



AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

2023 UNITED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1977, 2019, 2022, & 2023 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS | 2019 NCAA FCS PLAYOFF QUARTERFINALISTS

GAME 5 ■ UT MARTIN

1 PM ■ SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
FORTERA STADIUM
CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

SETTING THE MARKERS



AUSTIN PEAY GOVERNORS

2026 RECORD

3-1 ■ 1-0 UAC

NATIONAL POLLS

#14 Stats Perform FCS

#14 AFCA FCS

HEAD COACH

Jeff Faris

Duke (2011)

14-14 ■ 3rd season at APSU

14-14 ■ 3rd career season



UT MARTIN SKYHAWKS

2026 RECORD

1-3 ■ 0-0 OVC

NATIONAL POLLS

NR Stats Perform FCS

NR AFCA FCS

HEAD COACH

Jason Simpson

Southern Miss (1994)

131-101 ■ 21st season at UTM

131-101 ■ 21st career season

INSIDE THE SERIES

The Series: 70th meeting; Austin Peay trails 27-40-2

Last Meeting: UT Martin won, 17-16, Oct. 30, 2021 in Martin.

Notably: Austin Peay has won two of the last three meetings between the two former OVC foes at Fortera Stadium... This will be the first meeting between APSU and UT Martin as non-conference opponents since 2006... APSU is 212-244-9 all-time at home.

WHAT A GOVS WIN WOULD MEAN

Austin Peay wins its program-record ninth consecutive game at home... APSU defeats UT Martin for the first time since 2019... Head coach Jeff Faris brings his career winning percentage above .500 for the first time in his Austin Peay career... Secures back-to-back winning records in non-conference play for the Govs for the first time since 2018-19.

BROADCAST INFORMATION

WATCH: ESPN+ | Barry Gresham (PxP) & Ethan Schmidt (Analyst)

RADIO: Govs Sports Network | Brian Rives (PxP) & Kyle King (Analyst)
(ESPN Clarksville 104.1 FM/TuneIn App)

GOVS BY THE NUMBERS

2	Austin Peay held Gardner-Webb to a mere two rushing yards in the second half of its season-opening 35-17 win against the Runnin' Bulldogs.
9	On just nine touches against Morehead State, Kaden Williams and Denver Harper combined for 334 all-purpose yards and five touchdowns.
9	With a score on the ground and through the air against West Florida, Chris Parson now has nine games in his Austin Peay career with at least one rushing and one passing touchdown.
16	Parson's rushing score against West Florida was the 16th of his Austin Peay career, giving him sole possession of 10th all-time in rushing scores.

AT THE KICKOFF

DECADE OF THE GOVS

Now officially in the latter half of the 2020s, Austin Peay is three wins away from matching its 43 wins in the 1980s as the winningest decade in program history. The Governors are 40-31 in the 2020s and their .563 winning percentage is the best in a decade in program history, narrowly edging out the .551 (32-26-1) winning percentage in the 1940s. The Govs are 23-11 at home during the 2020s, and their .677 winning percentage is the second best in a decade in APSU history, trailing only the .714 (20-8) winning percentage at home in the 1940s.

DEFEND THE FORT

Austin Peay finished the 2025 regular season with a 6-0 record at home, posting the fourth undefeated season at home in program history. The Govs went 4-0 at home in 1940, 6-0 in 1949, and 5-0 in 1964. The Govs posted the second undefeated regular season in Fortera Stadium (renamed in 2016) history, joining the 2023 UAC Championship team that went 5-0 at The Fort in the regular season, before falling to Chattanooga at home in the first round of the FCS Playoffs. The Govs' six wins at home also matched the 1949 and 2019 OVC Championship teams for the most wins at home in a season in program history. After a win at The Fort against Morehead State, Austin Peay's eight-game winning streak at home equaled the longest home winning streak for the Govs in program history, joining the 1964-65 streak.

LEAP YEAR

Head coach Jeff Faris looks to keep the momentum from his second-year improvement at Austin Peay, which saw a three-win improvement from Year One (4-8) to Year Two (7-5) — tied for the fifth-largest leap by a second-year head coach in the FCS in 2025. Eight or more victories in 2026 would make Faris just the second head coach (out of 22) in the 90-year history of Austin Peay football to improve his win total in each of his first three seasons at the helm.

WE WILL

On May 6, 2025, Will Hardrick, a senior on the Austin Peay football team, tragically passed away. In addition to a helmet sticker with Hardrick's initials and jersey number, a different Governor will be chosen to wear No. 0 each week in honor of Hardrick. Each Monday of the season, head coach Jeff Faris will select the player who best exemplifies Hardrick's character and work ethic to wear the No. 0 in his honor that week.

WK	OPP	# PLAYER	WK	OPP	# PLAYER
0	GW	18 David Portu	6	TSU	
1	at VU	12 Kelton Crisp	7	at UWG	
2	MSU	19 Marvin Sims	8	at UNA	
3	at UWF	15 Denver Harper	10	EKU	
4	UTM	81 Malik Denkins	11	ACU	
5	NH		12	at UCA	

2026 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION/ATTEND.	TIME/RESULT
8/27	Gardner-Webb	Fortera Stadium/7,043	W, 35-17
9/5	at Vanderbilt	FirstBank Stadium/35,000	L, 9-28
9/12	Morehead State	Fortera Stadium/6,657	W, 63-7
9/19	at West Florida ◇	PenAir Field/5,712	W, 38-16
9/26	UT Martin	Fortera Stadium	1 p.m.
10/3	New Haven	Fortera Stadium	4 p.m.
10/10	Tarleton State ◇	Fortera Stadium	6 p.m.
10/17	at West Georgia ◇	University Stadium	1 p.m.
10/24	at North Alabama ◇	Bank Independent Stadium	6 p.m.
11/7	Eastern Kentucky ◇	Fortera Stadium	4 p.m.
11/14	Abilene Christian ◇	Fortera Stadium	1 p.m.
11/21	at Central Arkansas ◇	Estes Stadium	4 p.m.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

MEDIA INFORMATION



UNIVERSITY

Name of School..... Austin Peay State University
 Location Clarksville, TN 37040
 Founded 1927
 Enrollment 11,338
 President..... Dr. Michael Licari
 Alma Mater, Year Minnesota, 1993
 Director of Athletics..... Jordan Harmon
 Alma Mater, Year Austin Peay, 2017
 School Colors..... Red and White
 Nickname..... Governors
 Affiliations NCAA Division I
 United Athletic Conference
 ASUN Conference (WLA, BVB, MTN only)
 Ticket Office Phone 931/221-PEAY (7329)

HISTORY

First Year of Football 1930
 All-Time Record (89 seasons)..... 339-555-16
 Home..... 212-244-9
 Away 125-330-7
 Neutral 2-2
 Last NCAA FCS Playoff appearance 2023
 Result..... First Round (0-1)
lost to #18 Chattanooga, 21-24

TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record Last Year..... 7-5
 Home | Away | Neutral..... 6-0 | 1-5 | 0-0
 Conference Record (finish) 4-4/5th
 Home | Away 4-0 | 1-3
 Final ranking last year.....RV/RV
 Offensive starters returning/lost 7/4
 Defensive starters returning/lost..... 4/7
 Specialists returning/lost 1/2

GOVERNORS SPORTS NETWORK

Radio Station..... ESPN Clarksville (104.1 FM)
 Contact Person..... Ryan Plockelman
 Phone Number 931/648-7720
 Play-by-Play Announcer..... Brian Rives
 Analyst Van Stokes

SCAN FOR
GOVERNORS
MEDIA CENTRAL



AUSTIN PEAY ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS & PARKING: For games at Fortera Stadium, contact Colby Wilson at least 24 hours prior to the game to request a credential and parking pass.

INTERVIEWS: All interview requests should be submitted at least 24 hours in advance to the Austin Peay Athletics Communications Office.

- **HEAD COACH:** Head coach Jeff Faris will be available to the media each game week at 10:30 AM, Tuesday via Zoom. Contact Colby Wilson to be invited to Coach Faris' weekly Zoom call.
- **STUDENT-ATHLETES:** All interviews with student-athletes will be scheduled to occur before or after practice to accommodate student-athletes' academic schedules. No interviews will be granted on the day of a game. Student-athletes should not be contacted directly by the media.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS: Head coach Jeff Faris and requested student-athletes will be available via a Zoom postgame press conference following a cooling-off period. Media members should request student-athletes by contacting Colby Wilson via e-mail prior to the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

ON THE WEB: The 2026 Factbook, weekly game notes, statistics, and schedules may be found on the world wide web at www.LetsGoPeay.com, Austin Peay State University's official athletics website. It may be accessed by using the QR code on this page of this notes package or by visiting LetsGoPeay.com/FBMedia.

POSTGAME: Following each game, home and away, Austin Peay's athletics communications staff will provide notes from the game and quotes from the postgame press conference through its media portal above.

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UNITED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS

SOCIAL MEDIA: Get breaking news about the United Athletic Conference by following the league on social media. Follow the UAC on Twitter and Instagram at @uacfootball and or visit the league's website at www.uacfootball.com

WEEKLY NOTES: The UAC will release its Players of the Week each Monday afternoon throughout the season. Statistics are updated after each gameday on the UAC website.

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REVIEWING THE SKYHAWKS

PRESEASON OUTLOOK

The overwhelming preseason Ohio Valley Conference favorites, UT Martin received six first-place votes in the preseason poll (Southeast Missouri and Lindenwood each received one). This despite the Skyhawks losing 10 of 11 first- or second team All-OVC performers from 2025, returning only long-snapper Hayden King.

OFFENSIVE OPTIONS

With redshirt freshman Tate Surber under center, the Skyhawks are leaning heavily on a two-headed monster in the running game. The duo of Tommy Ansley and Chris Franklin combined for just over 1,000 yards out of the backfield a year ago and are already over 400 as a dual threat this season. The Skyhawks have failed to break 200 yards passing in three of four games this season, although the one contest they did find success through the air, Surber spread the ball out to Anthony Carter, Connie Hewitt II and Mekhia Sherrard, each of whom had three catches against Chicago State.

DEFENSIVE DEFINITION

The Skyhawk defense has been opportunistic, as one of just eight FCS programs with multiple defensive scores this season – a Trey Cotton pick-six against Central Arkansas and a John Betts III fumble recovery for score two weeks ago at West Virginia. Cotton, a sophomore out of Louisville, is the engine of the UT Martin defense, also leading the Skyhawks in tackles (32) and tackles for loss (2.5).

PLAYER TO WATCH

Surber, a redshirt freshman from McKenzie who was the Class 1A Mr. Football as a senior, has acquitted himself nicely through three games against Chicago State, West Virginia and Memphis, completing 65 percent of his passes for 536 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions. However, he has only been sacked three times in three games and will face an Austin Peay pass rush which has posted multiple sacks in three of its four games in 2026, including a season-high four last week at West Florida.

LOOKING BACK



In Austin Peay's last matchup with UT Martin, **Isaiah Norman (#8)** 🏈 and Koby Perry each recorded pick-sixes but the Govs mustered less than 200 yards total offense in a 17-16 road loss to 12th-ranked UT Martin. The Skyhawks scored 17 unanswered second-half points, ending in a five-yard touchdown pass with under a minute to go in the fourth quarter.

STATS COMPARISON

Category	APSU	UTM
Record	3-1	1-3
Conference	1-0	0-0
Total Offense	434.5	348.5
Rushing Offense	212.0	159.8
Passing Offense	222.5	188.8
Passing Efficiency	173.53	116.98
Scoring Offense	36.3	23.5
Total Defense	314.5	439.8
Rushing Defense	112.8	220.3
Passing Yards Allowed	201.7	219.5
Passing Efficiency Defense	112.16	173.23
Scoring Defense	17.0	35.0
Turnover Margin	0.75	-0.75
3rd Down Conv. Pct	.356	.449
4th Down Conv. Pct	.545	.556
3rd Down Conv. Pct Defense	.351	.564
4th Down Conv. Pct Defense	.462	.571
Red Zone Offense	.733	.714
Red Zone Defense	.909	.875
Net Punting	35.00	36.92
Punt Returns	15.50	1.00
Kickoff Returns	16.40	22.00
Penalties Per Game	4.50	7.25
Penalty Yards Per Game	37.50	58.75
Time of Possession	29:23	30:38
Team Sacks	2.00	0.75
Team Tackles for Loss	7.50	4.00
Sacks Allowed	2.75	0.75
Tackles for Loss Allowed	7.25	4.25
Turnovers Gained	5	3
Passes Intercepted	3	2
Fumbles Recovered	2	1

Boldface indicates league leader, blue indicates NCAA subdivision leader.

