1.5 tfl, 0.5 s, 2 qbh

#### \*vs. lowa 3-1-4, 1.5 tfl, 1.5 s, 1 ff, 1 int, 1 qbh

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	0-0-0
at Pitt	1-0-1
Akron	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 s
Florida	0-0-0
at LSU	0-0-0
Alabama	0-0-0
UT Martin	0-1-1, 1 qbh
Kentucky	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0
Missouri	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s
at South Carolina	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0
vs. Clemson	0-0-0

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



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# **CAREER HONORS**

• 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

### **CAREER**

- Bright, instinctive linebacker who continues to see his role grow year after year as a key member of the defensive unit
- One of UT's top special teams coverage contributors as well who has a knack for blocking punts
- Blocked two punts during his previous two seasons • Originally enrolled at UT in June 2022
- Played in 32 career games with two starts and has registered 48 tackles, including 20 solo stops and one tackle for loss

## 2024

- Registered one solo tackle in 19 defensive snaps in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Earned the starting nod at LB against #7 Alabama (10/19) and finished with a career-high tying four tackles and his first career TFL
- · Made his first career start in UT's overtime win vs. Florida (10/12), logging three tackles and one forced fumble
- · Registered his 40th career tackle with a solo stop at Arkansas (10/5)
- · Saw action on nine defensive snaps and made one assisted tackle in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- · Logged three assisted tackles as part of a dominant shutout win over Kent State (9/14)
- · Saw action on 23 defensive snaps in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# **NOTABLE**

- Maioring in information sciences
- · Favorite hobbies include building PCs, Lego, bible study, ultimate frisbee and Spikeball
- His father, LaBreece Perry, played in the Canadian Football League
- Two-time All-Pro, five-time Pro Bowler and 2019 NFL Defensive Player of the Year Stephon Gilmore is his second cousin
- Models his game after his father
- Favorite movies are Real Steel, Unbroken and Race
- Favorite TV show is Adventure Time
- Favorite musical artist is Kodak Black
- Favorite place to take a vacation is the Outer Banks in North Carolina
- Aspires to become a mechanical engineer
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	4 (4x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Tackles For Loss	1.0 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Forced Fumbles	1 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
QB Hurries	2 vs. Ball State, 9/1/22
Blocked Punts	1 (2x), last vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2022	12/0	7	7	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	4-2x
2023	13/0	7	14	21	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4-CONN
2024	7/2	6	7	13	0-0	1-7	1	0	0	0	4-ALA
Career	32/2	20	28	48	0-0	1-7	1	0	2	0	4-4x

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	0-0-0
vs. NC State	DNP - Illness
Kent State	0-3-3
at Oklahoma	0-1-1
at Arkansas	1-0-1
*Florida	2-1-3, 1 ff
*Alabama	2-2-4, 1 tfl
Kentucky	1-0-1

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other	
vs. Virginia	2-0-2	
Austin Peay	0-2-2	
at Florida	0-0-0	
UTSA	0-2-2	
South Carolina	0-0-0	
Texas A&M	0-0-0	
at Alabama	0-1-1	
at Kentucky	1-1-2	
UConn	1-3-4	
at Missouri	0-1-1	
Georgia	1-2-3	
Vanderbilt	1-2-3, 1 blk	
vs. lowa	1-0-1	

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	0-0-0, 2 qbh
at Pitt	0-0-0
Akron	2-0-2
Florida	0-0-0
at LSU	0-0-0
Alabama	0-1-1
UT Martin	2-2-4
Kentucky	1-3-4, 1 blk
at Georgia	0-0-0
Missouri	0-0-0
at South Carolina	2-0-2
at Vanderbilt	0-1-1
vs. Clemson	DNP

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



KEENAN LB • 6-3 • 240 • R-Sr.

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Name pronounced KEE-nan PEE-lee

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 NFF Campbell Trophy Semifinalist
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Fourth Team (Athlon)
- 2024 Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List
- · 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- 2024 NFF Hampshire Honor Society
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2020 Phil Steele All-Independent Team (2nd Team)

- Outstanding graduate transfer linebacker and team captain who was in the midst of a big year before suffering a season-ending knee injury on Oct. 12 vs.
- Showed his leadership and instincts when he arrived in the spring of 2023 and that continued into the fall
- Suffered a season-ending triceps injury in his first game as a Vol in 2023
- · Applied for an extension of eligibility waiver for a seventh season, which was granted prior to the 2024 Citrus Bowl
- Played at BYU from 2019-22 where he was a defensive leader and a team captain

# TENNESSEE FOOTBALL

- · Originally signed with the Cougars as a member of the Class of 2016 as one of the top prep players in Utah
- Graduated from BYU in December 2022 and received his master's degree from Tennessee in May 2024
- Gathered 223 total tackles 108 solo with 12.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups during his entire collegiate career
- UT's defensive representative for the newly adopted in-helmet communications system this season
- Played in 43 career games (36 at BYU, 7 at UT) with 31 starts (25 at BYU, 6 at UT)

# 2024

- Named team captain prior to Tennessee's win over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Started the first five games of the season at MLB and led the team with 29 total tackles before suffering a season ending knee injury in win over Florida (10/12)
- Served as a captain for UT's overtime win vs. Florida (10/12) and posted one tackle and one QB hurry before exiting the game with an injury
- Led all players with 14 total tackles at Arkansas (10/5) which were the most by a Vol in a single game since Aaron Beasley had 14 at Pitt on Sept. 10, 2022
- Made his 30th career start in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) and totaled five tackles, one TFL and two QB hurries in his first SEC game to help lead a dominate defensive showing by the Vols
- Started at LB and logged his 200th career tackle in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), finishing the game with four total stops and a half TFL in the dominant defensive performance
- Made his long-awaited Neyland Stadium debut in the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) and had two total tackles in his first home start for the Vols

# **NOTABLE**

- Earned his degree in exercise science from BYU in December 2022
- Received his master's degree in agricultural leadership, education and communication from Tennessee in May 2024
- Served a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Orlando, Florida from 2017-19 and returned to the field in the fall of 2019
- · Brother, Trajan, played defensive line at BYU (2013, 2016-19)
- · Father's cousin, Ifo Pili, played defensive line at BYU (1997-98, 2001-03)
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	17 vs. Arizona, 9/4/21
Tackles for Loss	2.0 at Arizona State, 9/18/21
Sacks	1.0 (3x), last at Boise State, 11/5/22
Forced Fumbles	1 at Boise State, 11/5/22
<b>Fumble Recoverie</b>	es 1 (2x), last vs. Arkansas, 10/15/22
<b>Passes Defended</b>	1 (4x), last vs. Utah Tech, 11/19/22
QB Hurries	2 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2016*				D١	NP - Re	edshirte	ed				
2019*	11/2	17	8	25	1-8	1.5-9	0	0	0	2	5- MASS
2020*	10/8	35	37	72	0-0	2-6	0	1	1	1	9-5x
2021*	3/3	14	17	31	1-12	3.5-16	0	0	1	0	17-ARIZ
2022*	12/12	29	33	62	1-10	4-15	1	1	0	1	8-LIB
2023	1/1	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4-UVA
2024	6/5	11	18	29	0-0	1.5-4	0	0	3	0	14-ARK
at BYU	36/25	95	95	190	3-30	11-46	1	2	2	4	17-ARIZ
at UT	7/6	13	20	33	0-0	1.5-4	0	0	3	0	14-ARK
Career	43/31	108	115	223	3-30	12.5-50	1	2	5	4	17-ARIZ
* at BYU											

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	1-1-2
*vs. NC State	1-3-4, 0.5 tfl
*Kent State	1-2-3
*at Oklahoma	4-1-5, 1 tfl, 2 qbh
*at Arkansas	4-10-14
Florida	0-1-1, 1 qbh
Will miss remainder	of season due to injury

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*vs. Virginia	2-2-4
Missed remainde	r of season due to injury
2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*at USF	0-3-3, 0.5 tfl
*Baylor	3-3-6, 1.5 tfl
*at Oregon	0-1-1
*Wyoming	2-3-5
*Utah State	1-5-6
*vs. Notre Dame	4-3-7
*Arkansas	3-2-5, 1 fr

1-3-4

2-2-4

3-3-6, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 ff

5-2-7, 1 tfl, 1 pd

U-A-T, Other

5-4-9, 0.5 tfl

2-7-9

*vs. Arizona	10-7-17, 1 tfl, 1 s
*Utah	3-4-7, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s
*Arizona State	1-6-7, 2 tfl
2020 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*at Navy	2-2-4
*Troy	6-3-9
*Louisiana Tech	5-1-6, 1 tfl
*UTSA	2-3-5
*at Houston	5-3-8, 1 tfl
at Boise State	4-5-9
*North Alabama	0-4-4
at Coastal Carolina	6-3-9

2019 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*Utah	4-0-4
at Tennessee	0-2-2
*Southern Cal	0-0-0
at Toledo	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl
at USF	1-1-2
Boise State	3-0-3
Liberty	4-0-4, 1 tfl, 1 s
Idaho State	1-0-1
at Massachusetts	3-2-5
at San Diego State	1-1-2
at Hawaii	0-0-0

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started

San Diego State

\*vs. UCF

\*at Liberty

\*Utah Tech

\*at Stanford

2021 Opp.

\*East Carolina

at Boise State



# **JACKSON ROSS**

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# CAREER HONORS

- 2024 Ray Guy Award Preseason Watch List
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Fourth Team (Phil Steele)
- 2023 SEC All-Freshman Team
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2023 Ray Guy Award Final Candidate List
- Ray Guy Award College Punter of the Week Ray's 8 List (at Alabama, 10/23/23)
- 2022 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- · Talented ambidextrous punter out of Australia in his third year with the program and second as the starting punter and holder
- Enrolled at UT in the fall of 2022 and has three years of eligibility remaining, including the 2024 season
- The Tennessee single-game punting average record holder (53.2)
- · The catalyst for a Tennessee punt unit that allowed only four return yards in 2023
- Two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll
- · Has 33 career punts downed inside the 20-yard line and 15 career boots of 50-plus yards
- Played in 21 career games and averages 43.2 yards per punt

#### 2024

- Logged three punts for 119 yards (39.7 avg) against Kentucky (11/2), including one kick downed inside the 20
- Punted four times for 187 yards (46.8 avg) in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19) with two of his kicks downed inside the 20
- Booted seven punts for 319 yards (45.6 avg) with three downed inside the 20 and a long kick of 53 yards in win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Punted seven times for 299 yards (42.7 avg) with two downed inside the 20 and two boots of 50-plus vards at Arkansas (10/5)
- Had a career day at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), booming eight punts for 387 yards (48.4 avg.) which included three kicks of 50+ yards and two downed inside the 20-vard line
- · Did not punt for the first time in his career in blowout win vs. Kent State (9/14)
- Had a 43-yard punt downed inside the 20 in the win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- · Only punted once in season opening victory vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in sport management
- Has the ability to kick with both feet
- Played tennis from the age of 4 to 17
- · Avid coffee enthusiast
- Adopted a golden retriever named Maverick
- Loves watching any type of sports
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Punts	8 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Punting Yards	387 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Punting Average (min. 2)	53.2 at Alabama, 10/21/23
Longest Punt	71 at Alabama, 10/21/23
Punts Inside 20	4 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Punts 50+ Yards	3 at Oklahoma, 9/21/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Punting	GP	No	Yds	Avg	ΤB	FC	120	50+	Blk	Long
2022			DN	IP - Re	dshi	rted				
2023	13	55	2337	42.5	3	24	22	9	0	71-ALA
2024	8	31	1377	44.4	2	8	11	6	0	57-OU
Career	21	86	3714	43.2	5	32	33	15	0	71-ALA