LAST MEETING, NOTABLY

- For the first time since 2021, Austin Peay will square off against its longtime Ohio Valley Conference opponent, although this will be the first meeting between the two as non-conference opponents since 2006.
- The Govs had one of the most productive defensive days in the history of the program against the Skyhawks in 2021, with pick-sixes by Koby Perry (75 yards) and Isaiah Norman (8 yards), one of just two games in APSU history with multiple defensive scores.
- In a rarity during the Scotty Walden Era, the offense never managed to get on track, picking up less than 200 yards total offense and only mustering two plays for longer than 20 yards.
- The Govs held the Skyhawks scoreless for the entire first half before the UT Martin rushing attack picked up the pace, gaining 142 of the Skyhawks' 167 rushing yards in the final 30 minutes of play.

AGAINST THE SKYHAWKS

- Saturday is Austin Peay's 70th all-time meeting with their former OVC brethren, and just the fifth time in the last 30 years they've met as non-conference opponents. The last five matchups against the Skyhawks:

YEAR	DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
2017	S30	UT Martin •	W 7-0
2018	S22	at UT Martin •	L 7-37
2019	N09	UT Martin •	W 38-24
2020	M21	UT Martin •	L 34-37
2021	O30	at UT Martin •	L 16-17

• - Ohio Valley Conference game

ON THIS DATE
SEPTEMBER 26

- Saturday's contest will be the 12th in program history on Sept. 26; the Govs enter play 3-8 all-time on this date.
- APSU's last game on September 26 was a visit to Eastern Kentucky in 2015; the Govs fell 51-13 to the 18th-ranked Colonels, with Kendall Morris rushing 15 times for 75 yards and a score.
- In 2009, Ryan White would rush 14 times for 73 yards against Eastern Illinois on his way to the seventh-highest rushing total in a single season (1,081 yards) in program history.
- The 1992 contest against Southeast Missouri featured quarterback David Stooksbury making his debut in a 21-16 win; the sophomore ran the ball 13 times for 114 yards in Austin Peay's old-school triple-option days. That contest also featured a 25-yard interception return for a score by Darius Willis, the second of two pick-sixes in his Governor career.
- In his own 1,000-yard season in 1981, Floyd Jones ran the ball nine times for 63 yards in the Sept. 26 contest against Western Kentucky.
- Austin Peay enters Saturday seeking its first win on September 26 since that 1992 game against SEMO; the Govs have dropped three straight on this date, all against ranked opponents (No. 24 Western Kentucky in 1998; No. 24 Eastern Illinois in 2009; No. 18 Eastern Kentucky in 2015).

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GOVS OFFENSIVE TWO-DEEP

QB		#3 CHRIS PARSON 5-11, 210, R-JR, BRENTWOOD, TN WALTER PAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST	 Preseason UAC OPOY Stats (3rd) and FCS Football Central (2nd) Preseason AA 5th in FCS in yds per comp (16.31) & 21st in pass eff. (157.6) 14 rush TDs set APSU single-season record for a QB	CAREER HIGHS CMP 24 at Abilene Christian, 2025 YDS 346 vs. West Georgia, 2025 TDs 4 at Tarleton State, 2025
		#9 MATTHEW WILSON 6-0, 215, R-SO, ROCK HILL, SC	5 carries for 103 yds against Morehead State (9/12) Spent 2 seasons at Appalachian State (2024-25) Made Mountaineer debut at GSU, rushing for 110 yds + 1 TD	CMP 12 at Georgia Southern, 2025* YDS 128 at Georgia Southern, 2025* TDs
RB		#11 COURTLAND SIMMONS 5-11, 206, R-JR, MADISON, TN -or-	Career-high 17 carries at West Florida (9/19) 4th on APSU w/ 629 all-purpose yds (317 rush. & 312 rec.) First 300-yd rusher and receiver since 2019 6 carries for 81 yds w/ career-long 62-yd rush vs. UNA (10/25)	CAR 17 at West Florida, 2026 YDS 81 vs. North Alabama, 2025 TDs 2 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026
		#6 KADEN WILLIAMS 5-7, 181, R-JR, THIBODAUX, LA	2 carries for career-high 120 yds and 2 TD vs. MOR (9/12) 53 carries for 216 yds, 2 TD, & 4.1 yds per carry in '25 7 carries for 31 yds & 2nd-straight week w/ TD vs. SAM (11/15)	CAR 10 vs. Central Arkansas, 2025 YDS 120 vs. Morehead State, 2026 TDs 2 vs. Morehead State, 2026
WR		#8 JADEN ROBINSON 6-1, 205, JR, SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL 	2 catches for 108 yds and a score at West Florida (9/19) APSU's leading returning receiver in receptions, yards and TD t-5th in UAC in TDs (6) and 10th in receiving yds (579) in '25 Career-high 8 receptions & 145 yds vs. ECU (10/11/25)	REC 8 at Eastern Kentucky, 2025 YDS 145 at Eastern Kentucky, 2025 TDs 2 vs. West Georgia, 2025
		#81 ISAAC KAREEM-MAMAN 5-10, 177, FR, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA.	First career reception for 27 yds vs. Morehead State (9/12) 94 catches, 1,640 yards, 20 TD during prep career 2025 Class 6A (GA) All-Region 8	REC 1 vs. Morehead State, 2026 YDS 27 vs. Morehead State, 2026 TDs
WR		#15 DENVER HARPER 5-8, 161, R-FR, FORT MITCHELL, AL	3 catches, 124 yds and 2 TD vs. Morehead State (9/12) Hauled in 24-yard TD reception at Vanderbilt (9/5) 3 catches for 108 yds + 1 TD in first start vs. GWU (8/27) An engineering technology major	REC 3 vs. Morehead State, 2026 YDS 124 vs. Morehead State, 2026 TDs 2 vs. Morehead State, 2026
		#7 NATE GARNETT JR. 5-8, 167, SR, AUBURNDALE, FL	4th on APSU w/ 21 rec., 336 rec. yds, & 2 TD catches in '25 7 rushes for 56 yds & 8.0 yds per carry 2 catches for 80 yds & season-long 70-yd TD vs. SAM (11/15)	REC 9 at Dayton, 2024* YDS 212 at Dayton, 2024* TDs 1 vs. Samford, 2025
WR		#19 MARVIN SIMS 5-11, 180, R-SR, MIAMI, FL	Team-high 6 catches for 55 yds at Vanderbilt (9/5) 3 catches for 73 yds in APSU debut against GWU (8/27) Made 23 appearances across 3 seasons at WKU Spent 2022 at Alderson-Broadus w/ 33 catches for 777 yds	REC 7 at Charleston (W. Va.), 2022* YDS 139 vs. W. Va. Wesleyan, 2022* TDs 1 vs. North Alabama, 2025*
		#82 XZAVIER WEBBER 5-9, 180, FR, WEST POINT, MS	Made first career reception vs. Morehead State (9/12) Totaled 5,000 AP yards and 3,000 rec. yards in HS Three-star prospect via 247Sports	REC 1 vs. Morehead State, 2026 YDS 5 vs. Morehead State, 2026 TDs
TE		#13 JACKSON HEAD 6-1, 231, SR, WOODSTOCK, GA 	4th on APSU w/ 22 receptions, 6th w/ 303 receiving yds in '25 Tied for 4th on APSU w/ 2 TD catches in '25 5 catches for 72 yds w/ 31 YAC vs. UNA (10/25) 132 yds & TD at ACU (9/20) – most yds by TE in APSU history	REC 7 at Abilene Christian, 2025 YDS 132 at Abilene Christian, 2025 TDs 1 at Abilene Christian, 2025
		#89 BEN MARSHALL 6-4, 239, R-JR, MURFREESBORO, TN	Caught first career pass in APSU debut vs. GWU (8/27) Made 15 appearances at Cal, including 13 in 2024 Registered 6 special-teams tackles for the Bears	REC 1 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 YDS 10 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 TDs
LT		#72 JOSHUA SALES JR 6-5, 300, GR, SOUTH BEND, IN Presason 1st-team All-American via Stats and FCS Central No. 86 on Bruce Feldman's Freaks List (The Athletic) 		#74 SAIDOU BA 6-4, 305, GR, MEMPHIS, TN Started 9 games w/ 4 at RT & 5 at LG in 2025 -or- JOSHUA MILLER 6-4, 313, R-JR, RICHMOND, VA Saw action at C, LG and LT in 2 seasons at Syracuse
		#69 SOLOMON ORTIZ 6-3, 298, R-SR, PHOENIXVILLE, PA Spent last four seasons at California (Penn.) 		
LG		#58 BENJAMIN HICKS 6-3, 311, R-JR, MOORESVILLE, NC Moved to LG starting role prior to MSU (9/13) -or-		#56 JEFF BURTON 6-3, 300, R-SR, DETROIT, MI Played 6 games for Georgia State in 2025 Spent 2024 campaign at Kent State
		#77 ZAK BOWDEN 6-3, 272, GR, CHICAGO, IL Played 7 games w/ 5 starts at LG in APSU career 		
C		#62 STRATTON SMITH 6-1, 289, GR, OXFORD, MS Made 6 appearances in 2025 -or-		#71 KYLER GIBSON 6-5, 301, R-SR, MUNFORD, AL Played 25 games across 4 seasons at Troy
		#58 BENJAMIN HICKS 6-3, 311, R-JR, MOORESVILLE, NC All-CIAA 1st-teamer in 2025 at Fayetteville State 		

* - Career-high at previous four-year institution.
Career highs only show the most recent occurrence.



- United Athletic Conference logo indicates
Preseason All-Conference selection.



- Austin Peay Graduate Patch indicates student-athletes who have
earned degrees from APSU or other four-year institutions.

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GOVS DEFENSIVE TWO-DEEP

DE		#81 MALIK DENKINS 6-1, 239, GR, CINCINNATI, OHIO -or- 	4.5 TFL at West Florida (9/19), most by a Gov since 2022 UAC DPOW and TSWA DPOW after the UWF game 5 tackles, 1.5 TFL at Vandy (9/5) Played 14 games across 4 seasons at CMU	TKL 8 at West Florida, 2026 TFL 4.5 at West Florida, 2026 SKS 1.0 at West Florida, 2026
		#11 DEMORIS JENKINS 6-3, 257, R-JR, HUNTERVILLE, NC	1.5 sacks + a forced fumble at West Florida (9/19) Shared a sack, PBU and registered 3 QBH vs. MOR (9/12) Equalled career-high with 3 tackles at Vanderbilt (9/5)	TKL 3 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL 1.5 at West Florida, 2026 SKS 1.5 at West Florida, 2026
NT		#51 ANTORI HAMILTON 5-10, 298, JR, KNOXVILLE, TN	Pair of TFL vs. Morehead State (9/12) 10th on APSU, 2nd on Govs' D-Line w/ 31 tackles in '25 4.0 TFLs, 1.5 sacks, & 1 PBU Career-best 6 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1.0 sack, & FF vs. SAM (11/15)	TKL 6 vs. Samford, 2025 TFL 1.5 vs. Samford, 2025 SKS 1.0 vs. Samford, 2025
		#8 CHRIS BROWN 5-11, 283, R-SR, MCDONOUGH, GA	Made 3 appearances in 2025 Assisted TFL at UGA (9/6/25) Solo stop in opener at MTSU (8/30/25)	TKL 6 vs. Southern Arkansas, 2024* TFL 1.5 at South. Nazarene, 2024* SKS 1.5 at South. Nazarene, 2024*
DT		#45 AL SANDIFER 6-0, 273, GR, GREENWOOD, MS -or- 	Career-best 1.5 TFL vs. Morehead State (9/12) Equalled career-high w/4 tackles at Vanderbilt (9/5) Played 11 games in 1st season as a Gov Pursuing his MBA	TKL 4 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL 1.5 vs. Morehead State, 2026 SKS
		#47 MASON FLEMING 6-2, 282, R-SO, HOUSTON, TEXAS	Made 6 appearances across 2 seasons at Tulsa (2024-25) 2-time all-district at Manvel HS Consensus 3-star prospect out of HS	TKL 1 at Oklahoma State, 2024* TFL 0.5 at Oklahoma State, 2024* SKS
DE		#12 KELTON CRISP 6-1, 233, SO, GALLATIN, TN	Career-best 5 tackles at Vanderbilt (9/5) Austin Peay debut featured 1.5 sacks vs. Gardner-Webb (8/27) Made 12 appearances as a freshman at Samford Notched a TFL against the Govs (11/15/25)	TKL 5 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL 1.5 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 SKS 1.5 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026
		#33 JOSH LLOYD 6-1, 239, R-SO, POMPANO BEACH, FL	One tackle + one QBH vs. Morehead State (9/12) Secured a tackle in APSU debut vs. Gardner-Webb (8/27) Made 7 appearances across 2 seasons at Western Michigan	TKL 1 vs. Morehead State, 2026 TFL SKS
ML		#34 ELI JONES 6-1, 245, GR, KNOXVILLE, TN 	Made APSU debut w/ 7 tackles (1.5 TFL) vs. GWU (8/27) Spent 4 seasons at WKU Father and brother played football at Brown Prepped at Knox Catholic program that produced HC Jeff Faris	TKL 7 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL 1.5 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 SKS 0.5 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026
		#39 JASON GRIER, JR. 6-1, 224, R-FR, CARTERSVILLE, GA	Notched first career tackle at Vanderbilt (9/5) Played 4 games in 2025 for the Govs Pursuing degree in communications media	TKL 1 at West Florida, 2026 TFL SKS
WL		#29 CANAAN WILLIAMS 6-0, 218, GR, WALDORF, MD. 	Tied for team-high w/10 tackles (4 solo) vs. GWU (8/27) 2-year letterman at Kent State Preseason Phil Steele All-MAC in 2025 Also spent two seasons at Bowling Green State (2022-23)	TKL 10 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 TFL 0.5 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 SKS 0.5 at Akron, 2025*
		#23 KEITH CHARNEY 6-1, 228, R-SR, WINDBER, PA.	7 career interceptions, 10 PBU and 2 Def. TDs in 3 seasons 160 career tackles at California (Penn.) 2023 PSAC West Freshman of the Year	TKL 12 vs. Frostburg State, 2025* TFL 1.5 at Indiana (Pa.), 2025* SKS 1.0 vs. Charleston, 2025*
NB		#3 MARKELL REDDING 5-11, 185, R-JR, PENSACOLA, FL	Produced first career INT in hometown return vs. UWF (9/19) Career-best 8 tackles at Vanderbilt (9/5) Tied for 3rd among APSU DBs w/ 2.0 TFLs in 2025 Spent first 2 collegiate seasons at Kennesaw State	TKL 8 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL 1.0 vs. North Alabama, 2025 INT 1 at West Florida, 2026
		#36 CALEB KING 5-11, 185, GR, SELMA, TX 	Made first tackle as a Gov vs. Morehead State (9/12) Spent 4 seasons (2022-25) at Houston Christian Career-high 30 tackles (13 solo) in 2025	TKL 6 at SMU, 2024* TFL INT 1 vs. Arkansas Baptist, 2025*
CB		#15 TYWAN ROYAL 6-0, 178, SR, NORCROSS, GA -or- 	Forced fumble and made three tackles vs. MOR (9/12) Broke up a pass in APSU debut vs. Gardner-Webb (8/27) Played 18 games across 2 seasons at ETSU Totalled 28 tackles and 2 PBU	TKL 5 at VMI, 2024* TFL INT
		#28 JAHVI JARMON 5-11, 171, R-FR, CINCINNATI, OHIO	Registered first career tackle vs. Morehead State (9/12) Redshirted at Bowling Green State in 2025 Brother Eric Phillips played football at Cincinnati	TKL 1 at West Florida, 2026 TFL INT
SS		#26 TA'RON HAILE 6-1, 183, R-SO, MILLVILLE, NJ	Led team w/career-best 10 tackles at Vanderbilt (9/5) Made an INT in APSU debut vs. Gardner-Webb (8/27) 14 appearances at Syracuse w/1 start #7 player in IL, #19 S in the country by On3 (c/o '24)	TKL 10 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL 0.5 vs. Morehead State, 2026 INT 1 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026
		#4 CALEB MERRITT 6-0, 188, GR, ST. LOUIS, MO	Career-high four tackles on b'day appearance at Vandy (9/5) Two tackles in Austin Peay debut vs. Gardner-Webb (8/27) Made 31 appearances over 4 years at Wyoming	TKL 4 at Vanderbilt, 2026 TFL INT
FS		#22 TREVOR HARDY 6-1, 188, R-SR, ALABASTER, AL	Recovered a fumble and broke up a pass at UWF (9/19) Team-high 10 tackles in opener vs. Gardner-Webb (8/27) Leading returning tackler for the Gov 2nd on APSU, 5th in UAC w/ 6 PBUs in '25	TKL 10 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 TFL 1.0 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 INT
		#41 KAHLIL TATE 6-0, 192, R-JR, CHICAGO, IL	18 tackles in first APSU season w/ 7 solo stops Spent 1st 2 collegiate seasons at Iowa (2023-24) #10 player in IL, #41 S in the country by 247Sports (c/o '23)	TKL 11 at Southern Utah, 2025 TFL 1.0 vs. Samford, 2025 INT
CB		#9 QUAN PETERSON 6-0, 186, R-SR, ROCK HILL, SC -or- 	Made 2 PBU in opener against Gardner-Webb (8/27) Made 45 tackles at Newberry College in 2025 Made 3 appearances at Coastal Carolina in 2024 Began career w/ 10 games across 2 seasons at Syracuse	TKL 6 at Anderson (SC), 2025* TFL 1.0 at Ferris State, 2025* INT
		#6 DEANDRE CREARY 5-10, 171, R-SR, MARIETTA, GA	Five tackles, 1.0 TFL and a forced fumble at UWF (9/19) Five tackles at Vanderbilt (9/5) Started final 3 contests of 2025	TKL 7 vs. Benedict, 2023* TFL 1.0 at West Florida, 2026 INT 1 vs. Albany State, 2024*

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GOVS SPECIAL TEAMS TWO-DEEP

PK		#93 NICK GUAGLIANO 6-0, 205, R-JR, GREAT FALLS, VA -or- #12 HAMILTON DIBOYAN 5-11, 177, R-JR, ALPHARETTA, GA	Made 5 PAT in '26 opener against Gardner-Webb (8/27) Joined Govs for 2025 season Spent first two seasons at Robert Morris (2023-24) Father was a 2-time All-American rugby player at Ohio State	CAREER HIGHS PAT 5 vs. Gardner-Webb, 2026 FGM LONG
			5-for-5 PAT + 37-yd FG at West Florida (9/19) Crushed a 51-yd FG at Vanderbilt (9/5) Spent 3 seasons at South Alabama (2023-25) before APSU	PAT 8 vs. Morehead State, 2026 FGM 2 vs. Coastal Carolina, 2025* LONG 51 at Vanderbilt, 2026
P		#49 LOGAN LEFTRICK 5-11, 213, SR, SPRINGFIELD, TN	4 of 5 punts for 50+, 2 In20 at Vanderbilt (9/5) 5 punts for 45.2-yd avg & 3 In20 at TSU (11/22) 3 punts for 49.3-yd avg, 1 In20, & 64-yd long vs. SAM (11/15) 98 punts for 39.4-yd avg, 33 In20, & 8 50+ at SEMO (2023-24)	ATT 8 at Lindenwood, 2024* AVG 49.3 vs. Samford, 2025 LONG 64 vs. Samford, 2025
		#44 ROMAN MATHIS 6-3, 185, R-FR, JOELTON, TN	28 punts for 39.1-yd avg. w/ 8 In20 & 2 50+ yd punts 4 punts for 38.2-yd avg. w/ career-best 3 In20 vs. ECU (10/11) 2024 GMAC Freshman of the Year & 2nd Team All-GMAC	ATT 5 at Charleston Southern, 2025* AVG 44.6 at Charleston Southern, 2025* LONG 48 at Charleston Southern, 2025*
KO		#12 HAMILTON DIBOYAN 5-11, 177, R-JR, ALPHARETTA, GA	5 KO vs. Gardner-Webb in '26 opener (8/27) Successful OS kick against the Runnin' Bulldogs 72 kickoffs for 62.1-yd avg. & 20 TBs in 2025 Recorded a tackle vs. Auburn (9/13/25)	ATT 8 vs. Morehead State, 2026 AVG 64.9 vs. Southern Miss, 2025* TB 6 vs. Southern Miss, 2025*
		#93 NICK GUAGLIANO 6-1, 205, R-SO, GREAT FALLS, VA		ATT YDS TB
KR		#6 KADEN WILLIAMS 5-7, 181, R-JR, THIBODAUX, LA	2 returns for 33 yards against GWU (8/27) 5 career KR attempts prior to this season, all in '24 35-yd return against Chattanooga (11/23/24) 843 KR return yds during prep career at St. James HS	ATT 3 vs. Chattanooga, 2024 YDS 57 vs. Chattanooga, 2024 LONG 35 vs. Chattanooga, 2024
		#10 ISAIAH GROVES 5-11, 198, R-FR, CROSS PLAINS, TN	Played 4 games as a freshman in 2025 Made APSU debut against MSU (9/13) 2023 Class 2A Tennessee Mr. Football	ATT YDS LONG
PR		#15 DENVER HARPER 5-8, 161, R-FR, FORT MITCHELL, AL	Took a punt 67 yds for a touchdown vs. Morehead State (9/12) 16-yd return at Vanderbilt (9/5) 28.1 ypr avg as a HS senior One PR TD in final prep season	ATT 2 at West Florida, 2026 YDS 64 vs. Morehead State, 2026 LONG 67 vs. Morehead State, 2026
		#6 KADEN WILLIAMS 5-7, 181, R-JR, THIBODAUX, LA		ATT YDS LONG
LS		#59 KIMANI MUGO 6-0, 212, R-JR, SPOKANE, WA Played at Lincoln ('23) and Grambling ('24) before APSU		#44 ROMAN MATHIS 6-3, 185, R-FR, JOELTON, TN
		#52 IKER SARABIA 6-1, 198, SO, LONG BEACH, CA	H 	#49 LOGAN LEFTRICK 5-11, 213, SR, SPRINGFIELD, TN

WHAT THE GOVS ARE WEARING

RECORD BY UNIFORM COMBO

Helmet/Jersey/Pants	2026	Faris Era	Streak	Last
Red/Red/Red	0-0	2-2	W2	North Alabama (10/25/25), W 56-28
Red/Red/White	1-0	3-0	W3	Gardner-Webb (8/27/26), W 35-17
Red/Red/Black	1-0	1-1	W1	Morehead State (9/12/26), W 63-7
Red/White/Red	1-0	1-1	W1	at West Florida (9/19/26), W, 38-16
Red/White/White	0-0	1-1	L1	at Tarleton State (11/22/25), L 44-45
Red/Black/Red	0-0	0-0	W1	Murray State (10/15/22), W 52-17
Red/Black/White	0-0	0-1	L1	#15 Abilene Christian (11/9/24), L 34-36
Red/Gray/Gray	0-0	1-0	W2	Central Arkansas (11/8/25), W 41-38
White/White/White	0-1	1-2	L2	at Vanderbilt (9/5/26), L 9-28
White/White/Red	0-0	0-2	L2	at Southern Utah (11/1/25), L 17-33
White/White/Black	0-0	0-0	W1	at Lindenwood (9/30/23), W 52-10
White/Red/White	0-0	1-0	W2	Utah Tech (9/27/25), W 42-10
Black/Black/Black	0-0	1-0	W2	Alabama A&M (9/21/24), W 59-16
Black/Black/Red	0-0	0-0	W1	Eastern Illinois (11/6/21), W 42-26
Black/Red/Red	0-0	0-0	W1	#16 Eastern Kentucky (9/24/22), W 31-20
Black/Red/Black	0-0	1-2	W1	Samford (11/15/25), W, 30-16
Black/White/White	0-0	0-0	L1	at #12 UT Martin (10/30/21), L 17-16
Black/White/Black	0-0	1-2	L1	at #14 Abilene Christian (9/20/25), L, 31-45

UNIFORM TRACKER

Game	Helmet	Jersey	Pants
GW	Red	Red	White
at VU	White	White	White
MSU	Red	Red	Black
at WF	Red	White	Red

Game	Helmet	Jersey	Pants
UTM			
NH			
TSU			
at UWG			

RECORD BY...