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

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2024 Opp.	Punting
Chattanooga	1-23-23.0, Lg 23
vs. NC State	1-43-43.0, Lg 43, 1 I20
Kent State	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	8-387-48.4, Lg 57, 2 I20, 3 50+
at Arkansas	7-299-42.7, Lg 41, 2 I20, 2 50+
Florida	7-319-45.6, Lg 53, 3 I20, 1 50+
Alabama	4-187-46.8, Lg 49, 2 I20
Kentucky	3-119-39.7, Lg 45, 1 I20

2023 Opp.	Punting
vs. Virginia	5-179-35.8, Lg 50, 1 50+
Austin Peay	4-172-43.0, Lg 49, 2 I20
at Florida	3-120-40.0, Lg 41, 2 I20
UTSA	6-266-44.3, Lg 52, 3 I20, 2 50
South Carolina	3-147-49.0, Lg 54, 1 I20, 2 50+
Texas A&M	3-120-40.0, Lg 49, 2 I20
at Alabama	5-266-53.2, Lg 71, 2 I20, 2 50+
at Kentucky	2-79-39.5, Lg 43
UConn	2-83-41.5, Lg 42, 2 I20
at Missouri	6-262-43.7, Lg 54, 3 I20, 2 50-
Georgia	6-240-40.0, Lg 47
Vanderbilt	3-119-39.7, Lg 47, 1 I20
vs. Iowa	7-284-40.6, Lg 48, 4 I20



# MATTHEW SALANSKY LS • 5-11 • 250 • R-Sr. Morristown, Tenn.

Name is pronounced SUH-lan-skee

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2023 Burlsworth Trophy Nominee
- 2022 Burlsworth Trophy Nominee
- 2022 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Tennessee's starting long snapper who continues to be a model of consistency on the field, in the locker room and academically
- Is in his fifth straight and final season as the starting long snapper
- A walk-on who comes from a family history of Vols
- Has successfully executed 551 snaps in his career with 82 on field goal, 247 on PAT and 222 on punt
- · Also has eight career tackles to his credit
- A three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient and a member of the team's leadership council
- Received his undergraduate degree in December of 2023
- Two-time Burlsworth Trophy nominee
- Played in 57 career games

### 2024

- Went 10-for-10 (4 PAT, 3 FG, 3 punt) on snaps vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Recorded one tackle and went 10-for-10 on snaps (3 PAT, 3 FG, 4 punt) vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Was perfect for the Vols in their win over Florida (10/12) going 10-for-10 on snaps (2 PAT, 1 FG, 7 punt)
- Went 9-for-9 on snaps at Arkansas (10/5)
- Registered one tackle in win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21) while going 13-for-13 on snaps (2 PAT, 3 FG, 8 punt)
- Successfully executed eight snaps vs. Kent State (9/14), going 8-for-8 for the third straight week
- Snapped the ball eight times (4 PAT, 3 FG, 1 punt) in the Vols' 51-10 victory over #24 NC State (9/7), and also served as a team captain
- Served as a team captain and made his 50th career appearance for the Vols in their season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31), snapping the ball eight times (6 PAT, 1 FG, 1 punt)

# **NOTABLE**

- Earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in December 2023
- Uncle, Casey Woods, lettered at wide receiver and was a specialist holder for the Vols from 2005-07
- Grew up 45 min. away wanting to play for the Vols
- Both his brother and mother graduated from UT
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# **CAREER STATS**

**Games Played:** 2024: 8; 2023: 13; 2022: 13; 2021: 13; 2020: 10; 2019: 0

Career: 57



# DYLAN SAMPSON

RB • 5-11 • 201 • Jr. Baton Rouge, La.

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# **CAREER HONORS**

- SEC Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Alabama, 10/21/24)
- 2024 Maxwell Award Midseason Watch List
- 2024 Doak Walker Award Watch List
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Athlon)
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Fourth Team (Phil Steele)
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2022 SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll
- SEC Freshman of the Week (at Vanderbilt, 11/28/22)

#### CAREER

- An explosive, speedy running back with great playmaking ability who is in his third season
- Formed a dynamic backfield with Jaylen Wright and Jabari Small from 2022-23 and now has the reins as the starting back in 2024
- Provides a vocal presence and is a member of the team's leadership council
- Two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll and one of the Vols' leaders in community service
- One of the fastest players on the team, clocked at 22-23.0 mph on Catapult system
- Enrolled at Tennessee in June 2022 and went through his first spring practice in 2023
- For his career, rushed for 1,981 yards on 335 carries with 32 TDs and averages 5.9 yards per carry
- Has 31 career catches for 296 yards and one receiving touchdown
- His 32 career rushing scores is tied with Joshua Dobbs (2013-16) for third all-time at UT. The only players ahead of them are Gene McEver (37 from 1928-31) and James Stewart (35 from 1991-94)
- His 11 career 100-yard games is tied for fifth most in Tennessee history
- Played in 30 career games with nine starts

# 2024

- Leads the SEC and is tied for second nationally in rushing TDs (19)
- His 19 rushing TDs are the most by an SEC player since Alabama's Najee Harris had an FBS-best 26 in 2020 (13 games)
- Leads the SEC in rushing yards per game (122.5)Leads the SEC and is tied for third in the FBS in total
- Leads the SEC and is fled for third in the FBS in total points scored (114), while ranking third in points per game (14.3)
- With two rushing scores vs. Kentucky (11/2), Sampson broke the Tennessee single-season record for rushing touchdowns with 19. The record of 18 was previously set by UT's first All-American, Gene McEver, in 1929
- His is the first Vol in program history with a rushing touchdown in eight consecutive games in the same season. Jimmy Wade previously accomplished the feat spanning two seasons, scoring on the ground in the final seven games of the 1953 campaign and the first game of the 1954 season
- Has now totaled multiple rushing touchdowns in a game 10 times in his career, including in seven of eight contests in 2024. He is the second player in school history with at least seven games in a single season with multiple rushing touchdowns, joining Reggie Cobb, who had eight in 1987
- The 19 rushing touchdowns for Sampson place him in a six-way tie for No. 10 on the SEC's single-season leaderboard. He has now matched Kentucky's Benny Snell Jr. (2017), Mississippi State's Vick Ballard (2010), LSU's LaBron Toefield (2001), Alabama's Shaun Alexander (1999) and Georgia's Garrison Hearst (1992)
- Sampson logged his seventh 100-yard game of the year against Kentucky (11/2), rushing 27 times for a career-high 142 yards on the ground, punching in scores of seven and six yards in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. That puts him in a fiveway tie for the second-most in a single season in Tennessee history, matching Travis Stephens (2001),

- Travis Henry (2000), Jamal Lewis (1997) and Chuck Webb (1989)
- Named SEC Offensive Player of the Week after posting 26 carries for a career-high-tying 139 yards in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), his sixth tripledigit performance of the season and his seventh consecutive outing with more than 90 yards
- Sparked Tennessee's offense in the second half vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), with two rushing scores
- Was magnificent for the Vols once again vs. Florida (10/12), toting 27 carries for 112 yards and three touchdowns. All three of his scores came in the second half and overtime
- Reached the end zone for the first time against Florida (10/12) with 2:57 left in the third quarter, giving him six consecutive games – each one this season – with a touchdown. The last Tennessee player with a rushing touchdown in six straight contests was Montario Hardesty, who did so in the opening six games of the 2009 season
- Carried the ball 22 times for a season-high 138 yards and two touchdowns at Arkansas (10/5), marking his fourth 100-plus yard rushing game this year
- Rushed a career-high 24 times for 92 hard-earned yards and a touchdown in SEC opening victory at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Became the first Vol in the modern era with four rushing touchdowns in a half and tied the modernera school single-game record with that total vs. Kent State (9/14)
- Rushed for 66 yards and three scores in the first 15 minutes against the Golden Flashes and finished with 101 yards and four TDs on 13 attempts, marking his fourth straight 100-yard performance dating back to the Citrus Bowl last season
- Delivered another sensational performance in UT's win over #24 NC State (9/7) amassing 132 yards on 20 carries with two rushing scores and adding three catches for 37 yards to finish with a career-high 169 all-purpose yards
- Tied his career-high in rushing touchdowns with three against Chattanooga (8/31) in the season opener, carrying the ball 12 times for 124 yards while also hauling in three receptions for 29 yards

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in information sciences
- His biggest influence on his playing career is Reggie Bush—grew up a New Orleans Saints fan and appreciated his elusiveness
- Shattered NFL and Dutchtown High School alum Eddie Lacy's program record for all-time rushing yards, racking up 4,927 yards on 521 carries
- Said the passing of his grandfather from cancer during the Louisiana floods of 2016 motivated him to stay focused
- Is an avid outdoorsman
- Favorite movie is Juice (1992)
- Favorite musical artist is Rod Wave
- Favorite food is blackened chicken with Cajun fries
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Rushes	27 (2x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Rushing Yards	142 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Rushing Touchdowns	4 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Long Rush	80 at Vanderbilt, 11/26/22
Receptions	4 at Kentucky, 10/28/23
Receiving Yards	42 vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23
Receiving Touchdowns	1 vs. Virginia, 9/2/23
Long Reception	37 vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23
Kick Returns	1 vs. Clemson, 12/30/22
Kick Return Yards	24 vs. Clemson, 12/30/22
Long Kick Return	24 vs. Clemson, 12/30/22

# **CAREER STATS**

Rushing	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yo
2022	10/0	58	397	6.8	39.7	6	80-VU	131-VL
2023	12/1	106	604	5.7	50.3	7	44-UTSA	139-UTSA
2024	8/8	171	980	5.7	122.5	19	56-UTC	142-Uk
Career	30/9	335	1981	5.9	66.0	32	80-VU	142-UK

# TENNESSEE FOOTBALL

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2022	10/0	3	24	8.0	2.4	0	19-BSU	19-BSU
2023	12/1	17	175	10.3	14.6	1	37-SC	42-SC
2024	8/8	11	97	8.8	12.1	0	21-NCST	37-NCST
Career	30/9	31	296	9.5	9.9	1	37-SC	42-SC

## GAMF-RY-GAME

2024 Opp.	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
*Chattanooga	12-124-3, 56	3-29-0, 19
*vs. NC State	20-132-2, 34	3-37-0, 21
*Kent State	13-101-4, 22	1-4-0, 4
*at Oklahoma	24-92-1, 16	0-0-0
*at Arkansas	22-138-2, 53	1-11-0, 11
*Florida	27-112-3, 23	2-7-0, 8
*Alabama	26-139-2, 36	0-0-0
*Kentucky	27-142-2, 17	1-9-0, 9

<b>2023 Opp.</b> vs. Virginia	<b>Rush-Yds-TD, Lg</b> 13-52-3, 11	<b>Rec-Yds-TD, Lg</b> 1-9-1, 9
Austin Peay	3-8-0, 3	1-9-0, 9
at Florida	DNP	
UTSA	11-139-2, 44	1-20-0, 20
South Carolina	9-49-1, 12	2-42-0, 37
Texas A&M	9-25-0, 12	1-9-0, 9
at Alabama	4-28-0, 12	2-9-0, 8
at Kentucky	17-76-1, 24	4-39-0, 17
UConn	5-28-0, 17	2-23-0, 13
at Missouri	3-20-0, 14	2-13-0, 9
Georgia	2-9-0, 8	1-2-0, 2
Vanderbilt	10-37-0, 9	0-0-0
*vs. lowa	20-133-0, 31	0-0-0

2022 Орр.	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
Ball State	10-32-1, 10	1-19-0, 19
at Pitt	DNP	
Akron	8-57-2, 27	0-0-0
Florida	DNP	
at LSU	2-14-0, 9	0-0-0
Alabama	DNP	
UT Martin	13-62-1, 45	0-0-0
Kentucky	1-1-0, 1	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	0-0-0
Missouri	8-98-1, 42	1-7-0, 7
at South Carolina	4-2-0, 4	1-(-2)-0, 0
at Vanderbilt	12-131-1, 80	0-0-0
vs. Clemson	0-0-0	0-0-0

<sup>-</sup> denotes started



# **CAMERON SELDON**

RB • 6-2 • 222 • So. Browns Store, Va.