Helmet	2026	Faris	Streak
Red	3-0	9-6	W3
White	0-1	2-4	L3
Black	0-0	3-4	W1
Jersey	2026	Faris	Streak
Red	2-0	8-5	W8
White	1-1	4-8	W1
Black	0-0	1-1	L1
Gray	0-0	1-0	W2
Pants	2026	Faris	Streak
Red	1-0	3-5	W1
White	1-1	6-4	L1
Black	1-0	2-0	W2
Gray	0-0	1-0	W2
Decal	2026	Faris	Streak
Gov Head	3-0	9-9	W3
Tri Star/931	0-1	1-2	L1
Tri Star	0-0	2-1	W1
GOVS	0-0	1-0	W2
Script	0-0	0-1	L1
Throwback	0-0	1-1	W1

Game	Helmet	Jersey	Pants
at UNA			
EKU			
ACU			
at UCA			

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STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSIVE LINE

LT	LG	C	RG	RT
Sales Jr.	Miller	Smith	Burton	Ba
Sales Jr.	Miller	Smith	Burton	Ba
Sales Jr.	Bowden	Hicks	Burton	Ba
Sales Jr.	Hicks	Smith	Burton	Ba

BACKFIELD

QB	RB	RB
Parson	K. Williams	
Parson	Simmons	
Parson	Simmons	
Parson	Simmons	

RECEIVERS

WR	WR	WR	TE	WR/TE
Garnett Jr.	Sims		Head	Marshall
Harper	Sims	Robinson	Head	
Harper	Sims	Robinson	Head	
Harper	Sims	Robinson	Head	

DEFENSIVE LINE

DE	NT	DT	DE
Portu	Hamilton	Sandifer	Crisp
Denkins	Hamilton	Sandifer	Crisp
Denkins	Hamilton	Sandifer	Crisp
Denkins	Hamilton	Sandifer	Crisp

LINEBACKERS

LB	LB	NB
C. Williams	E. Jones	Redding
C. Williams	E. Jones	Redding
C. Williams	E. Jones	Redding
C. Williams	E. Jones	Redding

SECONDARY

CB	SS	FS	CB
Peterson	Haile	Hardy	Royal
Peterson	Haile	Hardy	Royal
Peterson	Haile	Hardy	Wimpye
Peterson	Haile	Hardy	Royal

2026 Season-Long Captains: **Jackson Head, Chris Parson, David Portu, Markell Redding, Courtland Simmons**

(Captains who took the coin toss for each contest are shaded above or listed below)

The following individuals served as captains off the bench during the 2026 season: **Simmons** (8/25 vs. GWU)

STARTING EXPERIENCE

Offense	22	23	24	25	26	TOT	STR
Saidou Ba, OL	.	.	.	9	4	13	13
Zak Bowden, OL	.	.	.	5	1	6	.
Jeff Burton, OL	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
Nate Garnett Jr., WR	.	.	.	11	1	12	.
Denver Harper, WR	.	.	.	.	3	3	3
Jackson Head, TE	.	.	4	10	4	18	5
Benjamin Hicks, OL	.	.	.	.	2	2	2
Ben Marshall, TE	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
Joshua Miller, OL	.	.	.	.	2	2	.
Chris Parson, QB	.	.	.	12	4	16	16
Jaden Robinson, WR	.	.	.	12	3	15	3
Joshua Sales Jr., OL	.	.	.	12	4	16	16
Courtland Simmons, RB	.	.	.	7	3	10	3
Marvin Sims, WR	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
Stratton Smith, OL	.	.	.	.	3	3	1
Kaden Williams, RB	.	.	.	3	1	4	.

Defense	22	23	24	25	26	TOT	STR
Kendyle Ball, DL	.	.	.	12	-	12	.
Chris Brown, DL	.	.	.	1	-	1	.
Deandre Creary, DB	.	.	.	3	-	3	.
Kelton Crisp, DL	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
Malik Denkins	.	.	.	.	3	3	3
Ta'Ron Haile, DB	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
Antori Hamilton, DL	.	.	.	12	4	16	16
Trevor Hardy, DB	.	.	.	11	4	15	13
Eli Jones, LB	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
Quan Peterson, DB	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
David Portu, DL	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
Markell Redding, DB	.	.	.	1	4	5	4
Tywan Royal, DB	.	.	.	.	3	3	1
Al Sandifer, DL	.	.	.	.	4	4	4
Jake Stonebraker, LB	.	.	.	10	-	10	.
Kahlil Tate, DB	.	.	.	2	-	2	.
Canaan Williams, LB	.	.	.	-	4	4	4
Justin Wimpye, DB	.	.	.	.	1	1	.

OFFENSIVE OUTPUT

QB1 MILESTONE TRACKER

The UAC Preseason Offensive Player of the Year and a Preseason All-American, Chris Parson continued his climb up the record book last week against Morehead State. In just his 16th game under center for APSU, Parson ranks seventh all-time in both career passing yards (3,836) and passing touchdowns (29). He now needs 50 yards to tie Draylen Ellis (2020-21) and one passing score to match Jeremiah Oatsvall (2017-20) for sixth all-time. Parson's rushing score against West Florida, his 16th as a Gov, moved him to 10th all-time in career rushing touchdowns and needs one more to tie Ryan White (2007-11) and Mike Lewis (1985-87, 89) for eighth all-time. He now is just three rushing touchdowns behind JaVaughn Craigh for the most by a quarterback in program history. Through the first four weeks of 2026, Parson leads the FCS in yards per completion (18.51) and ranks sixth nationally with a 181.9 passing efficiency which currently sits as the best single-season mark in program history, surpassing his own 160.8 mark last season. Parson is second in the UAC and 32nd in the FCS with six passing touchdowns, while his 48 points responsible for also are second in the UAC and 27th in the FCS.



DENVER HARPER'S SECOND FRESHMAN SEASON

After totaling a single snap during his true freshman season, **Denver Harper (#15)** 🏈 has taken the country by storm. The Sept. 14 Stats Perform FCS National Freshman of the Week, Harper is top 10 in the FCS in yards per reception (32.3, 2nd), total touchdowns (6, 5th), points scored (36, 8th), receiving touchdowns (4, 5th), and punt return touchdowns (1, 5th). His 420 all-purpose yards rank 29th in the FCS, sixth nationally amongst freshmen, and third in the UAC. Harper has two games with at least 100 all-purpose yards, with a season-high 196 yards against Morehead State in Week 2.

GROUND ATTACK

Entering Saturday's matchup with the Skyhawks, Austin Peay ranks 12th in the FCS and second in the UAC with 212.0 rushing yards per game after putting up 611 yards on the ground across the last two weeks. Five Governors – including four running backs – have amassed over 100 rushing yards on the season, with Courtland Simmons' pacing the team with 177 yards and three scores, which ranks fifth and second in the UAC, respectively. Kaden Williams leads the team with 11.4 yards per carry and is second on the team with 159 yards and two touchdowns. With its 235 rushing yards last time out, the Govs have posted back-to-back 200-yard rushing performances for the first time since a four-game stretch during the 2024 season. In its last home game against Morehead State, APSU posted 376 yards on the ground with a program-record 11.1 yards per carry. Despite Kaden Williams – who entered the contest with 36 yards on eight carries – having just two carries on the day, the redshirt junior back finished with 120 yards on the ground and two scores, coming from 80 and 40 yards out. His 80-yard score is the longest play scrimmage for APSU in 2026. Quarterback Matthew Wilson needed just five carries for 103 yards on the ground, making him and Williams the first APSU duo to post 100 yards on the ground since Sept. 2024 against Alabama A&M.

ALL GAS, NO BREAKS

In addition to its record 11.1 yards per carry, the Governors also set program records with its 49-point first half and 35-point second quarter against Morehead State. The Govs outgained the Eagles 249-36 in the second frame, including 148-7 in rushing yards. APSU went on to finish the game with 693 yards of the total offense which is the third most in the FCS this season and the second most against a Division I team. The Govs' 376 yards rank sixth in the FCS and are the third-most against another DI. Austin Peay threw and rushed for 300 yards against the Eagles (317 passing, 376 rushing), it is the APSU's first time with 300 yards both on the ground and through the air since it had 301 passing yards and 308 rushing yards against Presbyterian (9/3/22).

SALES ON THE RISE

A consensus Preseason All-American on the offensive line, Joshua Sales Jr. has started 15-straight games for the Governors dating back to last year's opener. This season, Sales Jr. has started all four games at left tackle where he is ranked the No. 1 offensive tackle across all of Division I by Pro Football Focus. With Sales Jr. protecting the blind side, the Govs rank seventh in the FCS in passing efficiency, 12th in rushing offense, 21st in total offense and 50th in passing offense. Last season, Sales Jr. started all 12 games on the line for the Govs, with four starts at left tackle before finishing the season at right tackle across the final eight contests. Sales Jr. was ranked the No. 1 tackle in the UAC by Pro Football Focus, while also being graded as the top tackle in the league in both pass and run block. With Sales Jr. protecting the edge, the Govs ranked second in the UAC in tackles for loss (4.75) and sacks (1.8) allowed, while ranking top 15 in the FCS in total offense (451.1), passing offense (364.7), and scoring offense (35.1). This season, Sales Jr. has started both games at left tackle with the Govs ranking third in the UAC in scoring offense (22.0), passing offense (212.0) and total offense (330.5) despite playing SEC foe Vanderbilt in its second game of the season.

WANT TO SEE ME DO IT AGAIN?

On the Governors first offensive play against Morehead State, Denver Harper came in motion and took a pop pass from Chris Parson. He then raced up the edge, darting past would-be tacklers for a 72-yard touchdown for the longest reception by a Gov since Shemar Kirk's 79-yard score against North Alabama last season (10/25/25). The 72-yard connection from Chris Parson to Harper is the first time APSU has scored on its first offensive play of a game since CJ Evans' 75-yard rushing score against Central Arkansas (8/20/20) at the Guardian Credit Union FCS Kickoff game.

TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

RUSHING (MIN. 30 YDS)

Player (Opponent)	Att	Yds	TD
Kaden Williams (MOR)	2	120	2
Matthew Wilson (MOR)	5	103	0
Courtland Simmons (UNF)	17	78	1
Courtland Simmons (GWU)	11	73	2
Chris Parson (UNF)	14	59	1
Kelvin Perkins III (MOR)	6	43	1
Denver Harper (UNF)	1	41	1
Isaiah Groves (MOR)	6	34	1
Isiah Groves (GWU)	11	31	1
Chris Parson (GWU)	12	31	1

PASSING (MIN. 100 YDS)

Player (Opponent)	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD
Chris Parson (GWU)	14-21-1	308	1
Chris Parson (MOR)	12-15-0	260	3
Chris Parson (VU)	12-21-0	116	1
Chris Parson (UNF)	7-16-0	149	1

RECEIVING (MIN. 30 YDS)

Player (Opponent)	Rec	Yds	TD
Denver Harper (MOR)	3	124	2
Denver Harper (GWU)	3	108	1
Jaden Robinson (UNF)	2	108	1
Marvin Sims (GWU)	3	78	0
Marvin Sims (MOR)	3	78	0
Jackson Head (GWU)	2	61	0
Marvin Sims (VU)	6	55	0
Jaden Robinson (MOR)	3	42	1
Marvin Sims (UNF)	2	40	0

DEFENSIVE STANDS

BACKFIELD MENACE

The reigning United Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Week, Malik Denkins had 4.5 tackles for loss and a sack as part of a career-best performance at West Florida, becoming the first Governor to earn the honor since Oct. 2025. Denkins also had a career-high eight tackles, including three solo stops, which are the most tackles by an APSU defensive lineman since Hosea Knifeley Jr.'s 12 against Southern Utah in 2023. His 4.5 tackles for loss are the third-best single-game performance by a player in the FCS this season and the most by a Gov since 2022.

FOR MOM

On July 14, graduate linebacker and Western Kentucky transfer Eli Jones lost his mother, Ashley Jones, following a courageous battle with breast cancer. Ashley was one of Eli's biggest supporters in taking a fifth year, and a month and a half later, he has been a mainstay in the Governors' starting linebacker unit. In his first game as a Governor, Jones finished with seven tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, and half a sack. Most recently, Jones is coming off a five-tackle, 1.0 TFL and 0.5 sack performance at West Florida. On the season, Jones is second on APSU with 22 tackles, with his 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks ranking third and fourth on the team, respectively.

3RD & 4TH DOWN SHUT DOWN

Last season, the Governors were second in the UAC and 47th in the FCS in third-down conversion defense, limiting opposing offenses to just 38.0% on third down. This season, the Govs lead the UAC and rank 40th in third-down conversion defense and are holding teams to just 35.1% (20 of 58). Additionally, the Govs are holding FCS teams to 34.7% (16 of 46) on the penultimate down. Austin Peay is third in the UAC and 45th in the FCS in fourth-down conversion percentage defense (46.2, 6 of 13). With its two fourth-down stop against the West Florida, the Govs now have forced a turnover on downs in seven-straight games, dating back to last season's meeting against Central Arkansas (11/8/25).

GOVERNING ON DEFENSE

The Governors have combined for 21 tackles for loss in each of its last two wins over Morehead State and at West Florida. It is the first time the Govs have had 10-plus tackles for loss in back-to-back games since a three-game stretch during the 2020 season. Additionally, the Govs have forced a pair of fumbles in each of the last two contests, the first time it has accomplished such since a three-game stretch during the 2017 campaign, while its two interceptions against the Argonauts are its most since having three against UNA in 2025.



BULLYING THE NEW KID

Austin Peay earned a 38-16 win against #17 West Florida in its United Athletic Conference opener, Sept. 19. Not only was it the Govs' first win the State of Florida since 2002, the program's first win in the conference opener since 2023, or the first road victory against a ranked opponent since 2021, but it also marked the largest margin of victory against a ranked opponent on the road in program history, surpassing a 14-point win at #4 Sacramento State in the 2019 FCS Playoffs. The win was just the program's fifth against a ranked team away from Clarksville and the first since a 20-10 win at Chattanooga.

ANSWERING THE HOUSE CALL

Austin Peay led West Florida 31-16 entering the late stages of the fourth quarter. An 11-yard pass put the Argonauts into Governors territory for the final time of the night, as, on the next play, Justin Wimpsey intercepted a pass at the 30-yard line and returned it for his third-career touchdown to extend the APSU lead to the eventual final score, 38-16. Wimpsey's 70-yard pick-six is the first by a Gov since Montreze Smith's 35-yarder against Samford last season and is the longest interception returned for a touchdown since Ryan Taylor's 88-yard interception return against Valparaiso, Sept. 11, 2004.

RUN STUFFERS

In Week Three, after Morehead State gained 22 yards on the ground on its first four carries of the game, Austin Peay held the Eagles to 47 rushing yards on its final 30 carries. The Governors' 112.8 rushing yards per game allowed this season rank 19th across the FCS and second in the UAC. In its two games against FCS foes – MSU and Gardner Webb (8/27) – the Govs are allowing just 88.3 rushing yards per game and 2.8 yards per carry. The Govs also have allowed just 74 combined second-half rushing yards across its three games against the FCS and 13 yards on 18 carries in the fourth quarter. On the season as a whole, the Govs have allowed just 16 rushing first downs.

TOP DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

TACKLE LEADERS

Player (Opponent)	UT	Asst	Tot
Trevor Hardy (GWU)	7	3	10
Ta'Ron Haile (VU)	7	3	10
Canaan Williams (GWU)	4	6	10
Malik Denkins (UWF)	5	3	8
Markell Redding (VU)	5	3	8
Trevor Hardy (VU)	4	3	7
Eli Jones (GWU)	4	3	7
Eli Jones (VU)	2	5	7

TACKLES FOR LOSS/SACKS

Player (Opponent)	TFL	Sacks
Malik Denkins (UWF)	4.5	1.0
Demoris Jenkins (UWF)	1.5	1.5
Kelton Crisp (GWU)	1.5	1.5
Eli Jones (GWU)	1.5	0.5
Malik Denkins (VU)	1.5	0.0
Jefferson Bretanys Desca (VU)	1.5	0.0
Al Sandifer (MOR)	1.5	0.0
RJ Jackson (MOR)	1.5	0.0

INTERCEPTIONS/PASS BREAKUPS

Player (Opponent)	INT	PBU
Justin Wimpsey (UWF)	1	0
Markell Redding (UWF)	1	0
Ta'Ron Haile (GWU)	1	0
Deandre Creary	0	3
Quan Peterson (GWU)	0	2

SPECIAL TEAMS HIGHLIGHTS

LOGAN THE LEG

Logan Leftrick has handled all of Austin Peay's punting duties this season, and thus far, has punted 13 times with an average of 40.8 yard. He punted three times with an average of 42.7 against West Florida with two punts downed since the 20-yard line and along of 55 yards. His 55 yarder was his longest since a 61-yard punt against Tarleton State last season (11/22/25). Throughout the season, five of Leftrick's 13 punts have been for 50-plus yards, five have been downed inside the 20-yard line, and five have been fair caught. Last season, Leftrick played in seven games for the Govs, leading the team with 10 punts inside the 20 and three punts of 50-plus yards. He totaled 23 punts for 951 yards and boomed a season-long 64-yard punt and averaged a season-best 49 yards per punt against Samford on Nov. 15. Leftrick punted for a season-high 226 yards at Tarleton State on Nov. 22, including three punts inside the 20 and two punts of 50-plus yards. Three of his final eight punts of the 2025 season were for 50-plus yards.

DIBO FROM DOWNTOWN

A South Alabama transfer, Hamilton DiBoyan took over the field goal duties for APSU against Vanderbilt. His lone attempt of the evening came on a career-long 51-yard make in the final two minutes of the first half. His 51-yarder was the longest by a Gov since Carson Smith's 53-yard field goal against Tarleton State two years ago (10/26/24) and surpassed his previous career best of 47 which came last season against Coastal Carolina (9/20/25). It also is the ninth-longest field goal in the FCS this season. DiBoyan's second make in as many opportunities at APSU came on a 37-yard field goal at West Florida. DiBoyan is 9-for-12 on field goals in his career after going 7-for-10 across two playing seasons at USA.

KRD

Hamilton DiBoyan has been the Govs' kickoff specialist throughout the opening four weeks of the season, where he has 24 kicks for 1,487 yards and a 62-yard average with 11 touchbacks. Opposing teams are averaging just 16.31 yards per return against the Govs on kickoff this season, which ranks 33rd in the FCS and third in the UAC. On the season, when the Governors' kickoff team keeps the opposition from reaching the 25 - which it has done nine times - drives have ended in one turnover on downs, four three-and-outs, one field goal, one fumble, and just two touchdowns.

QUICK SNAPS

Kimani Mugo will take over long-snapping duties for the Governors in 2026; the Grambling transfer did not appear for Austin Peay in 2025, his first season on campus. He's joined in that unit by transfers Iker Sarabia (Golden West College) and Ryan Carter (Idaho State) join Mugo in the long-snapper cohort.



ANOTHER DENVER HARPER NOTE

Through just four games, **Denver Harper (#15)** 🏈 already has scored six touchdowns, which is fifth in the FCS and tied for first in Division I amongst all freshmen. Harper has scored at least one touchdown in all four games to start the 2026 season, coming in the form of four receiving scores, a punt-return touchdown, and a rushing score. Harper is the only player across the FCS with a receiving, rushing, and return touchdown this season.

NEW FORTIFICATIONS

A pair of newcomers fortify the kicking game for the Govs in 2026. Hamilton DiBoyan joins the Governors from South Alabama, where handled kicking duties in 12 games during the 2025 season. DiBoyan made six of nine field goal attempts including a previous career long 47 yard field goal against Coastal Carolina and went 20-of-22 on PAT attempts. He also kicked off 60 times on the year with 20 touchbacks and recorded a tackle against Auburn. Punter Roman Mathis after a redshirt season at Tennessee State. For the Tigers, Mathis recorded five punts for 223 yards. He averaged 44.6 yards per punt, with a long of 48 yards including three fair catches for one game at Charleston Southern.

SPECIAL TEAMS GET BACK

Austin Peay forced and recovered a fumble on special teams in back-to-back weeks against Utah Tech and West Georgia last season. Nate Spillman forced a fumble on a kickoff against Utah Tech that was recovered by Jeremiah Flemmons at the Trailblazer's 14-yard line and set up an Austin Peay touchdown drive in the second quarter. The following week, DJ Carter forced a fumble on a punt against West Georgia that was recovered by Davion Blackwell at the West Georgia 34-yard line and set up a game-tying touchdown drive in the third quarter.

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES LEADERS

TOTAL SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	TKL
Caleb Merritt	3
Isaac Bonds	3
Kahlil Tate	2
William Wiebush	2
Hamilton DiBoyan	1
Kingston Johnson	1
Jason Grier Jr.	1
Kendal Howard	1
Ja Payton	1
Keith Charney	1

KICKOFF RETURN TACKLES

Player	TKL
Caleb Merritt	3
Isaac Bonds	3
William Wiebush	2
Steron Davidson Jr.	1
Hamilton DiBoyan	1
Kendal Howard	1
Kingston Johnson	1
Ja Payton	1
Kahlil Tate	1
Keith Charney	1

PUNT RETURN TACKLES

Player	TKL
Jason Grier Jr.	1
Ta'Ron Haile	1
Kahlil Tate	1

PROTECTING THE FORT

The Governors have won eight-straight games at Fortera Stadium, which is tied for the longest home winning streak in program history, matching a stretch that spanned from the Sept. 19, 1964 to Oct. 16, 1965. During its current winning streak, the Governors are not only scoring opponents by an average of 26.9 points per game, but they also are outgaining teams by an average of 218.4 yards per game and 143.4 rushing yards per game. During its home winning streak, the Gobs only have allowed a single opposing player to rush for over 70 yards, and are holding teams to an average of 3.0 yards per carry.

50-PLUS

It's the sort of stat no offensive coordinator would admit to thinking about, but in scoring 63 points against Morehead State, the Gobs now have scored at least 50 points against the Eagles in five-straight games with scores of 69, 78, 59, 56, and 63. It is the first time the program has accomplished such against a single team in program history. The average score of games between the Gobs and Eagles since 2017 is 65-20.

GOVERNOR DEBUTS

After debuting 64 players during the 2025 season, head coach Jeff Faris has 60 players – 40 transfers, 17 freshmen, & 3 returners – who could make their Austin Peay debut in 2026, with 26 featured on the opening-week two-deep against Gardner-Webb.

PORTALING IN

To put 40 transfers on this year's roster, Faris and his staff searched across the college football diaspora for talent. Among their numbers are seven transfers from both Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and Division II schools, four from the junior college/community college ranks and 22 from FBS schools, helping Austin Peay earn the No. 3 transfer portal class in FCS according to FCS Football Central, Sports Illustrated's media property dedicated solely to the FCS.

FOR JC

On July 21, 2023, Jeremiah Collins, a freshman on the Austin Peay football team, tragically passed away. To honor Collins, every Governors player will wear a "JC16" helmet sticker, and nobody will wear Collins' No. 16 jersey again this season. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Collins graduated from Oakland High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in May 2023. Collins was a member of the Patriots' 2022 TSSAA 6A State Championship team. Born Oct. 11, 2004, Jeremiah Djuan Collins is the son of Melvin Collins and Regina Saulsberry; he has eight siblings: Xavier Collins, Erick Lindsay, James Monroe, Jr., Jayshawn Monroe, Darias Collins, Nicole Santander, Nicari Polk, and Paris Peterson.

**WE WILL**

On May 6, 2025, Will Hardrick, a senior on the Austin Peay football team, tragically passed away. A native of Adamsville, Alabama, Hardrick attended Mississippi State (2021-22) and Miami University (2023-24) before transferring to Austin Peay. Hardrick prepped at Minor High School in Adamsville, where he played wide receiver and defensive back. Born August 31, 2022, William Deon Hardrick is the son of Dionne Bryant and Ervin Stone; he has three siblings: Jasmine Pennington, Raveen Lewis, and Sterling Stone. To honor Hardrick this season, Austin Peay will wear a helmet sticker with his initials and jersey number and have a different player wear his No. 0 jersey each week.

2025 GOVERNORS RING OF HONOR INDUCTEES**#44 MIKE BETTS (1975-78)**

Mike Betts truly personified the 1977 Austin Peay football team, which was the first to capture a conference title in program history when they won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship. The 5-10, 180-pound Centerville, Tennessee native was known for his hard-hitting, aggressive play during his four seasons in the Gobs' secondary, which earned him First Team All-American and OVC Defensive Player of the Year in 1978. As a sophomore, he led APSU's secondary with 83 tackles while also grabbing two interceptions. The following season, Betts was involved in 100 tackles, leading the OVC in that category, en route to being named an honorable mention All-American and First Team All-OVC selection as a junior while leading the 1977 Gobs to that elusive conference title. However, the best was yet to come. In his senior season, Betts again led the Gobs in tackles (88) while being named a First Team Associated Press All-American and the OVC Defensive Player of the year.

#11 DEANGELO WILSON (2017-21)

DeAngelo Wilson authored the greatest season by a wide receiver in Austin Peay history, setting the single-season records for receptions (89), receiving yards (1,564), touchdown receptions (15), and receiving yards per game (104.3) in 2019. Wilson was named a First Team HERO Sports All-American and a Second Team All-American by Stats Perform and the Associated Press in 2019, while helping lead the Gobs to their first OVC Championship in 42 years and advance to the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs. Despite the 2019 season being his best by the numbers, Wilson was named a Consensus All-American in 2020-21 after being named a First Team selection by Stats Perform and the AFCA; he also was named the OVC Offensive Player of the Year and finished 15th in the voting for the Stats Perform Walter Payton Award following his senior season. During that senior season, Wilson recorded 44 receptions for 619 yards and three touchdowns during the COVID-affected 2020 season, which carried over into Spring 2021. Wilson finished his Austin Peay career with the second-most receptions (162), receiving yards (2,672), and touchdown receptions (25) – trailing only APSU Hall of Famer Harold "Red" Roberts in all three categories.

UAC CHAMP AND UFL CHAMP

In his second season with the UFL's DC Defenders, Austin Peay alumnus Mike DiLiello helped the Defenders win the 2025 UFL Championship with a 58-34 win over the Michigan Panthers. DiLiello appeared in six games and made one start at quarterback for the Defenders, completing 36-of-56 passes for 359 yards and two touchdowns while rushing 17 times for 68 yards. In April, DiLiello was traded to the Louisville Kings, where he then promptly won his second-straight UFL title.

GO D.J.