# **CAREER HONORS**

2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Physical back and bigger contributor in 2024 following the departure of Jaylen Wright and Jabari Small
- · Underwent shoulder surgery during spring practice 2024 but was able to work his way back for 2024 opener
- · Was a solid member of Tennessee's special teams coverage unit in his debut season
- Arrived at Rocky Top in January 2023
- Played in 17 career games

# 2024

- · Rushed one time for one yard, while returning one kickoff for 18 yards vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Returned one kickoff for 24 yards at Arkansas (10/5)
- · Carried the ball seven times in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31) for 47 yards, including a new career-long rush of 14 yards

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in management
- · Goes by "Cam"
- · Was a track star in high school, winning state championships in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash (twice) and 4x100 meter relay
- · Holds the Northumberland school record in both the 100- and 200-meter dash, clocking times of 10.74 (100m) and 21.7 (200m)

- · Also played basketball in high school
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Rushes	13 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Rushing Yards	55 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Long Rush	14 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Kick Returns	1 (6x), last vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Kick Return Yards	35 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Long Kick Return	35 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Rushing	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2023	13/0	25	106	4.2	8.2	0	13-IOWA	55-IOWA
2024	4/0	8	48	6.0	12.0	0	14-UTC	47-UTC
Career	17/0	33	154	4.7	9.1	0	14-UTC	55-IOWA

### **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Орр.	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg	KR-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	7-47-0, 14	1-35-0, 35
vs. NC State	DNP - Injury	
Kent State	DNP - Injury	
at Oklahoma	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Arkansas	0-0-0	1-24-0, 24
Florida	DNP	
Alabama	1-1-0, 1	1-18-0, 18
Kentucky	DNP	

2023 Opp.	Rush-Yds-TD, Lg	KR-Yds-TD, Lg
vs. Virginia	2-4-0, 2	0-0-0
Austin Peay	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0
UTSA	1-1-0, 1	0-0-0
South Carolina	0-0-0	1-21-0, 21
Texas A&M	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Alabama	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-0-0	0-0-0
UConn	6-35-0, 11	1-15-0, 15
at Missouri	0-0-0	0-0-0
Georgia	3-11-0, 10	0-0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. lowa	13-55-0, 13	0-0-0

# **ELIJAH SIMMONS**

DL • 6-2 • 340 • R-Sr. Memphis, Tenn.

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- · Strong, imposing interior defensive lineman with incredible athleticism for his size
- Is in his sixth and final collegiate season
- Totaled 55 career tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss and three pass breakups during his time at UT
- · Originally from Memphis but moved to Nashville where he enjoyed a stellar high school career
- Graduated from Tennessee in December 2023
- Has seen action in 50 games and made eight starts during his career

# 2024

- Played in his 50th career game, making one stop in Tennessee's 28-18 victory over Kentucky (11/2)
- · Recorded one tackle in UT's overtime victory over Florida (10/12)
- Served as a team captain and started for the Vols as they visited Arkansas (10/5), finishing the night with
- Made a big play early in the game at #15 Oklahoma (9/21), setting the tone with a tackle for loss on the first play from scrimmage
- Served as a captain in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), playing 11 snaps on the defensive line
- · Was extremely disruptive up front, posting three total tackles and a half tackle for loss in the season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

· Earned his bachelor's degree in communications studies in December 2023

- Born in Memphis but moved to Nashville as an eight-year-old
- Video of him dunking a basketball and then making a full court basket went viral in the spring of 2019
- Appeared on stage at the 2019 NFL Draft in Nashville as one of the city's top high school players
- Grew up singing in choir and was a member of high school a cappella group called the Fab Five
- $\bullet$  Won state titles in the shot put (49-10.5) and discus (146-8) at TSSAA Small Class Track & Field Championships as a junior
- Repeated as state champion in the shot put (53-0) as a senior and finished second in the discus (144-11)
- Models his game and watches NFL standouts Aaron Donald and Geno Atkins
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

5 at Kentucky, 11/6/21
1.0 (6x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
0.5 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
1 at Florida, 9/25/21
1 (3x), last vs. UConn, 11/4/23

# **CAREER STATS**

GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	QBF	l High Tk
3/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
10/2	2	8	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	4-UGA
7/4	4	7	11	0-0	1.5-2	0	0	1	1	5-UK
13/0	5	3	8	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	2-2x
9/0	7	12	19	0.5-4	3-9	0	0	1	0	4-CONN
8/2	2	5	7	0-0	1.5-7	0	0	0	0	3-UTC
50/9	20	35	55	0.5-4	7-19	0	0	3	1	5-UK
	3/0 10/2 7/4 13/0 9/0 8/2	3/0 0 10/2 2 7/4 4 13/0 5 9/0 7 8/2 2	3/0 0 0 10/2 2 8 7/4 4 7 13/0 5 3 9/0 7 12 8/2 2 5	3/0 0 0 0 10/2 2 8 10 7/4 4 7 11 13/0 5 3 8 9/0 7 12 19 8/2 2 5 7	3/0 0 0 0 0 0-0 10/2 2 8 10 0-0 7/4 4 7 11 0-0 13/0 5 3 8 0-0 9/0 7 12 19 0.5-4 8/2 2 5 7 0-0	3/0 0 0 0 0 0-0 0-0 10/2 2 8 10 0-0 0-0 7/4 4 7 11 0-0 1.5-2 13/0 5 3 8 0-0 1-1 9/0 7 12 19 0.5-4 3-9 8/2 2 5 7 0-0 1.5-7	3/0         0         0         0         0-0         0-0         0           10/2         2         8         10         0-0         0-0         0           7/4         4         7         11         0-0         1.5-2         0           13/0         5         3         8         0-0         1-1         0           9/0         7         12         19         0.5-4         3-9         0           8/2         2         5         7         0-0         1.5-7         0	3/0         0         0         0         0-0         0-0         0         0           10/2         2         8         10         0-0         0-0         0         0           7/4         4         7         11         0-0         1.5-2         0         0           13/0         5         3         8         0-0         1-1         0         0           9/0         7         12         19         0.5-4         3-9         0         0           8/2         2         5         7         0-0         1.5-7         0         0	3/0         0         0         0         0-0         0-0         0         0         0           10/2         2         8         10         0-0         0-0         0         0         1           7/4         4         7         11         0-0         1.5-2         0         0         1           13/0         5         3         8         0-0         1-1         0         0         0           9/0         7         12         19         0.5-4         3-9         0         0         1           8/2         2         5         7         0-0         1.5-7         0         0         0	3/0         0         0         0         0-0         0-0         0         0         0         0           10/2         2         8         10         0-0         0-0         0         0         1         0           7/4         4         7         11         0-0         1.5-2         0         0         1         1           13/0         5         3         8         0-0         1-1         0         0         0         0         0           9/0         7         12         19         0.5-4         3-9         0         0         1         0           8/2         2         5         7         0-0         1.5-7         0         0         0         0

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other	
Chattanooga	1-2-3, 0.5 tfl	
vs. NC State	0-0-0	
Kent State	0-0-0	
*at Oklahoma	1-0-1, 1 tfl	
*at Arkansas	0-1-1	
Florida	0-1-1	
Alabama	0-0-0	
Kentucky	0-1-1	

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	DNP - Injury
Austin Peay	DNP - Injury
at Florida	DNP - Injury
UTSA	DNP - Injury
South Carolina	0-1-1
Texas A&M	2-0-2
at Alabama	0-2-2
at Kentucky	0-1-1
UConn	3-1-4, 1 tfl, 1 pd
at Missouri	1-2-3, 1 tfl
Georgia	0-1-1
Vanderbilt	1-2-3, 0.5 tfl
vs. Iowa	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s

2022 Орр.	U-A-T, Other	
Ball State	2-0-2, 1 tfl	
at Pitt	O-1-1	
Akron	0-0-0	
Florida	2-0-2	
at LSU	0-0-0	
Alabama	0-0-0	
UT Martin	0-0-0	
Kentucky	O-1-1	
at Georgia	0-0-0	
Missouri	0-1-1	
at South Carolina	0-0-0	
at Vanderbilt	1-0-1	
vs. Clemson	0-0-0	

U-A-T, Other
0-0-0, 1 pd
1-2-3
0-0-0
0-2-2, 0.5 tfl, 1 qbh
1-0-1, 1 tfl
DNP
DNP
DNP



U-A-T, Other
1-0-1
0-1-1
0-4-4
0-1-1
0-0-0, 1 pd
1-1-2
0-1-1
0-0-0
0-0-0
0-0-0

U-A-T, Other	
DNP	
DNP	
0-0-0	
DNP	
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DNP	
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<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



# **JOHN SLAUGHTER** DB • 6-2 • 195 • So.

Clarksdale, Miss.

# **CAREER HONORS**

2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# **CAREER**

- · Young, talented safety who is also a contributor on special teams
- · Arrived on Rocky Top in December 2022 and participated in Orange Bowl practices
- Played in 18 career games

# 2024

- Made one tackle in Tennessee's victory over #7 Alabama (10/19)
- · Recovered an onside kick and made one solo tackle in Tennessee's 71-0 victory over Kent State (9/14)
- In just six defensive snaps, made two stops and added a half tackle for loss in blowout win vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- Saw action on 12 defensive snaps at safety in seasonopening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in sport management
- Was a two-time captain of Southaven High School
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	2 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Tackles for Loss	0.5 vs. NC State, 9/7/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2023	13/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1-A&M
2024	5/0	2	2	4	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	2-NCST
Career	18/0	3	2	5	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	2-NCST

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T Other
Chattanooga	0-0-0
vs. NC State	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl
Kent State	1-0-1 (Recovered Onside Kick)
at Oklahoma	DNP - Injury

at Arkansas	DNP - Injury
Florida	DNP
Alabama	1-0-1
Kentucky	0-0-0

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2023 Opp.	U-A-T Other	
vs. Virginia	0-0-0	
Austin Peay	0-0-0	
at Florida	0-0-0	
UTSA	0-0-0	
South Carolina	0-0-0	
Texas A&M	1-0-1	
at Alabama	0-0-0	
at Kentucky	0-0-0	
UConn	0-0-0	
at Missouri	0-0-0	
Georgia	0-0-0	
Vanderbilt	0-0-0	
vs. lowa	0-0-0	



# 39 **JALEN SMITH** LB • 6-2 • 230 • R-Fr. Grayson, Ga.

#### CARFER HONORS

•2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

#### 2024

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- Made a career-best nine tackles in the Vols' win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Recorded one tackle in win over #7 Alabama (10/19) · Played 19 snaps and tied his career high with four
- tackles in a win over Florida (10/12)
- Played 14 snaps and registered three tackles for the Vols at Arkansas (10/5)
- Made one tackle as the Vols held Kent State to just 112 yards of total offense in a 71-0 victory (9/14)
- · Played 17 snaps on defense and registered one tackle in win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- · Made a career-high four tackles in UT's seasonopening win over Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in nutrition
- A two-time team captain who helped lead Grayson High School to a Region 4-7A title and the Class 7A state quarterfinals as a senior in 2022
- Rated a four-star prospect by Rivals
- Finished his prep career with a school-record 434 tackles to go along with 30 TFLs, 18 sacks, three forced fumbles and a pick six
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

**Tackles** 

2024

Career

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Defense	e GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2023	5/0	7	1	1	0-0	0-0	0 0	0	Λ	1-//v

18 23 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

8 19 27 0-0 0-0 0 0 0

9 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24

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# 13/0 **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T Other
Chattanooga	1-3-4
vs. NC State	0-1-1
Kent State	0-1-1
at Oklahoma	0-0-0
at Arkansas	0-3-3
Florida	1-3-4
Alabama	0-1-1
Kentucky	3-6-9

2023 Opp.	U-A-T Other
UTSA	0-1-1
UConn	1-0-1
Georgia	0-0-0
Vanderbilt	1-0-1
vs. lowa	1-0-1



# JAVONTEZ **76 SPRAGGINS** OL • 6-3 • 330 • Sr. East St. Louis, III.

Name is pronounced juh-VAWN-tez SPRA-gens

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Athlon)
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Fourth Team (Phil Steele)
- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll • 2023 All-SEC Third Team (Phil Steele)
- 2022 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- · SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (vs. #20 Florida, 9/26/22)
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Powerful and relentless offensive guard who returns for his fifth season with the program and his fourth straight as a starter
- · Has steadily been one of the leaders of an offensive line that was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award last season for the first time in school history
- Four-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll who will wear the SEC graduate patch in 2024
- Seen action on 3,042 career offensive snaps
- Played in 52 games with 45 career starts, including 44 at right guard

- Has started all eight games at right guard this year
- Played 78 snaps and did not allow a pressure as the Vols racked up 477 yards of total offense in win vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Helped pave the way for Tennessee's offense to put up 408 yards of total offense vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), winning 24-17 over the Crimson Tide
- ·Played in his 50th game as a Vol against Florida (10/12), helping the offense roll up 312 yards of total offense in a 23-17 overtime win
- ·Started at RG for the 40th time in his career and played all 73 offensive snaps in the Vols' road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- · Made his 40th career start for the Vols in recordsetting win vs. Kent State (9/14) helping UT post modern-era single-game record with 740 total of total offense and 71 points
- Started at RG and helped pave the way for UT's punishing rushing attack that rolled up 249 yards on the ground in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- · Started at RG and played 44 clean snaps in seasonopening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31), helping UT rack up 718 total yards of offense, which was tied for the second most in program history

# **NOTABLE**

- Earned his bachelor's degree in sociology in December 2023
- · Earned the nickname "The Zookeeper" after hoisting up opponent stuffed-toy mascots that fans give him following victories
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# **CAREER STATS**

Games Played/Started: 2024: 8/8; 2023: 11/11; 2022: 13/13; 2021: 12/12; 2020: 8/1

Career: 52/45



# HOLDEN **STAES** TE • 6-4 • 248 • Jr. Atlanta, Ga.

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Last name is pronounced STAYS

# **CAREER**

- Dynamic tight end transfer with excellent pass catching ability and size
- Tabbed as the No. 1 transfer tight end and No. 16 overall transfer prospect for the 2023 cycle by 247Sports
- Spent his freshman and sophomore seasons at Notre Dame before entering the portal and enrolling at Tennessee in January 2024
- Owns two years of remaining eligibility, including the 2024 season
- Got his first taste of the Heupel offense being able to go through a full spring in 2024
- Played in 22 games with nine starts at Notre Dame. catching 16 passes for 187 yards and four touchdowns
- Played in 30 career games (22 at ND, 8 at UT) and made 11 starts (9 at ND, 2 at UT)

# 2024

- · Made his second start for the Vols in win vs. Kentucky (11/2), setting season-highs with three receptions for
- Caught one pass for five yards as the Vols defeated #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Hauled in two receptions for five yards in Tennessee's overtime win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Played 46 snaps and had two catches for eight yards in SEC opener on the road at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Pulled down one reception for 16 yards in blowout win vs. Kent State (9/14)
- · Made his first start and hauled in his first touchdown catch as a Vol, an 18-yard reception for the final score of the game in win over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Made Tennessee debut in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31), playing 24 snaps and hauling in two receptions for 13 yards

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in journalism and electronic media
- · Outside of football, enjoys going to concerts, playing basketball and golfing
- · Favorite musical artists are Rod Wave and Drake
- · Aspires to be a sports broadcaster
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 118

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	4 at NC State, 9/9/23*
Receiving Yards	115 at NC State, 9/9/23*
Receiving Touchdowns	2 at NC State, 9/9/23*
Long Reception	40 at NC State, 9/9/23*

<sup>\* -</sup> at Notre Dame

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2022*	11/1	1	11	11.0	1.0	0	11-BYU	11-BYU
2023*	11/8	15	176	11.7	16.0	4	40-NCST	115-NCST
2024	8/2	12	92	7.7	11.5	1	20-UK	27-UK
at ND	22/9	16	187	11.7	8.5	4	40-NCST	115-NCST
at UT	8/2	12	92	7.7	11.5	1	20-UK	27-UK
Career	30/11	28	279	9.7	10.0	5	40-NCST	115-NCST

<sup>\* -</sup> at Notre Dame

\*vs. Navv

Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
2-13-0, 9
1-18-1, 18
1-16-0, 16
2-8-0, 6
0-0-0
2-5-0, 3
1-5-0, 5
3-27-0, 20
Rec-Yds-TD, Lg

0 - 0 - 0

*Tennessee State	1-4-1, 4
at NC State	4-115-2, 40
*Central Michigan	1-4-1, 4
*Ohio State	0-0-0
at Duke	0-0-0
at Louisville	2-16-0, 9
*USC	2-10-0, 7
*Pittsburgh	2-14-0, 9
*at Clemson	1-7-0, 7
*Wake Forest	2-6-0, 10
at Stanford	DNP
vs. Oregon State	DNP

2022 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
at Ohio State	DNP
Marshall	0-0-0
California	DNP
*at North Carolina	0-0-0
vs. BYU	1-11-0
Stanford	0-0-0
UNLV	0-0-0
at Syracuse	0-0-0
Clemson	0-0-0
vs. Navy	0-0-0
Boston College	0-0-0
at USC	0-0-0
vs. South Carolina	0-0-0

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



# 22 JEREMIAH **TELANDER** LB • 6-2 • 238 • So. Gainesville, Ga.

Last name pronounced TEE-lan-dur

# **CAREER HONORS**

· 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Physical linebacker with a nose for the ball who sees prominent action in 2024
- · Coming off a true freshman season in which he got better every single week and was the leading freshman tackler on the squad · Also a major contributor on special teams coverage
- · Arrived on Rocky Top in December 2022,
- participating in Orange Bowl practices and then attending the game before going through his first spring practice in 2023
- · Played in 21 career games with three starts

# 2024

- Recovered his second fumble of the season in win vs. Kentucky (11/2) and finished the game with three total tackles
- Recorded his first-career sack in a 24-17 win over #7 Alabama (10/19), finishing the night with four total tackles and half a TFL
- · Made his first-career start for the Vols in overtime win vs. Florida (10/12), making five tackles with a half TFL in a season-high 67 snaps
- · Finished with five tackles and a half tackle for loss at Arkansas (10/5)
- · Recorded three total tackles and a PBU in shutout win over Kent State (9/14) as the defense held the Golden Flashes to 112 yards of total offense
- · Notched one tackle and recovered a fumble in UT's 51-10 victory over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Played 29 snaps and tallied four solo tackles in the season-opening win over Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in sport management
- His father. Steve. played college football at UMass. before getting into coaching and spending time as an assistant coach at Missouri, Bowling Green, UTEP and UMass
- · Was also a standout track and field athlete and played basketball in high school
- · Won a sectional title and placed fourth at the Georgia Class 3A state championship meet in the high jump as a sophomore in 2020

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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	6 (2x), last vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23
Tackles For Loss	1.0 (2x), last vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
Sacks	0.5 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Passes Defended	1 (2x), last vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Fumble Recoveries	1 (2x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24

## **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2023	13/0	15	20	35	0-0	2.5-4	0	0	1	0	6-2x
2024	8/3	9	16	25	0.5-1	1.5-2	0	2	1	0	5-2x
Career	21/3	24	36	60	0.5-1	4.0-6	0	2	2	0	6-2x

## **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	4-0-4
vs. NC State	1-0-1, 1 fr
Kent State	1-2-3, 1 pd
at Oklahoma	0-0-0
at Arkansas	0-5-5, 0.5 tfl
*Florida	0-5-5, 0.5 tfl
*Alabama	2-2-4, 0.5 tfl, 0.5 s
*Kentucky	1-2-3, 1 fr

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	0-0-0
Austin Peay	2-4-6
at Florida	0-0-0
UTSA	1-2-3
South Carolina	1-1-2
Texas A&M	0-1-1
at Alabama	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-0-0
UConn	1-4-5, 1 tfl
at Missouri	2-1-3, 0.5 tfl
Georgia	2-2-4
Vanderbilt	3-3-6, 1 pd
vs. Iowa	3-2-5, 1 tfl

\* - denotes started



# **JAKOBE THOMAS**

DB • 6-2 • 200 • R-Jr. Tullahoma, Tenn.

# CAREER

- · Veteran in-state transfer safety with two years of eligibility remaining
- Spent the first three seasons of his college career at Middle Tennessee after a standout prep career at Tullahoma High School
- The No. 12 safety and No. 118 prospect overall according to the 247Sports transfer rankings cycle
- Saw action in 24 games with 13 starts during his career as a Blue Raider, totaling 108 tackles, four interceptions, eight PBUs and two forced fumbles
- Enrolled at Tennessee in January 2024 and went through spring practice
- Played in 32 career games (24 at MTSU, 8 at UT) with 13 starts (all at MTSU)

- Had one tackle in victory over Kentucky (11/2)
- Tallied two tackles with a season-high 1.5 TFLs in victory vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Recorded one tackle in UT's win over Florida (10/12)
- · Made three tackles with a half tackle for loss at Arkansas (10/5)
- Notched two tackles, including a highlight-reel hit down the sideline, and recovered a fumble in UT's road victory at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Tallied four total tackles in UT's 71-0 win over Kent State (9/14)
- · Made three stops with one TFL and a sack against #24 NC State (9/7), helping the Vols' defense hold the Wolfpack to just 143 yards of total offense
- Had two tackles and one pass breakup in his Tennessee debut in season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)



# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in communication studies
- Two-way player for Tullahoma who led the team in rushing with 712 yards and 16 touchdowns his senior season
- Named a semifinalist for the 2020 Class 4-A Tennessee Mr. Football Award
- Favorite musical artist is Cody Johnson
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 121

## **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	11 (2x), last at Liberty, 10/17/23*
Tackles For Loss	1.5 vs. Alabama, 10/19/24
Sacks	1.0 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Interceptions	2 at FIU, 11/26/22*
Passes Defended 2 (	2x), last vs. Jacksonville State, 10/4/23*
Forced Fumbles	1 (2x), last vs. Murray State, 9/16/23*
<b>Fumble Recoveries</b>	1 (2x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24

<sup>\* -</sup> at MTSU

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2021*	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2022*	12/3	27	10	37	0-0	1-5	1	0	7	4	11-WKU
2023*	11/10	52	19	71	0-0	3-6	1	1	5	0	11-LIB
2024	8/0	11	7	18	1-5	3-12	0	1	1	0	4-KSU
at MTSU	24/13	79	29	108	0-0	4-11	2	1	12	4	11-2x
at UT	8/0	11	7	18	1-5	3-12	0	1	1	0	4-KSU
Career	32/13	90	36	126	1-5	7.0-23	3 2	2	13	4	11-2x

<sup>\* -</sup> at MTSU

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

J-A-T Other
-1-2, 1 pd
2-1-3, 1 tfl, 1 s
3-1-4
2-0-2, 1 fr
-2-3, 0.5 tfl
-0-1
-1-2, 1.5 tfl
D-1-1

2023 Opp.	U-A-T Other
*at Alabama	6-2-8, 1 pd
*at Missouri	5-1-6
*Murray State	6-0-6, 1 tfl, 1 ff
*Colorado State	4-1-5
*at WKU	2-1-3, 1 pd
*Jacksonville State	2-3-5, 2 pd, 1 punt return
*La Tech	2-4-6, 1 tfl
*at Liberty	8-3-11
*at New Mexico State	3-1-4, 1 tfl
FIU	DNP
UTEP	5-3-8, 1 pd, 1 fr
*at Sam Houston State	9-0-9