After spending the entire 2024 season on the Indianapolis Colts' practice squad, the Colts placed Austin Peay alumnus D.J. Montgomery on the Injured Reserve List on Aug. 13, 2025, where he spent the duration of the 2025 season. On August 9, 2026, he re-signed with the Colts for the 2026 season. Montgomery played in seven games for the Colts during the 2023 season, recording three receptions for 56 yards with a 14-yard touchdown reception in a 30-13 win against the Pittsburgh Steelers. During the 2021 season with the Jets, Montgomery played in three games, recording three catches for 36 yards and a special teams tackle. Montgomery has spent time with the Colts (2023-25), Houston Texans (2022), New York Jets (2020-21), and Cleveland Browns (2019) during his NFL career.

**KJ13**

Austin Peay alumnus (2017-21) **Kordell Jackson** finished his second season with the Edmonton Elks in the Canadian Football League with 78 tackles, two sacks, an interception, and a scoop-and-score touchdown in 18 games; he's started 2026 on a hot streak, making 10 straight starts to open the season and securing two interceptions in the July 9 contest against Ottawa. Before signing with the Elks in 2024, Jackson spent the 2023 season with the Indoor Football League's Frisco Fighters, earning IFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and First Team All-IFL honors. In his lone season with the Fighters, Jackson tied for the IFL lead with eight interceptions, including three pick-sixes, and recorded 68 tackles and 23 pass deflections in 16 games.

MIKE DILIELLO
2022-23



D.J. MONTGOMERY
2017-18



KYRAN MOORE
2014-17



MADDUX TRUJILLO
2021-23



JEFF FARIS

Head Coach • Third Season at Austin Peay

Career Record: 14-14 (3rd season)

Alma Mater: Duke, 2011

Jeff Faris enters his third season as Austin Peay's head football coach after being named the 22nd head coach in program history on Dec. 9, 2023.

A Knoxville, Tennessee native with over a dozen years of Division I experience at the FBS level, Faris spent two seasons as the tight ends coach for head coach Chip Kelly at UCLA. Before his time in Los Angeles, he was on head coach David Cutcliffe's coaching staff at Duke, where he was named the 2018 American Football Coaches Association's FBS Assistant Coach of the Year. By the end of his 10 seasons in Durham, North Carolina, Faris had become the Blue Devils' co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Faris helped return the Blue Devils to national prominence as they reached six bowl games and won the 2015 Pinstripe Bowl, the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl, and the 2018 Independence Bowl. At UCLA, Faris helped guide the Bruins to the 2022 Sun Bowl and the 2023 LA Bowl.

Faris is a three-time Duke graduate, earning his bachelor's degree in economics in 2011 before earning a master's degree in economics in 2012 and a second master's degree in Christian Studies in 2014.

Faris and his wife Natalie welcomed twin sons, Jack and Eli, in June 2023, before having their third son, Cal, in Dec. 2024.



FARIS' CAREER SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY (2024-CURRENT)

2025: Led the Gobs to their first unbeaten record at home since 1964 and their first 6-0 mark at home since 1949, matching the program's single-season home wins record with the 1949 and 2019 teams. Faris helped engineer a three-win improvement from his first season to his second, tied for the fourth-best second-year improvement in Austin Peay history. In the regular season opener, led Austin Peay to a 34-14 win against Middle Tennessee, Austin Peay's first FBS victory since 1987. Under Faris, seven Gobs earned All-United Athletic Conference honors, including the first defensive Freshman of the Year (Montreze Smith Jr.) and Specialist of the Year (Carson Smith) in program history. Quarterback Chris Parson was named a finalist for the 2025 Walter Payton Award, while Chandler Kirton earned back-to-back UAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors before becoming Austin Peay's first-ever finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary leadership.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2024-present: Austin Peay (Head Coach)
 2022-23: UCLA (Tight Ends)
 2021: Duke (co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
 2018-20: Duke (Tight Ends)
 2014-17: Duke (Wide Receivers)
 2012-13: Duke (Graduate Assistant)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2008-11: Duke (Defensive Back)

EDUCATION

Duke, 2014 (M.A., Christian Studies)
 Duke, 2012 (M.A., Economics)
 Duke, 2011 (B.S. Economics)

FAMILY

Spouse: Natalie
 Sons: Jack, Eli, and Cal



HEAD COACH

2024: Named Austin Peay's head coach on Dec. 9, 2023, his inaugural roster for the 2024 season featured 55 newcomers, comprised of 34 transfers and 21 true freshmen, and just two returning starters – one on offense and one on defense. His first win, and first win at Fortera Stadium, came in a 59-16 victory against Alabama A&M, Sept. 21. His first United Athletic Conference win came in a 20-16 victory at West Georgia, Oct. 5. Led Austin Peay to four victories, with three coming in UAC play. Had six student-athletes earn All-UAC honors, including Jaden Lyles, who was named a First Team All-UAC selection at defensive back. Wide receiver Jaden Barnes earned Second Team All-UAC honors after recording the third-most receiving yards (1,083) and ninth-most receiving touchdowns (9) in a single season in APSU history. Chandler Kirton also received the league's highest academic award, earning UAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors.

UCLA (2022-23)

2023: In his final season in Los Angeles, Faris' tight ends recorded 32 receptions for 613 yards and seven touchdowns. Carsen Ryan led the unit with 13 receptions for 205 yards and three touchdowns while All-Pac-12 honorable mention selection Moliki Motavao recorded 12 receptions for 266 yards and two touchdowns. In addition, Hudson Habermehl added seven receptions for 142 yards and two touchdowns. Per PFF, the Bruins had the No. 1 tight end unit in the Pac-12 with Ryan and Motavao grading out as the No. 1 and No. 2 tight ends in the conference, respectively, while Habermehl graded out as the No. 12 tight end in the league. At 7-5 overall, the Bruins earned a bid to the 2023 LA Bowl, but Faris departed for Austin Peay before the bowl game.

2022: Named UCLA's tight ends coach by head coach Chip Kelly in Jan. 2022 and helped the Bruins' tight ends combine for 41 receptions for 475 yards and six touchdowns during his first season in Westwood. Michael Ezeike led the group with 20 catches for 226 yards and four touchdowns while becoming the first UCLA player to record three touchdown receptions in a single game since 2017 against USC. In addition, wide receiver Jake Bobo, who Faris coached at Duke before he transferred to UCLA, led the Bruins with 57 receptions for 817 yards and seven touchdowns while earning All-Pac-12 honorable mention honors. The Bruins' offense averaged 503.6 yards of total offense per game, the fourth-best mark in the NCAA and the first time in program history the Bruins had averaged more than 500 yards of offense per game. UCLA went 9-4 and earned a bid to the 2022 Sun Bowl where they fell to Pittsburgh.

DUKE (2012-21)

2021: In his final season at Duke, Faris was promoted to co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach while also assuming play-calling duties. The Blue Devils passed for 2,855 yards and nine touchdowns, with quarterback Gunnar Holmberg leading the way with 2,358 yards – the most by a Duke quarterback since 2018 – and seven touchdown passes. Holmberg also completed 67 percent of his passes that season, which ranked second in the ACC and 22nd in the NCAA. In addition, Holmberg rushed for six touchdowns, while reserve quarterbacks Jordan Moore and Riley Leonard combined for two more passing and three rushing

touchdowns. The Blue Devils averaged 418.2 passing and 180.3 rushing yards per game en route to 418.2 yards of total offense per game. In addition, running back Mataeo Duran earned 2021 First Team All-ACC honors after rushing for a Duke single-season record 1,241 yards – breaking a record that had stood for 49 years – and nine of Blue Devils' 22 rushing touchdowns. Wide receiver Jake Bobo was also a Third Team All-ACC honoree after leading the Blue Devils with 74 receptions and 794 yards with one touchdown reception.

2020: In Faris' final season as tight ends coach and offensive recruiting coordinator, the Blue Devils' tight ends recorded 46 receptions for 479 yards and three touchdowns. Noah Gray led the group with 29 catches for 285 yards and two touchdowns, ranking third on the team in yards and receptions and leading the Blue Devils in touchdown catches. Gray also ranked second in the ACC for a tight end in receptions and receiving yards. During his senior season, Gray broke a 57-year-old Duke record for career receptions by a tight end. Jake Marwede added 13 receptions for 145 yards and a touchdown, his 55-yard scoring grab against Virginia was tied for the longest touchdown catch by a Blue Devil in 2021. After three seasons under Faris, Gray represented Duke at the Reese's Senior Bowl and was invited to the NFL Combine before being drafted in the fifth round of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs.

2019: During his second season under Faris, Gray recorded 51 receptions for 392 yards and three touchdowns – all career-bests – en route to earning Second Team All-America selection by The Walter Camp Football Foundation. Gray led the Blue Devils in receptions and ranked second on the team in receiving yards while also leading ACC tight ends and ranking second among Power 5 tight ends in receptions. Gray also ranked 13th in the ACC in receptions per game (4.25) and finished the season with the second-most receptions in a single season by a Blue Devils tight end.

2018: In his first season as tight ends coach, Faris was named the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) FBS Assistant Coach of the Year. The Blue Devils' tight ends combined for 60 receptions for 620 yards and 10 touchdowns, making them the only tight end unit in the ACC with double-digit touchdown catches in 2018. Daniel Helm, who earned Third Team All-ACC honors, led the group with 26 catches for 271 yards and two touchdowns while Davis Koppenhaver added 14 receptions for 115 yards and seven touchdowns. Koppenhaver's seven touchdown catches matched the Duke single-season record for TD receptions by a tight end and helped him break the Duke career record for touchdowns by a tight end with 12. Noah Gray also added 20 catches for 234 yards and a touchdown. Helm and Koppenhaver both earned Academic All-ACC recognition while Helm also picked up Google Cloud Academic All-District III honors. Helm represented Duke in the 2019 East-West Shrine Game before being chosen to participate in the NFL Combine and spent four years in the league with various franchises. The Blue Devils earned a bid to the Walk-On's Independence Bowl, where they beat Temple. 56-27.

2017: In his fourth and final season as the wide receivers coach, Faris added offensive recruiting coordinator to his title before the 2017 season. T.J. Rahming, an Honorable Mention All-ACC performer, led Duke with 65 receptions and 795 re-

FARIS YEAR-BY-YEAR

CAREER RECORD		14-14		.500		CONFERENCE RECORD		8-9	.471
Year	School	Overall Record	Pct.	Conference Record	Pct.	Finish	Notes/Postseason/Awards		
2012	Duke (GA)	6-7	.462	3-5	.375	5th (Coastal)	Belk Bowl participant		
2013	Duke (GA)	10-4	.714	6-2	.750	1st (Coastal)	ACC Coastal Division Champions, ACC Championship Game participant, Chick-fil-A Bowl participant		
2014	Duke (WR)	9-4	.692	5-3	.625	2nd (Coastal)	Hyundai Sun Bowl participant		
2015	Duke (WR)	8-5	.615	4-4	.500	t-3rd (Coastal)	Won New Era Pinstripe Bowl vs. Indiana, 44-41, in OT		
2016	Duke (WR)	4-8	.333	1-7	.125	t-6th (Coastal)			
2017	Duke (WR)	7-6	.539	3-5	.375	t-4th (Coastal)	Won Quick Lane Bowl vs. Northern Illinois, 36-14		
2018	Duke (TE)	8-5	.615	3-5	.375	6th (Coastal)	Won Walk-On's Independence Bowl vs. Temple, 56-27		
2019	Duke (TE)	5-7	.417	3-5	.375	6th (Coastal)			
2020	Duke (TE)	2-9	.182	1-9	.100	t-14th			
2021	Duke (OC/QB)	3-9	.250	0-8	.000	6th (Coastal)			
2022	UCLA (TE)	9-4	.692	6-3	.667	t-5th	Sun Bowl participant		
2023	UCLA (TE)	8-5	.615	4-5	.444	t-7th	Helped UCLA earn LA Bowl bid, departed for APSU before bowl game		
2024	Austin Peay	4-8	.333	3-5	.375	t-5th	Named Austin Peay's 22nd Head Coach on December 9, 2023		
2025	Austin Peay	7-5	.583	4-4	.500	5th	Led Gobs to 6-0 mark at home for first time since 1949		
2026	Austin Peay	3-1	.750	1-0	1.000	N/A			

NOTE: Years and W-L Records as Head Coach in bold; Years as Assistant Coach in italics, assistant coach position in parentheses.

HEAD COACH

ceiving yards, marking the third-straight season he had topped both the 40-catch and 500-yard plateaus under Faris. Rahming also eclipsed the 2,000-receiving yard mark in just his third collegiate season. Duke closed the season at the Quick Lane Bowl, beating Northern Illinois, 36-14, at Ford Field in Detroit.