2022 Opp.	U-A-T Other
at James Madison	1-2-3
at Colorado State	DNP
Tennessee State	0-1-1
at Miami (FL)	0-0-0
UTSA	0-0-0
at UAB	0-0-0
*WKU	9-2-11, 1 ff
*at UTEP	5-1-6, 1 tfl, 1 int
*at La Tech	1-1-2
Charlotte	2-1-3, 1 pd, 1 int
FAU	4-0-4, 1 pd
at FIU	3-2-5, 2 int, 1 td (int)
vs. San Diego State	2-0-2

U-A-T Other
DNP
0-0-0
DNP

at FAU	DNP	
vs. Toledo	DNP	

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes started



# OMARI THOMAS

DL • 6-4 • 325 • Sr. Memphis, Tenn.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Fourth Team (Athlon)
- 2025 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- 2025 Shrine Bowl 1000 Watch List
- 2024 NCAA Oversight Committee
- 2022-2023 SEC Football Leadership Council
- 2021 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

#### CAREE

- A highly-touted, strong defensive tackle out of Memphis who is in his fifth season with the program as one of the leaders in the SEC
- Member of the team's leadership council and has served as the Vols' representative on the SEC Football Leadership Council for three straight seasons
- Selected to be the SEC's representative on the NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee Student-Athlete Connection Group in 2024
- Is in his final season of eligibility and fourth straight season as a starter
- Has accumulated 105 tackles, 14.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, 13 QB hurries, one fumble recovery, one forced fumble and one blocked kick
- Also skilled at batting balls down at the line with 11 pass breakups in his career
- Graduated from Tennessee in May 2024
- Played in 56 career games with 36 starts

## 2024

- Notched three tackles with one TFL, one sack and one QBH in UT's win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Posted two tackles in his 35th career start as the Vols defeated #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Reached the 100-tackle mark for his career after making two tackles with one TFL in the Vols' 23-17 overtime win vs. Florida (10/12)
- Had one tackle and one QB hurry at Arkansas (10/5)
- Played 26 snaps and made one tackle in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Appeared in his 50th game as a Vol with his 32nd start, tying for the team lead with four tackles to go along with 1.5 TFLs and one pass breakup in UT's victory over #24 NC State (9/7)
- Made his 31st start as a Vol in UT's season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31), batting down one pass and recording a QB hurry in just 15 snaps

# NOTABLE

- Earned his degree in journalism and electronic media from Tennessee in May 2024
- Nickname is "Big O'
- Father, Romarcus Thomas, played football at Arkansas State
- High school teammates with RB Jabari Small and VFL/Memphis Grizzlies guard Kennedy Chandler
- Was a member of the 2020-21 VOLeaders Academy and visited Botswana in Southern Africa in the summer of 2022
- Raised money for the Down Syndrome Association of Mid-South, Autism Speaks and the Mowet-Wilson Foundation as a senior in high school
- Also played basketball, tennis and threw shot put for the track & field team in high school
- Roommates with fellow Memphis native Jabari Small
- Enjoys playing video games and outdoor activitiesFavorite movie is "Rush Hour"
- Favorite TV show is "All American"
- One of his superstitions is to drink a Minute Maid on the day of the game
- Enjoys listening to people play musical instruments
- Goal beyond football is to either become a sports broadcaster, an investor or a coach

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# **CAREER HIGHS**

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Tackles	5 (2x), last vs. UTSA, 9/23/23
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (2x), last vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Sacks	1.0 (5x), last vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Forced Fumbles	1 vs. Florida, 9/24/22
Fumble Recoveries	1 at Pitt, 9/10/22
Passes Defended	1 (11x), last vs. NC State, 9/7/24
QB Hurries	2 (2x), last vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23
Blocked Kicks	1 (PAT) at Florida, 9/16/23

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	PD	High Tk
2020	10/0	7	3	10	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	2-3x
2021	13/6	11	10	21	1-5	3-14	0	0	3	4	4-2x
2022	13/13	11	15	22	2-15	2.5-16	1	1	4	4	5-UF
2023	12/11	19	16	35	1-3	4.5-15	0	0	3	1	5-UTSA
2024	8/6	8	5	13	1-7	3.5-12	0	0	2	2	4-NCST
Career	56/36	56	49	105	5-30	14.5-59	1	1	12	11	5-2x

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2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	0-0-0, 1 pd, 1 qbh
*vs. NC State	1-3-4, 1.5 tfl, 1 pd
*Kent State	0-0-0
at Oklahoma	1-0-1
at Arkansas	1-0-1, 1 qbh
*Florida	0-2-2, 1 tfl
*Alabama	2-0-2
*Kentucky	3-0-3, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh

2023 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
*vs. Virginia	2-1-3, 1.5 tfl
*Austin Peay	1-1-2, 1 tfl
*at Florida	0-0-0, 1 blk (PAT)
*UTSA	3-2-5
*South Carolina	1-2-3, 1 s, 1 tfl
*Texas A&M	1-1-2
*at Alabama	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 qbh
*at Kentucky	3-1-4
UConn	DNP
at Missouri	1-2-3
*Georgia	0-3-3
*Vanderbilt	3-1-4, 2 qbh
*vs. lowa	3-1-4, 1 pd

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Ball State	0-4-4, 1 pd
*at Pitt	3-1-4, 1 fr, 1 pd
*Akron	0-0-0
*Florida	3-2-5, 1 ff, 2 qbh, 1 pd
*at LSU	0-2-2, 0.5 tfl
*Alabama	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh
*UT Martin	0-0-0
*Kentucky	1-0-1, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh
*at Georgia	1-0-1
*Missouri	O-1-1
*at South Carolina	0-2-2, 1 pd
*at Vanderbilt	1-1-2
*vs. Clemson	1-1-2

2021 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
Bowling Green	0-0-0, 1 pd, 1 qbh
Pitt	0-1-1
Tennessee Tech	2-0-2
at Florida	0-1-1
*at Missouri	1-0-1
*South Carolina	1-0-1
Ole Miss	3-1-4, 1 s, 1 tfl, 1 pd, 1 saf
at Alabama	0-0-0
*at Kentucky	1-0-1
*Georgia	1-3-4, 1 tfl
*South Alabama	1-2-3, 1 tfl, 1 qbh, 1 pd
*Vanderbilt	1-0-1, 1 qbh, 1 pd
vs. Purdue	0-2-2

2020 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
at South Carolina	1-0-1
Missouri	1-1-2, 1 tfl
at Georgia	0-1-1
Kentucky	1-0-1
Alabama	0-0-0
at Arkansas	2-0-2

at Auburn	1-0-1	
Florida	0-0-0	
at Vanderbilt	1-1-2	
Texas A&M	0-0-0	

\* - denotes started



# DONT'E THORNTON JR.

WR • 6-5 • 214 • Sr. Baltimore, Md.

# **CAREER HONORS**

• 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# **CAREER**

- A speedy transfer wide receiver with dynamic athletic ability and big potential
- Originally signed with Oregon as a member of the Class of 2021, playing two seasons with the Ducks before enrolling at Tennessee in January 2023
- · Owns two seasons of remaining eligibility
- Can play on the outside or in the slot
- Played in 25 games in his two seasons at Oregon, totaling 26 catches for 541 yards and three TDs
- Played in 42 career games (25 at Oregon, 17 at UT) and made nine starts (5 at Oregon, 4 at UT)

### 2024

- Has been a big-play threat this season, ranking third in the SEC and tied for ninth in the FBS with five receptions of 40-plus yards
- Leads the Vols with 401 receiving yards and is averaging an impressive 23.6 yards per catch entering Week 11
- Hauled in a career-high five catches for 36 yards as UT defeated Kentucky (11/2)
- Caught three passes for 70 yards vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), including an explosive 55-yard reception in the third quarter to set up Tennessee's second touchdown of the game
- Made one reception for 11 yards vs. Florida (10/12)
- Had one catch for 42 yards at Arkansas (10/5)
- Caught two passes for 73 yards and a touchdown in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21). Tied his career-long with a 66-yard TD reception against the Sooners in the first quarter for the first TD of the game
- Hauled in two receptions for 64 yards with a long of 53 in the Vols' victory over Kent State (9/14)
- Recorded his first multi-touchdown performance in college in season opener vs. Chattanooga (8/31), hauling in three receptions for 105 yards and two touchdowns, including a 36-yard catch-and-run for his first score in Neyland Stadium

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in communication studies
- Selected to play in the 2021 All-American Bowl and the 2021 Polynesian Bowl
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# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	5 vs. Kentucky, 11/2/24
Receiving Yards	151 vs. Utah, 11/19/22*
Receiving TDs	2 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Long Reception	66 (2x), last vs. Oklahoma, 9/21/24
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# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
*2021	14/2	9	175	19.4	12.5	2	66-OU	90-OU
*2022	11/3	17	366	21.5	33.3	1	58-UTAH	151-UTAH
2023	9/3	13	224	17.2	24.9	1	47-UK	63-UK
2024	8/1	17	401	23.6	50.1	3	66-OU	105-UTC
at ORE	25/5	26	541	20.8	21.6	3	66-OU	151-UTAH
at UT	17/4	30	625	20.8	36.8	4	66-OU	105-UTC
Career	42/9	56	1166	20.8	29.2	7	66-OU	151-UTAH
*at Oregon	,							

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
Chattanooga	3-105-2, 59

vs. NC State	0-0-0
Kent State	2-64-0, 53
at Oklahoma	2-73-1, 66
*at Arkansas	1-42-0, 42
Florida	1-11-0, 11
Alabama	3-70-0, 55
Kentucky	5-36-0 9

2023 Орр.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
vs. Virginia	2-12-0, 7
Austin Peay	0-0-0
at Florida	3-53-0, 43
UTSA	2-24-0, 15
South Carolina	DNP - Injury
Texas A&M	0-0-0
at Alabama	0-0-0
*at Kentucky	3-63-0, 47
*UConn	2-26-0, 22
*at Missouri	1-46-1, 46
Georgia	DNP - Injury
Vanderbilt	DNP - Injury
vs. lowa	DNP - Injury

2022 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg (Other)
at Georgia	2-20-0, 10
Eastern Washington	4-60-0, 22
BYU	0-0-0
at Washington State	1-42-0, 42
Stanford	0-0-0 (1 rush, 9 yds)
at Arizona	DNP
UCLA	0-0-0
at Cal	1-7-0, 7
*at Colorado	2-17-0, 25
Washington	1-46-1, 46
*Utah	4-151-0, 58 (1 rush, -3 yds)
*at Oregon State	2-23-0, 16
vs. North Carolina	DNP

2021 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg
Fresno State	0-0-0
at Ohio State	0-0-0
Stony Brook	2-60-1, 54
Arizona	0-0-0
at Stanford	0-0-0
Cal	0-0-0
at UCLA	0-0-0
Colorado	0-0-0
at Washington	0-0-0
Washington State	0-0-0
*at Utah	2-16-0, 8
Oregon State	1-9-0, 9
vs. Utah	0-0-0
*vs. Oklahoma	4-90-1. 66

\* - denotes started

# JOSH TURBYVILLE

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# CAREER HONORS

• 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

# CAREER

- Strong-legged, homegrown specialist who is the primary kickoff specialist for the second straight year
- Connected on three PATs and one field goal during his college career
- Played in 22 career games and totaled 133 kickoffs for 8,366 yards (62.9 avg.)

# 2024

- Ranks seventh in the FBS and second in the SEC with 45 touchbacks
- Hit five kickoffs for 325 yards and three touchbacks vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Totaled five touchbacks on five kickoffs in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), with his kickoffs traveling 325 yards
- Kicked off four times for 260 yards with four touchbacks vs. Florida (10/12)
- Booted three kickoffs for 195 yards and three touchbacks at Arkansas (10/5)

- Kicked off six times for 390 yards with six touchbacks in road win at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Set career highs with 11 kickoffs for 678 yards and eight touchbacks against Kent State (9/14)
- Kicked off nine times for 579 yards with eight touchbacks vs. #24 NC State (9/7)
- Kicked off eight times for 520 yards and eight touchbacks against Chattanooga (8/31), while also converting on two PAT attempts

# **NOTABLE**

- Majoring in marketing
- Mother is a UT graduate
- Two of his toes are conjoined
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- >> Full profile on UTSports.com

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Field Goals Made	1 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
<b>Field Goals Attempted</b>	1 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Longest Field Goal	33 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Longest Attempt	33 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
PATs	2 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Points	4 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Kickoffs Attempted	11 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Kickoff Yards	678 vs. Kent State, 9/14/24
Touchbacks	8 (4x), last vs. Kent State, 9/14/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Kick	GP	FG	FGA	Pct.	PAT	Pts	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg
2022	1										
2023	13	1	1	100	1-1	4		1-1			33-CONN
2024	8	0	0		2-2	2					
Career	22	1	1	100	3-3	6		1-1			33-CONN

Kickoffs	GP	No	Yds	Avg	TB	ОВ
2022	1	1	65	65.0	1	0
2023	13	81	5029	62.1	58	6
2024	8	51	3272	64.2	45	1
Totals	22	133	8366	62.9	104	7

2024 Opp.	FGs, PATs, Pts
Chattanooga	0-0, 2-2, 2
vs. NC State	0-0, 0-0
Kent State	0-0, 0-0
at Oklahoma	0-0, 0-0
at Arkansas	0-0, 0-0
Florida	0-0, 0-0
Alabama	0-0, 0-0
Kentucky	0-0, 0-0

2024 Орр.	Kickoffs, YDs, AVG, TB
Chattanooga	8-520-65.0, 8 tb
vs. NC State	9-579-64.3, 8 tb
Kent State	11-678-61.6, 8 tb
at Oklahoma	6-390-65.0, 6 tb
at Arkansas	3-195-65.0, 3 tb
Florida	4-260-65.0, 4tb
Alabama	5-325-65.0, 5 tb
Kentucky	5-325-65.0, 3 tb

2023 Opp.	FGs, PATs, Pts
vs. Virginia	0-0, 0-0, 0
Austin Peay	0-0, 0-0, 0
at Florida	0-0, 0-0, 0
UTSA	0-0, 0-0, 0
South Carolina	0-0, 0-0, 0
Texas A&M	0-0, 0-0, 0
at Alabama	0-0, 0-0, 0
at Kentucky	0-0, 0-0, 0
UConn	1-1 (33M), 1-1, 4 pts
at Missouri	0-0, 0-0, 0
Georgia	0-0, 0-0, 0
Vanderbilt	0-0, 0-0, 0
vs. Iowa	0-0, 0-0, 0

2023 Opp.	Kickoffs, YDs, AVG, TB
vs. Virginia	8-489-61.1, 4 tb
Austin Peay	6-387-64.5, 5 tb
at Florida	4-260-65.0, 4 tb
UTSA	8-520-65.0, 8 tb
South Carolina	8-531-66.4, 6 tb
Texas A&M	5-325-65.0, 4 tb
at Alabama	5-260-52.0, 3 tb

at Kentucky	8-520-65.0, 7 tb
UConn	10-581-58.1, 5 tb
at Missouri	2-130-65.0, 2 tb
Georgia	2-123-61.5, 1 tb
Vanderbilt	9-556-61.8, 5 tb
vs. lowa	6-347-57.8, 4 tb

2022 Орр.	FGs, PATs, Pts
Ball State	DNP
Pittsburgh	DNP
Akron	DNP
Florida	DNP
LSU	DNP
Alabama	DNP
UT-Martin	0-0, 0-0, 0
Kentucky	DNP
Georgia	DNP
Missouri	DNP
South Carolina	DNP
Vanderbilt	DNP
Clemson	DNP

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DNP
1-65-65.0, 1 tb
DNP



# ANDRE TURRENTINE DB • 5-11 • 195 • R-Jr. Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Last name pronounced TUR-en-tine

# CAREER

- Highly-touted Nashville native and starting safety who returned to his home state after spending his true freshman campaign at Ohio State
- Became an important of the secondary in his second season at UT and was thrust into starting action during the final three games of 2023
- Shined in the 2024 Citrus Bowl win
- Enrolled at Tennessee in June 2022 after a solid spring at Ohio State
- Owns two seasons of eligibility remaining, including the 2024 campaign
   Signed with Ohio State after a standard properties.
- Signed with Ohio State after a standout prep career at Ensworth School
- Played in 36 career games (32 at UT, 4 at OSU) and has made 11 career starts (all at UT)

# 2024

- · Started all eight games at safety this year
- Had one interception, one PBU and one tackle in UT's 28-18 win over Kentucky (11/2)
- Made his 10th career start in victory vs. #7 Alabama (10/19), totaling four tackles
- Set a career-best with six tackles in win vs. Florida (10/12), including one half tackle for loss
- (10/12), including one half tackle for lossNotched four tackles on the road at Arkansas (10/5)
- Recorded five tackles with one PBU in road win over #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Had one PBU in Tennessee's shutout win over Kent State (9/14) as the defense held the Golden Flashes to just 112 yards of total offense
- Made his fifth start for the Vols in their 51-10 win over #24 NC State (9/7), registering one tackle
- Started at safety and made two total tackles in UT's season-opening victory over Chattanooga (8/31)

# NOTABLE

Majoring in communication studies

- Has three brothers, Antonio Jr., James and Alijah, and one sister, Katche
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 126

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles	6 vs. Florida, 10/12/24
Tackles for Loss	1.5 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Interceptions	1 (2x), last vs. Kentucky, (11/2/24)
Passes Defended	2 (2x), last vs. Kentucky, (11/2/24)
QB Hurries	1 vs. UTSA, 9/23/23

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	PD	Int	High Tk
2021*	4/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
2022	13/0	7	4	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4-2x
2023	11/3	13	5	18	0-0	2.5-3	0	0	2	1	4-3x
2024	8/8	12	11	23	0-0	0.5-1	0	0	4	1	6-UF
at OSU	4/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
at UT	32/11	32	20	52	0-0	3-4	0	0	6	2	6-UF
Career	36/11	32	20	52	0-0	3-4	0	0	6	2	6-UF

\* - at Ohio State

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# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Chattanooga	1-1-2
*vs. NC State	1-0-1
*Kent State	0-0-0, 1 pd
*at Oklahoma	3-2-5, 1 pd
*at Arkansas	2-2-4
*Florida	2-4-6, 0.5 tfl
*Alabama	2-2-4
*Kentuckv	1-0-1, 2 pd, 1 int

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	1-0-1
Austin Peay	0-0-0
at Florida	DNP
UTSA	3-1-4, 1 qbh
South Carolina	0-0-0
Texas A&M	DNP
at Alabama	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-0-0
UConn	1-3-4, 1.5 tfl
at Missouri	0-0-0
*Georgia	3-1-4, 1 tfl
*Vanderbilt	2-0-2
*vs. lowa	3-0-3, 1 int, 2 pd

U-A-T, Other
2-2-4
0-0-0
1-0-1
0-0-0
0-0-0
0-0-0
3-1-4
0-1-1
0-0-0
1-0-1
0-0-0
0-0-0
0-0-0

2021 Орр.	U-A-T, Other
at Minnesota	DNP
Oregon	DNP
Tulsa	DNP
Akron	0-0-0
at Rutgers	DNP
Maryland	0-0-0
at Indiana	DNP
Penn State	DNP
at Nebraska	DNP
Purdue	DNP
Michigan State	0-0-0
at Michigan	DNP
vs. Utah	0-0-0

\* - denotes started



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# **CAREER**

- Quick defensive lineman with a notable passrushing ability in his third season with the program
- Arrived at Tennessee in December 2021 after an elite prep career in Georgia
- Has registered 38 total tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss of 57 yards and six sacks for a loss of 42 yards
- Played in 32 career games with three starts

#### 2024

- Made his second consecutive start in UT's 24-17 win over #7 Alabama (10/19), notching two total tackles
- Played in his 30th game as a Vol making his first career start - against Florida (10/12), totaling a half tackle for loss in UT's overtime win
- Was strong for the Vols on the defensive line against #15 Oklahoma (9/21), totaling three tackles - one TFL - and a sack in the win
- Had another strong outing in win vs. #24 NC State (9/7), totaling three tackles with a half TFL
- Tallied two tackles for loss of 11 yards, one sack for a loss of eight yards and forced one fumble in UT's season-opening win vs. Chattanooga (8/31)

#### NOTARI F

- Majoring in communication studies
- Related to former NFL and current CFL player Larry Dean
- · Favorite movie is "Rush Hour"
- Favorite musical artist is Lil' Baby
- X: @Tyre\_west95 | IG: uno.ree
- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 131

# **CAREER HIGHS**

<u>Tackles</u>	6 vs. UTSA, 9/23/23
Tackles for Loss	2.0 (3x), last vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24
Sacks	1.5 vs. Iowa, 1/1/24
QB Hurries	1 (4x), last vs. Kentucky, 10/29/22
Forced Fumbles	1 vs. Chattanooga, 8/31/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Defense	GP/GS	UT	ΑT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	I PD	High Tk
2022	11/0	7	2	9	2-13	5-20	0	0	4	0	2-3x
2023	13/0	7	10	17	2-17	3-19	0	0	0	0	6-UTSA
2024	8/3	6	6	12	2-12	4-18	1	0	1	0	3-2x
Career	32/3	20	18	38	6-42	12-57	1	0	5	0	6-UTSA

2024 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Chattanooga	2-0-2, 2 tfl, 1 s, 1 ff
vs. NC State	1-2-3, 0.5 tfl
Kent State	0-1-1
at Oklahoma	3-0-3, 1 tfl, 1 s
at Arkansas	0-0-0
*Florida	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl
*Alabama	0-2-2
*Kentucky	0-0-0

2023 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. Virginia	0-1-1, 0.5 tfl
Austin Peay	2-0-2
at Florida	0-0-0
UTSA	1-5-6
South Carolina	0-0-0
Texas A&M	0-0-0
at Alabama	0-0-0
at Kentucky	0-0-0
UConn	0-0-0
at Missouri	1-1-2
Georgia	0-0-0
<u>Vanderbilt</u>	0-2-2, 1 tfl, 0.5 s
vs. lowa	3-1-4, 1.5 tfl, 1.5 s

2022 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Ball State	1-0-1, 1 qbh
at Pitt	DNP
Akron	2-0-2, 2 tfl, 1 abh

Florida	0-1-1
at LSU	1-0-1
Alabama	DNP
UT Martin	1-1-2, 1 tfl, 1 s, 1 qbh
Kentucky	0-0-0, 1 qbh
at Georgia	0-0-0
Missouri	0-0-0
at South Carolina	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	2-0-2, 2 tfl, 1 s
vs. Clemson	0-0-0

\* - denotes started



# SQUIRREL WHITE

WR • 5-10 • 167 • Jr. Birmingham, Ala.