2016: In his second season working with Faris, T.J. Rahming broke out for a team-leading 70 receptions and 742 yards while also recording one touchdown catch. Johnathan Lloyd, who Faris helped transition from a defensive back to wide receiver in Spring 2016, added 34 catches for 301 yards and a team-best three touchdown receptions. Anthony Nash also recorded 29 receptions for 398 yards and two touchdowns in just seven games before suffering a season-ending injury, he would later go on to sign an NFL free agent contract with the Denver Broncos.

2015: During his second season as the Blue Devils' wide receivers coach, senior Max McCaffrey led the Blue Devils with 52 receptions for 643 yards and five touchdowns – all team highs for the season. McCaffrey, who signed an NFL free agent contract with the Oakland Raiders in 2016, played his final two seasons under Faris and finished his collegiate career with 117 receptions for 1,341 yards and 12 touchdowns. In addition to McCaffrey, T.J. Rahming ranked second on the team with 43 receptions for 571 yards and two touchdowns while setting the Duke single-game records for receptions (12) and receiving yards (190) against Virginia. Before the 2015 season, Faris helped Duke sign quarterback Daniel Jones (2015-18), who would finish his Blue Devils' career with 8,201 passing yards and 52 passing touchdowns in three seasons, while also rushing for 1,323 yards and 17 touchdowns. Jones would later go on to be drafted sixth overall in

the 2019 NFL Draft by the New York Giants. After earning a bid to the New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, where they beat Indiana, 44-41, to earn their first bowl victory since 1960.

2014: In his first full-time season as the Blue Devils' wide receivers coach, Faris guided senior Jamison Crowder to a record-breaking finish to his career. Crowder led Duke with 85 receptions and 1,044 receiving yards while ranking second on the team with six receiving touchdowns and was a First Team All-ACC selection. Crowder was a fourth-round pick by the Washington Redskins in the 2015 NFL Draft – Duke's first wide receiver selected in the draft since Clarkston Hines went to the Buffalo Bills in the ninth round of the 1990 draft. In addition to Crowder's exploits, Faris helped wideout Issac Blakeney turn in his best year as a Blue Devil with 47 receptions for 559 yards and a team-high seven touchdowns. After the season, Blakeney would sign as a free agent with the San Francisco 49ers. Max McCaffrey also totaled 37 receptions for 385 yards and three touchdowns during his junior season. Duke closed the season by earning a bid to the Sun Bowl, where they fell to Arizona State.



GOVS RECORD WITH FARIS

The Basics	2026	ALL	Offensive Performance	2026	ALL	Defensive Performance	2026	ALL
Overall	3-1	14-14	Scoring 14 or fewer points	0-1	1-3	Allowing 14 or fewer points	1-0	5-0
Home	2-0	9-6	Scoring 15-21 points	0-0	1-7	Allowing 15-21 points	2-0	6-0
Road	1-1	5-8	Scoring 22-28 points	0-0	0-1	Allowing 22-28 points	0-1	1-6
Conference Games	1-0	8-9	Scoring 29-35 points	1-0	4-2	Allowing 29-35 points	0-0	1-4
August	1-0	2-1	Scoring 36 or more points	2-0	8-1	Allowing 36 or more points	0-0	1-4
September	2-1	5-6	Less than 300 offensive yards	0-1	0-4	Less than 300 offensive yards	1-0	6-1
October	0-0	4-2	300-399 offensive yards	1-0	5-6	300-399 offensive yards	2-1	5-5
November	0-0	3-5	400-499 offensive yards	1-0	5-3	400-499 offensive yards	0-0	3-5
December	0-0	0-0	500 or more offensive yards	1-0	4-1	500 or more offensive yards	0-0	0-3
vs. FCS Top 25	1-0	2-6	Less than 100 rushing yards	0-1	1-6	Less than 100 rushing yards	2-0	8-2
FCS Playoffs	0-0	0-0	100-199 rushing yards	1-0	5-6	100-199 rushing yards	1-1	6-8
vs. FBS	0-1	1-3	200 or more rushing yards	2-0	8-2	200 or more rushing yards	0-0	0-4
			Less than 200 passing yards	1-1	5-7	Less than 200 passing yards	1-0	5-4
Time of Game	2026	ALL	200-299 passing yards	0-0	3-4	200-299 passing yards	0-1	5-7
Leading at Halftime	3-0	13-4	300 or more passing yards	2-0	6-3	300 or more passing yards	1-0	3-3
Tied at Halftime	0-0	1-2	Allow Defensive TD	0-0	0-3	Score Defensive TD	1-0	4-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-1	0-8	Allow Special Teams TD	0-1	0-3	Score Special Teams TD	1-0	2-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	3-0	12-3						
Tied after the 3rd quarter	0-0	1-1	Random Chance	2026	ALL	Turnover Count	2026	ALL
Trailing after the 3rd quarter	0-1	1-10	Opening Coin Toss	2-2	13-15	Positive Turnover Margin	1-0	5-5
Overtime games	0-0	0-2	Overtime Coin Toss	0-0	1-1	Equal Turnover Margin	2-1	9-2
Wire-to-Wire wins (never trailed)	1	9	Winning the opening coin toss	1-1	5-8	Negative Turnover Margin	0-0	0-7
Wins in final minute of regulation	0	0	Losing the opening coin toss	2-0	9-6	Record an interception	2-0	9-7
Losses in final minute of regulation	0	0				Recover a fumble	2-0	7-3

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF



Quinn Billerman
Offensive Coord.
3rd Season
NC Central, 2015



Greg Jones
Defensive Coord.
Linebackers
2nd Season
Bucknell, 2010



Lucas Reed
Special Teams Coord.
Tight Ends
2nd Season
Ouachita Baptist, 2017



Antonio Bradford
(O) Run-Game Coord.
Running Backs/Off. Tackles
3rd Season
Alabama State, 2004



Gavin Spurrier
(O) Pass-Game Coord.
Quarterbacks
1st Season
Duke, 2022



Ben Thaw
(D) Pass-Game Coord.
Safeties
2nd Season
Wesleyan Univ., 2020



Brandon Williams
(D) Run-Game Coord.
Linebackers
3rd Season
East Carolina, 2015



Michael Gehl
Offensive Line
4th Season
Wheaton College, 2021



Johnathan Lloyd
Wide Receivers
1st Season
Duke, 2019



Darien Moody
Defensive Line
1st Season
Alcorn State, 2016



Zach Zbiegien
Asst. Special Teams
3rd Season
Austin Peay, 2026



Connor Graham
Graduate Assistant
Offense
1st Season
Texas A&M, 2026



Nick Grieco
Graduate Assistant
Offense
1st Season
Cornerstone, 2024



Nevin De Graaf
Graduate Assistant
Defense
2nd Season
ETSU, 2024



Will Flaherty
Quality Control
Defense
1st Season
Endicott Coll., 2023



Vernon Porte
Quality Control
Defense
1st Season
Winona State, 2025



JaCobian Morgan
Quality Control
Offense
1st Season
Jackson State, 2026



Don Reeves
Quality Control
Defense
1st Season
Trident, 2023



Justin Collett
Director of Football
Sports Performance
3rd Season
Maryville College, 2017



Christian Mitchell
Chief of Staff
1st Season
Coastal Carolina, 2022



Blake Littman
General Manager
2nd Season
Indiana, 2019



Tyler Hager
Assistant AD
Equipment Operations
1st Season
Wingate, 2021



Lauren Norton
Associate AD
Sports Medicine
6th Season
East Carolina, 2013



Dianne Radic
Director of Football Ops.
Player Engagement
2nd Season
Florida, 2024



Ashlyn Wood
Director of
On-Campus Recruiting
2nd Season
Auburn, 2025



Sebastian Ainspan
Video and Operations
Coordinator
2nd Season
Tulane, 2022

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE & BROADCAST INFORMATION

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME/TV	SERIES	RESULT	NOTABLY
8/27	GARDNER-WEBB 1-3, 0-0 OVC	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	6 PM ESPN+	Tied 2-2	W, 35-17	Seventh-straight home win Parson TSWA Player of the Week
9/5	at VANDERBILT 3-0, 0-0 SEC	Nashville, Tenn. FirstBank Stadium	6 PM SECN+	VU 3-0	L, 9-28	Game called with 2:16 remaining the fourth quarter due to inclement weather in the area.
9/12	MOREHEAD STATE 1-3, 0-0 PFL	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	4 PM ESPN+	MSU 27-22	W, 63-7	Program-record 11.1 ypc Eighth-straight home win (ties program record)
9/19	at WEST FLORIDA 2-1, 1-1 UAC	Pensacola, Fla. PenAir Field	6 PM ESPN+	APSU 1-0	W, 38-16	Largest margin of victory in a road win over a ranked foe in APSU history; first ranked road win since 2021
9/26	UT MARTIN 1-3, 0-0 OVC	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	1 PM ESPN+	UTM 40-27-2		
10/3	NEW HAVEN 1-3, 0-1 NEC	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	4 PM ESPN+	First Meeting		
10/10	TARLETON STATE 4-0, 0-0 UAC	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	6 PM ESPN+	TSU 2-0		
10/17	at WEST GEORGIA 0-4, 0-0 UAC	Carrollton, Ga. University Stadium	1 PM ESPN+	APSU 2-0		
10/24	at NORTH ALABAMA 2-2, 0-0 UAC	Florence, Ala. Bank Independent Stadium	6 PM ESPN+	UNA 13-10		
11/7	EASTERN KENTUCKY 1-3, 0-0 UAC	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	4 PM ESPN+	EKU 49-8		
11/14	ABILENE CHRISTIAN 1-3, 0-0 UAC	Clarksville, Tenn. Fortera Stadium	1 PM ESPN+	ACU 2-0		
11/21	at CENTRAL ARKANSAS 2-2, 0-1 UAC	Conway, Ark. Estes Stadium	4 PM ESPN+	UCA 5-2		

ALL-TIME AGAINST THE 2026 SCHEDULE

◊ - United Athletic Conference game

◆ - Atlantic Sun Conference game

• - Ohio Valley Conference game

^ - Pioneer Football League game

▲ - NCAA FCS Playoff game

(N) - Neutral site game

* - APSU was credited with a win by forfeit at the conclusion of the season.

GARDNER-WEBB

Overall: 2-2 H: 2-1 | A: 0-1

2007	S29	Boiling Springs	L	13-20
2008	S13	Clarksville	L	15-31
2023	O14	Clarksville	W	41-14
2026	A27	Clarksville	W	35-17

VANDERBILT

Overall: 0-3 H: 0-0 | A: 0-3

2013	S07	Nashville	L	3-38
2015	S19	Nashville	L	7-47
2026	S05	Nashville	L	9-28

MOREHEAD STATE

Overall: 22-27 H: 14-9 | A: 8-18

1962	O13	Morehead	L	7-36
1963	O19	Clarksville	L	0-7
1964	O17	Morehead	L	13-14
1965	O16	Clarksville	W	26-21
1966	O15	Morehead	L	10-21
1967	O07	Morehead	W	10-8
1968	O12	Clarksville	W	17-16
1969	O11	Morehead	L	18-29
1970	O10	Clarksville	L	6-24
1971	O09	Morehead	L	0-22
1972	O07	Clarksville	L	21-31
1973	O06	Morehead	L	22-23
1974	O12	Clarksville	W	17-15
1975	O11	Morehead	W	20-10
1976	O09	Clarksville	W	27-13
1977	O08	Morehead	W	21-7
1978	O07	Clarksville	W	19-16
1979	O06	Morehead	L	0-7
1980	O11	Clarksville	W	23-21
1981	O10	Morehead	W	42-28
1982	O09	Clarksville	W	17-16
1983	O08	Morehead	W	14-3
1984	O06	Clarksville	W	21-14
1985	O12	Morehead	W	14-10

1986	O11	Morehead	L	10-27
1987	O10	Clarksville	W	OT 20-13
1988	O29	Morehead	L	6-43
1989	O28	Clarksville	* L	22-23
1990	O13	Morehead	L	7-34
1991	N02	Morehead	L	14-33
1992	O31	Clarksville	L	34-41
1993	O23	Morehead	L	10-23
1994	O22	Clarksville	W	73-6
1995	O28	Morehead	L	13-26
1997	S04	Morehead	L	43-55
1998	S03	Clarksville	L	21-44
1999	O31	Morehead	L	7-47
2000	O28	Clarksville	L	10-73
2001	O27	Morehead	L	24-29
2002	O26	Clarksville	L	25-45
2003	O11	Morehead	L	0-49
2004	O09	Clarksville	L	14-28
2005	O15	Morehead	L	12-44
2006	N11	Morehead	W	23-21
2017	S16	Clarksville	W	69-13
2018	S15	Morehead	W	78-40
2021	S18	Clarksville	W	59-35
2025	S13	Clarksville	W	56-7
2026	S12	Clarksville	W	63-7