# **CAREER HONORS**

- 2024 Biletnikoff Award Watch List
- 2024 Preseason All-SEC Third Team (Athlon, Coaches, Phil Steele)
- 2023 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll

#### CAREER

- Explosive playmaker who is one of the fastest wide receivers and return specialists in college football
- Burst onto the scene as a true freshman and got stronger as the season went on, culminating with an elite performance in the 2022 Orange Bowl
- Followed that up with a sophomore campaign in which he was one of the best slot receivers in the SEC
- In his third season with the program and has the experience to continue his growth
- Clocked at 23.4 MPH on the Catapult system
- Owns 11 catches of 30+ yards, 10 catches of 40+ yards, six catches of 50+ yards and three receptions of 60+ yards
- Produced five 100-yard receiving games
- Caught 119 passes for 1,525 yards and four touchdowns, averaging 12.8 yards per reception
- Played in 33 career games with 21 starts

# 2024

- Had two catches for 11 yards vs. Kentucky (11/2)
- Had his streak of 23 straight games with a reception come to an end in win vs. #7 Alabama (10/19)
- Started in his 20th career game and led the team with five catches for 71 yards vs. Florida (10/12)
- Made a season-high seven catches for 38 yards at Arkansas (10/5)
- Pulled down three catches for 13 yards and returned two punts for 12 yards at #15 Oklahoma (9/21)
- Caught one pass for 19 yards as the Vols rolled to a 71-0 victory over Kent State (9/14) and returned one punt for 22 yards
- Hauled in two receptions for 67 yards, including a 45-yard catch vs. #24 NC State (9/7) while notching carer highs in punt returns (3) and punt return yards (58), including a career-long 31-yard return
- Started and has two receptions for 22 yards in UT's season-opening win over Chattanooga (8/31). Also added a 20-yard punt return in the victory

# NOTABLE

- Majoring in communication studies
- Full name is Marquarius Malik "Squirrel" White
- Goes by his nickname "Squirrel"
- Nickname originated from his great grandmother who called him "Squirrel" when he was an infant
- A sprinter on his high school track and field team ,finishing second in the 100m and 200m at the AHSAA State Championship with times of 10.68 and 21.58, respectively
- Selected to Bruce Feldman's "Freaks List" by The Athletic in summer 2023
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- >> Full profile on Record Book Page 132

# **CAREER HIGHS**

Receptions	10 (2x), last vs. Vanderbilt, 11/25/23
Receiving Yards	122 vs. UT Martin, 10/22/22
Receiving Touchdo	wns 1 (4x), last vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Long Reception	83 vs. UConn, 11/4/23
Rushing Attempts	1 (3x), last at Oklahoma, 9/21/24
Rushing Yards	5 (2x), last vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23
Long Rush	5 (2x), last vs. South Carolina, 9/30/23
Punt Returns	3 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Punt Return Yards	58 vs. NC State, 9/7/24
Long Punt Return	31 vs. NC State, 9/7/24

# **CAREER STATS**

Receiving	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2022	12/2	30	481	16.0	40.1	2	64-2x	122-UTM
2023	13/13	67	803	12.0	61.8	2	83-CONN	111-ALA
2024	8/6	22	241	11.0	30.1	0	45-NCST	71-UF
Career	33/21	119	1525	12.8	46.2	4	83-CONN	122-UTM

Rushing	GP/GS	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2022	12/2	1	5	5.0	0.4	0	5-LSU	5-LSU
2023	13/13	2	13	6.5	1.0	0	8-UGA	8-UGA
2024	8/6	1	-7	-7.0	-0.9	0		
Career	33/21	4	11	2.8	0.3	0	8-UGA	8-UGA

Punt Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Per/G	TD	Long	High Yd
2022	2	43	21.5	3.6	0	23-AKR	23-AKR
2023	1	0	0.0	0.0	0		
2024	7	112	16.0	14.0	0	31-NCST	58-NCST
Career	10	155	15.5	4.8	0	31-NCST	58-NCST

# **GAME-BY-GAME**

2024 Opp.	Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	PR-Yds-TD, Lg
*Chattanooga	2-22-0, 11	1-20-0
vs. NC State	2-67-0, 45	3-58-0, 31
*Kent State	1-19-0, 19	1-22-0, 22
*at Oklahoma	3-13-0, 14	2-12-0, 8
*at Arkansas	7-38-0, 10	0-0-0
*Florida	5-71-0, 24	0-0-0
*Alabama	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kentucky	2-11-0, 6	0-0-0

Rec-Yds-TD, Lg	PR-Yds-TD, Lg
6-45-0, 16	0-0-0
4-30-0, 20	0-0-0
3-68-0, 41	0-0-0
4-29-0, 11	0-0-0
9-104-0, 50	1-5-0, 5
3-29-0, 17	0-0-0
10-111-1, 39	0-0-0
4-46-0, 25	0-0-0
2-94-1, 83	0-0-0
4-53-0, 23	0-0-0
5-45-0, 19	1-8-0, 8
10-110-0, 27	0-0-0
3-39-0, 18	1-0-0, 0
	6-45-0, 16 4-30-0, 20 3-68-0, 41 4-29-0, 11 9-104-0, 50 3-29-0, 17 10-111-1, 39 4-46-0, 25 2-94-1, 83 4-53-0, 23 5-45-0, 19 10-110-0, 27

2022 Opp.	Rec-Yas-ID, Lg	PR-Yas-ID, Lg
Ball State	3-25-0, 14	0-0-0
at Pitt	0-0-0	0-0-0
Akron	1-47-0, 47	1-23-0, 23
Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0
at LSU	1-1-0, 1	0-0-0
Alabama		DNP
UT Martin	5-122-1, 64	0-0-0
Kentucky	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	0-0-0
Missouri	2-64-0, 58	0-0-0
at South Carolina	5-96-0, 64	0-0-0
*at Vanderbilt	4-18-0, 9	1-20-0, 20
* vs. Clemson	9-108-1, 50	0-0-0

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# **2024 ROSTER**

<b>No.</b> 0	<b>Name</b> Ethan Davis	Pos. TE	CI. R-FR	Exp. RS	<b>Ht.</b> 6-5	<b>Wt.</b> 246	Hometown/High School/Previous School Atlanta, Ga./Collins Hill
)	William Wright	DB	R-FR R-SR	2L	6-0	198	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth
	Rickey Gibson III	DB	SO	1L	6-0	185	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	WR	SR	1L	6-5	214	Baltimore, Md./Mount Saint Joseph/Oregon
)	Andre Turrentine	DB	R-JR	2L	5-11	195	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth/Ohio State
	Jermod McCoy	DB	SO	TR	6-0	193	Whitehouse, Texas/Whitehouse/Oregon State
5	Squirrel White	WR	JR	2L	5-10	167	Birmingham, Ala./Clay-Chalkville
1	Jourdan Thomas	DB	JR	2L	6-2	205	Montgomery, Ala./Montgomery Catholic Prep
5	Christian Harrison Bru McCoy	DB WR	R-SO R-SR*	2L 2L	6-1 6-3	191 230	Atlanta, Ga./Woodward Academy Rolling Hills Estates, Calif./Mater Dei/Southern Ca
5	Jalen McMurray	DB	R-JR	TR	6-0	187	Upper Marlboro, Md./Gonzaga College HS/Temple
5	Dylan Sampson	RB	JR	2L	5-11	201	Baton Rouge, La./Dutchtown
7	Arion Carter	LB	SO	1L	6-1	234	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
}	Nico lamaleava	QB	R-FR	1L	6-6	215	Long Beach, Calif./Warren
3	Kalib Perry	LB	JR	2L	6-3	231	Georgetown, Ky./Great Crossing
)	Jakobe Thomas	DB	R-JR	TR	6-2	200	Tullahoma, Tenn./Tullahoma/MTSU
0	Mike Matthews	WR	FR	HS	6-1	197	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
0	Elijah Simmons	DL	R-SR*	4L	6-2	340	Memphis, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn (Nashville, Tenn.)
1 <u> </u>	Chas Nimrod Keenan Pili	WR LB	R-SO R-SR*	2L 1L	6-3 6-3	202 240	Bentonville, Ark./Bentonville Las Vegas, Nev./Timpview/BYU
2	Jake Merklinger	QB	FR	HS	6-3	215	Savannah, Ga./Calvary Day School
2	John Slaughter	DB	SO	1L	6-2	195	Clarksdale, Miss./Southaven
<u>-</u> 3	Gaston Moore	QB	R-SR	3L	6-2	212	Hilton Head, S.C./Hilton Head/UCF
3	Edwin Spillman	LB	FR	HS	6-1	234	Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Academy
4	Christian Charles	DB	R-JR	3L	6-1	200	Gainesville, Ga./Chestatee
4	Braylon Staley	WR	FR	HS	6-0	190	Aiken, S.C./Strom Thurmond
5	Ryan Damron	QB	R-FR	RS	6-0	205	Paris, Tenn./Henry County
5	Edrees Farooq	DB	FR	HS	6-0	200	Columbia, Md./Saint Frances Academy
7	Chris Brazzell II	WR	R-SO	TR	6-5	200	Midland, Texas/Midland Legacy/Tulane
8 8	DeSean Bishop Tyree Weathersby	RB DL	R-FR R-FR	RS RS	5-10 6-5	200 272	Knoxville, Tenn./Karns  Douglasville, Ga./New Manchester
3 <u> </u>	Joshua Josephs	DL	JR	2L	6-3	245	Kennesaw, Ga./North Cobb
9	Holden Staes	TE	JR	TR	6-4	248	Atlanta, Ga./Westminster School/Notre Dame
0	Bryson Eason	DL	R-SR	4L	6-3	310	Memphis, Tenn./Whitehaven
20	Khalifa Keith	RB	SO	1L	6-1	239	Birmingham, Ala./Parker
21	Navy Shuler	QB	R-SR	2L	6-0	203	Waynesville, N.C./Christ School/Appalachian Stat
21	Omari Thomas	DL	SR*	4L	6-4	325	Memphis, Tenn./Briarcrest Christian
2	Jeremiah Telander	LB	SO	1L	6-2	238	Gainesville, Ga./Gainesville
3	Boo Carter	DB	FR SO	HS 1L	5-11	195 222	Chattanooga, Tenn./Bradley Central
23 24	Cameron Seldon Hunter Barnes	RB RB	R-SO	SQ	6-2 6-0	196	Browns Store, Va./Northumberland Memphis, Tenn./Memphis School
24	Jordan Matthews	DB	R-FR	1L	6-2	182	Baton Rouge, La./Woodlawn
25	Kaleb Beasley	DB	FR	HS	6-1	200	Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Academy
26	Carson Whitehead	WR	R-SO	1L	5-10	178	Powell, Tenn./Powell
27	Peyton Lewis	RB	FR	HS	6-1	210	Salem, Va./Salem
27	James Pearce Jr.	DL	JR	2L	6-5	243	Charlotte, N.C./Chambers
8.	Marcus Goree Jr.	DB	FR	HS	6-1	185	Chattanooga, Tenn./Bradley Central
8	Patrick Wilk	RB	R-JR	3L	5-11	203	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
9	Jack-Henry Jakobik	WR	R-FR	RS	6-3	195	Brentwood, Tenn./Ravenwood
9	Jordan Ross Jamal Wallace	DL	FR	HS	6-5	245	Vestavia Hills, Ala./Vestavia Hills
0 0	Tommy Winton III	DL WR	JR R-SO	JC TR	6-3 5-10	317 196	Kansas City, Mo./Ruskin/Sierra College Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic/ETSU
31	Caleb Herring	DL	SO SO	1L	6-5	249	Newnan, Ga./Riverdale (Tenn.)
31	Jackson Locke	WR	R-JR	SQ	6-0	175	Granville, Ohio/Newark/Findlay
3	Ben Bolton	LB	R-SO	2L	6-3	233	Memphis, Tenn./Lausanne Collegiate School
35	Will Brooks	DB	R-SR	3L	6-1	206	Birmingham, Ala./Vestavia Hills
6	Nathan Roberts	WR	R-FR	RS	6-4	212	Morristown, Tenn./Morristown-Hamblen East
7	Montrell Bandy	DB	R-JR	SQ	6-3	194	Mount Juliet, Tenn./Mount Juliet
8	Andre Stewart	DB	R-SO	TR	6-0	185	Kennesaw, Ga./North Cobb/Towson
9	Malcolm Kinzer	WR	FR	HS	6-2	185	Parker, Colo./Ponderosa
9	Jalen Smith Colin Brazzell	LB	R-FR FR	1L HS	6-2 6-1	230 170	Grayson, Ga./Grayson Midland, Texas/Midland Legacy
.0	JT Carver	DB PK	R-JR	2L	5-11	213	Martin, Tenn./Westview
2	Braylon Harmon	WR	FR	HS	5-9	180	Sevierville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
12	Tyre West	DL	JR	2L	6-3	290	Tifton, Ga./Tifton County
13	Jackson Mathews	DB	FR	HS	6-0	190	Franklin, Tenn./Christ Presbyterian Academy
14	Steele Katina	DB	FR	HS	6-1	187	Thompson's Station, Tenn./Independence
4	Luke Shouse	TE	R-SR	1L	6-6	250	Nolensville, Tenn./Ravenwood/Ole Miss
6	Cody Duncan	LB	R-JR	1L	6-1	242	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic/Virginia Tech
7	Matthew Salansky	LS	R-SR*	4L	5-11	250	Morristown, Tenn./Morristown West
18	Bennett Brady	LS	R-SO	1L	6-1	211	Memphis, Tenn./Evangelical Christian
_	William Satterwhite	OL	FR	HS	6-3	300	Barberton, Ohio/Archbishop Hoban
50 50	Ryan Scott	LB	FR	HS	6-0	204	Knoxville, Tenn./West

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	Name	Pos
59	Tim Amet	DL
<u>71</u>	Max Anderson	OL
90	Dominic Bailey	DL
37	Montrell Bandy	DE
24	Hunter Barnes	RE
25	Kaleb Beasley	DE
89	Mike Bethea II	DL
18	DeSean Bishop	RE
33	Ben Bolton	LE
58	Marshall Box	LS
17 40	Chris Brazzell II	WF
35	Colin Brazzell Will Brooks	DE
35 88	Charlie Browder	DE Te
54	Jordan Burns	LE
64	Ayden Bussell	OL
74		OL
7	Arion Carter	LE
23	Boo Carter	DE
41	JT Carver	Pk
- <del></del> 14	Christian Charles	DE
15	Ryan Damron	QE
66		OL
0	Ethan Davis	TE
46	Cody Duncan	LE
65	Trevor Duncan	OL
20	Bryson Eason	DL
15	Edrees Farooq	DE
95	Carson Gentle	DL
	Rickey Gibson III	DE
90	Max Gilbert	Pk
78	Gage Ginther	OL
28	Marcus Goree Jr.	DE
73	Brian Grant	OL
58	Herb Gray	DL
42	Braylon Harmon	WF
5	Christian Harrison	DE
86	Cole Harrison	TE
60	Jeremias Heard	OL
53	Lance Heard	OL
87	Joshua Helsdon	DL
31	Caleb Herring	DL
69	Gus Hill	OL
53	Daevin Hobbs	DL
8	Nico lamaleava	QE
96	Isaiah Inge	DL
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	WF
97	Jayson Jenkins	DL
77	Larry Johnson III	OL
19	Joshua Josephs	DL
70	Andrej Karic	OL
44	Steele Katina	DE
20	Khalifa Keith	RE
<u>39</u>	Malcolm Kinzer	WF
<u>87</u>	Miles Kitselman	TE
<u>75</u>	Jackson Lampley	OI
<u>54</u>	Vysen Lang	OL W/E
<u>85</u>	Nathan Leacock	WF
27 56	Peyton Lewis	RE DI
<u>30</u> 31	Kellen Lindstrom Jackson Locke	WF
43	Jackson Mathews	DE
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# **2024 ROSTER**

No.	Name	Pos.	CI.	Exp.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
51	Jaxson Moi	DL	JR	TR	6-2	307	Oceanside, Calif./Cathedral Catholic/Stanford
52	Eli Purcell	LB	SR	TR	6-2	230	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut/Wofford
53	Lance Heard	OL	SO	TR	6-6	340	Bonita, La./Neville/LSU
53	Daevin Hobbs	DL	SO	1L	6-4	300	Concord, N.C./Jay M. Robinson
54	Jordan Burns	LB	FR	HS	6-1	220	Conyers, Ga./Pace Academy
54	Vysen Lang	OL	R-FR	RS	6-4	340	Pike Road, Ala./Pike Road
55	Omarr Norman-Lott	DL	SR	1L	6-3	315	North Highlands, Calif./Grant Union/Arizona State
56	Kellen Lindstrom	DL	FR	HS	6-5	240	Springfield, Mo./Glendale
57	Grier Short	LB	FR	HS	6-1	205	Franklin, Tenn./Ensworth
58	Marshall Box	LS	FR	HS	6-0	195	Jackson, Tenn./Univ. School of Jackson
58	Herb Gray	DL	FR	HS	6-3	270	Upper Marlboro, Md./C.H. Flowers
59	Tim Amet	DL	R-JR	SQ	6-4	354	Sevierville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
59	Masai Reddick	OL	R-SO	2L	6-5	350	Detroit, Mich./Cass Technical
60	Jeremias Heard	OL	FR	HS	6-8	320	Rome, Ga./Model
63	Cooper Mays	OL	SR*	4L	6-4	310	Kingston, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
64	Ayden Bussell	OL	R-FR	RS	6-5	300	Mount Juliet, Tenn./Mount Juliet
65	Trevor Duncan	OL	R-FR	1L	6-6	300	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
66	Dayne Davis	OL	R-SR*	3L	6-7	333	Bluff City, Tenn./Sullivan East
68	Bennett Warren	OL	FR	HS	6-7	342	Houston, Texas/Fort Bend Christian Academy
69	Gus Hill	OL	R-SO	SQ	6-4	301	Fayetteville, Tenn./Fayetteville
70	Andrej Karić	OL	SR	1L	6-6	314	Southlake, Texas/Southlake Carroll/Texas
71	Max Anderson	OL	FR	HS	6-5	311	Frisco, Texas/Reedy
72	Jesse Perry	OL	FR	HS	6-6	310	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Middle Tennessee Christian
73	Brian Grant	OL	R-SO	1L	6-7	337	Fort Walton Beach, Fla./Choctawhatchee
74	John Campbell Jr.	OL	R-SR*	1L	6-6	330	Orlando, Fla./Dr. Phillips/Miami
75	Jackson Lampley	OL	R-SR*	3L	6-4	325	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell Academy
76	Javontez Spraggins	OL	SR*	4L	6-3	330	East St. Louis, III./East St. Louis
77	Larry Johnson III	OL	R-SO	RS	6-7	350	Savannah, Ga./Alfred Ely Beach/Hutchinson (Kan.) CC
78	Gage Ginther	OL	FR	HS	6-5	310	Fort Collins, Colo./Fossil Ridge
79	Shamurad Umarov	OL	R-FR	1L	6-7	330	Alpharetta, Ga./Denmark
80	Nate Spillman	WR	R-FR	RS	6-2	200	Nashville, Tenn./Lipscomb Academy
82	Dayton Sneed	WR	R-FR	1L	6-0	196	Hermitage, Tenn./Donelson Christian Academy
83	Trey Weary	WR	R-SO	SQ	6-2	187	Houston, Texas/Manvel
84	Kaleb Webb	WR	R-SO	2L	6-3	204	Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern
85	Nathan Leacock	WR	R-FR	RS	6-3	217	Rolesville, N.C./Millbrook
86	Cole Harrison	TE	FR	HS	6-5	227	San Mateo, Calif./Junipero Serra
87	Joshua Helsdon	DL	R-SO	1L	6-4	290	Cleveland, Tenn./Bradley Central
87	Miles Kitselman	TE	SR	TR	6-5	256	Lyndon, Kan./Lyndon/Hutchinson (Kan.) CC/Alabama
88	Charlie Browder	TE	R-JR	2L	6-7	255	Kingsport, Tenn./Christ School/UCF
89	Mike Bethea II	DL	JR	TR	6-1	215	Maryville, Tenn./Maryville/Maryville College
89	Titus Rohrer	TE	R-SO	SQ	6-7	261	Bryan, Ohio/Bryan
90	Dominic Bailey	DL	R-SR	2L	6-3	292	Salisbury, Md./St. Frances Academy
90	Max Gilbert	PK	R-FR	1L	6-0	200	Memphis, Tenn./Lausanne Collegiate School
94	Nathan Robinson	DL	R-FR	RS	6-6	295	Greenbrier, Tenn./Greenbrier
94	Josh Turbyville	P/PK	R-SO	1L	6-2	209	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
95	Carson Gentle	DL	FR	HS	6-3	250	Chattanooga, Tenn./McCallie School
96	Isaiah Inge	DL	FR	HS	6-1	276	Fresno, Calif./Buchanan
97	Jayson Jenkins	DL	R-SO	1L	6-6	281	Bordentown, N.J./Notre Dame (N.J.)
98	Emmanuel Okoye	DL	R-FR	RS	6-5	243	Lagos, Nigeria/NFL (UK) Academy
98	Jackson Ross	Р	R-SO	1L	6-3	204	Melbourne, Australia/Haileybury College

<sup>\* -</sup> denotes "super" senior

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2	Andre Turrentine	TUR-en-tine
3	Jermod McCoy	JUR-mahd
7	Arion Carter	air-EE-on
8	Nico Iamaleava	ee-ah-MAH-LAY-ah-va
11	Chas Nimrod	CHAZZ
11	Keenan Pili	KEE-nan PEE-lee
12	Jake Merklinger	MURK-ling-ur
15	Edrees Farooq	EED-reez FUH-rook
17	Chris Brazzell II	BRAZ-ull
19	Holden Staes	STAYS
20	Khalifa Keith	kah-LEE-fah
22	Jeremiah Telander	TEE-lan-dur
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	juh-KO-bick
40	Colin Brazzell	BRAZ-ull
42	Tyre West	tie-REE
47	Matthew Salansky	SUH-lan-skee

51	Jaxson Moi	MOY (rhymes with boy)
53	Daevin Hobbs	DAY-vin
54	Vysen Lang	VIE-sun
59	Masai Reddick	MUH-sye
64	Ayden Bussell	A-din
70	Andrej Karić	awn-DRAY KAHR-ich
76	Javontez Spraggins	juh-VAWN-tez SPRA-gins
79	Shamurad Umarov	oo-MAH-rawf (goes by Sham)
87	Miles Kitselman	KITS-ull-man
89	Titus Rohrer	ROAR-ur
98	Emmanuel Okoye	oh-KOY-ay

# Coaches

Offensive Coordinator/QBs Joey Halzle	HALLS-lee
Tight Ends Alec Abeln	ABE-lin
Special Teams Coordinator/OLB Mike Ekeler	ECK-lur

ALPHABETICAL		
No.	Name	Pos.
24	Jordan Matthews	DB
10	Mike Matthews	WR
63	Cooper Mays	OL
5	Bru McCoy	WR
3	Jermod McCoy	DB
6	Jalen McMurray	DB
12	Jake Merklinger	QB
51	Jaxson Moi	DL
13	Gaston Moore	QB
<u>11</u>	Chas Nimrod	WR
55	Omarr Norman-Lott	DL
98		DL
27	James Pearce Jr.	DL
72	Jesse Perry	OL
8	Kalib Perry	LB
11	Keenan Pili	LB
52	Eli Purcell	LB
59		OL
36	Nathan Roberts	WR
	Nathan Robinson	DL
89	Titus Rohrer	TE
98	Jackson Ross	Р
29	Jordan Ross	DL
47	Matthew Salansky	LS
6	Dylan Sampson	RB
50	William Satterwhite	OL
50	Ryan Scott	LB
23	Cameron Seldon	RB
57	Grier Short	LB
44	Luke Shouse	TE
21	Navy Shuler	QB
10	Elijah Simmons	DL
12	John Slaughter	DB
39 82	Jalen Smith  Dayton Sneed	LB
13	Edwin Spillman	WR LB
80	Nate Spillman	WR
76	lavontoz Spraggins	OL
19	Javontez Spraggins Holden Staes	TE
14	Braylon Staley	WR
38	Andre Stewart	DB
22	Jeremiah Telander	LB
9	Jakobe Thomas	DB
4	Jourdan Thomas	DB
21	Omari Thomas	DL
	Dont'e Thornton Jr.	WR
94	Josh Turbyville	P/PK
2	Andre Turrentine	DB
79	Shamurad Umarov	OL
30	Jamal Wallace	DL
68	Bennett Warren	OL
83	Trey Weary	WR
18	Tyree Weathersby	DL
42	Tyre West	DL
3	Squirrel White	WR
26	Carson Whitehead	WR
28	Patrick Wilk	RB
30	Tommy Winton III	WR
0	William Wright	DB