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

ALL-TIME AGAINST THE 2025 SCHEDULE

WEST FLORIDA

Overall: 1-0 H: 0-0 | A: 1-0
2016 S19 Pensacola W 38-16

UT MARTIN

Overall: 27-40-2 H: 16-21-1 | A: 11-19-1
As UT Junior College

1930	N14	Clarksville	L	0-30
1931	N26	Martin	T	0-0
1932	N05	Clarksville	T	6-6
1936	O16	Martin	L	0-18
1936	N13	Clarksville	L	0-32
1937	O22	Martin	L	14-20
1938	O20	Clarksville	W	14-13
1939	O20	Clarksville	W	7-0
1940	O18	Clarksville	W	20-0
1941	O17	Martin	W	13-0
1946	O12	Clarksville	W	33-0
1946	N08	Martin	W	14-0
1947	N15	Clarksville	W	20-7
1948	N12	Martin	W	39-0

As Tennessee-Martin

1959	N21	Clarksville	L	10-21
1960 #	O01	Martin	L	7-13
1961 #	S30	Clarksville	L	7-14
1962 #	S29	Martin	L	0-16
1963	N23	Clarksville	W	20-6
1964	N21	Martin	W	35-0
1965	N20	Clarksville	W	49-0
1966	N19	Martin	W	17-13
1967	N23	Clarksville	L	6-47
1968	N28	Martin	W	9-7
1969	S13	Clarksville	L	6-7
1970	O17	Martin	L	21-22
1971	O16	Clarksville	L	3-17
1972	O14	Martin	W	18-6
1973	O27	Clarksville	L	0-26
1974	N02	Martin	L	26-31
1975	N01	Clarksville	L	15-24
1976	S11	Martin	L	0-24
1977	S10	Clarksville	L	10-23
1978	S09	Martin	W	21-14
1979	S08	Clarksville	W	34-7
1980	S13	Martin	L	20-24
1981	N21	Clarksville	W	28-14
1982	S18	Clarksville	L	14-17
1983	S10	Martin	W	45-6
1984	S08	Clarksville	W	13-10
1985	S14	Martin	W	13-7
1986	S13	Clarksville	W	36-0
1987	S12	Martin	L	10-30
1989	S09	Martin	L	0-21
1990	S08	Clarksville	L	10-24
1991	N09	Martin	L	28-34
1992 •	N21	Clarksville	W	32-18
1993 •	N20	Clarksville	L OT2	33-39
1994 •	N19	Martin	W	27-21
1995 •	N18	Martin	L	28-31
1996 •	N23	Clarksville	W	55-24
1997	N15	Clarksville	L	26-36
2003	A28	Martin	L	20-21
2004	S18	Clarksville	L	14-31
2006	S30	Clarksville	L	10-20
2007 •	S22	Clarksville	W	17-14
2008 •	S20	Clarksville	L	17-31
2009 •	N21	Martin	L	38-48
As UT Martin				
2010 •	N06	Clarksville	L	12-28
2011 •	O08	Martin	L	23-61

2012 •	S22	Clarksville	L	6-31
2013 •	O26	Clarksville	L	14-38
2014 •	O25	Martin	L	7-37
2015 •	O17	Clarksville	L	14-44
2016 •	O08	Martin	L	31-45
2017 •	S30	Clarksville	W	7-0
2018 •	S22	Martin	L	7-37
2019 •	N09	Clarksville	W	38-24
2020 •	M21	Clarksville	L	34-37
2021 •	O30	Martin	L	16-17

TARLETON STATE

Overall: 0-2 H: 0-1 | A: 0-1
2024 ◇ O26 Clarksville L 17-27
2025 ◇ N22 Stephenville L OT 44-45

WEST GEORGIA

Overall: 1-0 H: 1-0 | A: 0-0
2024 ◇ O05 Carrollton W 20-16
2025 ◇ O04 Clarksville W 44-30

NORTH ALABAMA

formerly Florence State
Overall: 10-13 H: 6-6 | A: 4-7

As Florence State

1949	N26	Florence	W	27-6
1950	S30	Clarksville	W	6-0
1951	S29	Florence	L	7-27
1952	S27	Clarksville	L	0-9
1953	O03	Florence	L	13-14
1954	O02	Clarksville	L	7-13
1955	O01	Florence	L	7-13
1956	S29	Clarksville	W	19-6
1957	N16	Florence	L	13-40
1958	N22	Clarksville	L	13-20
1959	N14	Florence	L	8-22
1960	N12	Clarksville	L	34-35
1961	N11	Florence	L	8-14
1962	N10	Clarksville	L	0-17

As North Alabama

1974	O19	Clarksville	W	20-14
1975	O18	Florence	L	6-23
1976	O16	Clarksville	W	21-14
1977	O15	Florence	W	13-6
1978	O14	Clarksville	L	6-10
2022 ♦	N05	Florence	W	38-35
2023 ◇	O28	Clarksville	W	49-39
2024 ◇	N02	Florence	W	31-17
2025 ◇	O25	Clarksville	W	56-28

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Overall: 8-49 H: 4-23 | A: 4-26

1959	O23	Richmond	L	7-21
1960	O22	Clarksville	L	13-27
1961	O21	Richmond	L	7-21
1962	O20	Clarksville	L	7-14
1963 •	S21	Richmond	L	0-14
1964 •	S19	Clarksville	W	26-0
1965 •	S18	Richmond	* L	30-35
1966 •	S17	Clarksville	L	15-33
1967 •	S29	Richmond	L	0-37
1968 •	O05	Clarksville	L	20-21
1969 •	O04	Richmond	L	10-29
1970 •	O03	Clarksville	L	7-38
1971 •	O02	Richmond	L	9-14
1972 •	S30	Clarksville	L	6-21
1973 •	S29	Richmond	L	7-24
1974 •	O05	Clarksville	L	9-22
1975 •	O04	Richmond	L	0-49
1976 •	O02	Clarksville	L	13-27

1977 •	O01	Richmond	W	20-17
1978 •	S30	Clarksville	L	0-14
1979 •	S29	Richmond	L	10-35
1980 •	O04	Clarksville	L	10-23
1981 •	O03	Richmond	L	14-41
1982 •	O02	Clarksville	L	18-27
1983 •	O01	Richmond	L	14-31
1984 •	S29	Clarksville	L	3-20
1985 •	O05	Richmond	L	10-20
1986 •	N01	Clarksville	L	17-27
1987 •	O31	Richmond	L	7-50
1988 •	O08	Clarksville	L	10-56
1989 •	O07	Richmond	L	20-45
1990 •	N03	Clarksville	L	14-38
1991 •	N16	Richmond	L	0-21
1992 •	N14	Clarksville	L	14-45
1993 •	S25	Richmond	L	7-48
1994 •	S24	Clarksville	L	14-27
1995 •	N11	Richmond	L	0-28
1996 •	N16	Clarksville	L	10-24
1997	S27	Richmond	L	3-56
2007 •	N10	Clarksville	L	14-28
2008 •	S27	Richmond	L OT	10-13
2009 •	O24	Clarksville	W	24-20
2010 •	N20	Richmond	L	3-17
2011 •	S24	Clarksville	W	23-17
2012 •	O13	Richmond	L	14-45
2013 •	O05	Richmond	L	3-38
2014 •	O04	Clarksville	L	0-31
2015 •	S26	Richmond	L	13-51
2016 •	N12	Clarksville	L	30-67
2017 •	N11	Richmond	W	31-24
2018 •	N03	Clarksville	L	13-17
2019 •	N02	Richmond	W OT	28-21
2021	S25	Richmond	L	27-35
2022 ♦	S24	Clarksville	W	31-20
2023 ◇	N04	Richmond	W OT	33-30
2024 ◇	N16	Clarksville	L OT	27-30
2025 ◇	O11	Richmond	L	20-34

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Overall: 0-2 H: 0-1 | A: 0-1
2024 ◇ N09 Clarksville L 34-35
2025 ◇ S20 Abilene L 31-45

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Overall: 2-5 H: 2-2 | A: 0-2 | N: 0-1
1975 S13 Clarksville L 13-14
2019 S07 Clarksville L 16-24
2020 A29 Montgomery (N) L 17-24
2022 ♦ O01 Conway L 20-49
2023 ◇ N18 Clarksville W 14-12
2024 ◇ S14 Conway L 17-45
2025 ◇ N08 Clarksville W 41-38

GAME RECAPS


GWU (0-1, 0-0 OVC) 17
APSU (1-0, 0-0 UAC) 35
GAME 1 • vs. Gardner-Webb
AUGUST 27, 2026 • CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE
FORTERA STADIUM

The formula has not changed.

Chris Parson balls out, and the Govs win.

Austin Peay State University's football team rode a 308-yard passing day from the United Athletic Conference Preseason Offensive Player of the Year and styled the Gardner-Webb rushing game en route to a 35-17 season-opening victory at Fortera Stadium, Thursday night.

Parson was a tidy 14-for-21 passing on the day, with one score through the air and another on the ground. The Govs ground game was impeccable, with Austin Peay tallying 175 yards rushing, led by 73 yards and two scores from Courtland Simmons.

As a unit, the Govs posted 473 yards of total offense, the 12th time during Faris' tenure, and controlled the clock all evening, finishing with a 36:41 advantage in time of possession.

While Gardner-Webb was forced to adopt a more pass-based approach in the second half once the Govs went up multiple scores, the Governors gave the Runnin' Bulldogs no avenues in the ground game. Austin Peay surrendered just two rushing yards on seven attempts over the final 30 minutes, and surrendered just 32 rushing yards on 20 carries to the Runnin' Bulldogs.

SCORING SUMMARY

GARDNER-WEBB		3	7	3	7	—	17
AUSTIN PEAY		7	14	14	0	—	35

1st	4:17	GW	Simpson 36-yd FG	3-0
1st	1:12	AP	Simmons 1-yd run (Guagliano kick)	3-7
2nd	13:29	GW	Pennington 43-yd pass to Bost (Simpson kick)	10-7
2nd	7:08	AP	Groves 1-yd run (Guagliano kick)	10-14
2nd	3:22	AP	Parson 49-yd pass to Harper (Guagliano kick)	10-21
3rd	8:04	AP	Parson 4-yd run (Guagliano kick)	10-28
3rd	1:58	AP	Simmons 19-yd run (Guagliano kick)	10-35
4th	13:30	GW	Cormier 1-yd run (Bontekoe kick)	17-35

TEAM STATISTICS		GWU	APSU
First Downs		22	22
Rushes-Yards		32-20	47-175
Passing Yards		312	308
Passing Comp-Att-Int		27-49-1	14-21-1
Total Offense		344	483
Total Offensive Plays		69	68
Fumbles-Lost		1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards		2-5	6-50
Punts (Average)		3 (38.0)	3 (34.0)
Time of Possession		23:21	36:39
Third-Down Conversions		3/13	4/13
Fourth-Down Conversions		2/5	3/4
Sacks By (Yards)		3 (23)	2 (13)
Points off Turnovers		7	7

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

GARDNER-WEBB					AUSTIN PEAY				
RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD		RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD	
Vann	4	15	0		Simmons	11	73	2	
Cormier	7	11	1		Parson	12	31	1	
PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD		PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD	
Pennington	27-49-1	312	1		Parson	14-21-1	308	1	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD		RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	
Jones	9	102	0		Harper	3	108	1	
Bost	2	63	1		Sims	3	78	0	
DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT	DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT
Yanez	6-13	0.0	0.5	0	Hardy	7-10	0.0	1.0	0
Haynes	7-10	1.0	1.0	0	C. Williams	4-10	0.0	1.5	0


APSU (1-1, 0-0 UAC) 9
VU (1-0, 0-0 SEC) 28
GAME 2 • at Vanderbilt
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
FIRSTBANK STADIUM

Austin Peay State University football gave Vanderbilt everything it wanted and more, ultimately falling in a 28-9 contest at FirstBank Stadium in the Governors' 2026 road opener.

Vanderbilt used long, methodical drives to test Austin Peay's depth, controlling the ball for nearly 36 minutes of game time, with Austin Peay controlling the clock for just under 22 minutes of game time after a lightning strike with 2:16 remaining in regulation brought the contest to an early conclusion.

The Governors were unable to enjoy their typical success through the air, with a relentless Vanderbilt pass rush hounding redshirt junior signal-caller throughout the game. The Governors still finished with the highest total yardage number by an FCS opponent against Vanderbilt since 2023.

Vanderbilt used a punishing run game to in the first half designed to wear down Austin Peay's defensive front. The Commodores ran the ball 22 times for 105 yards in the first half, keeping the Govs on the field for drives of 13, 13 and 9 plays during the opening two quarters.

SCORING SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY		6	3	0	0	—	9
VANDERBILT		5	10	6	7	—	28
1st	8:59	VU	Taylor 32-yd FG				0-3
1st	6:57	AP	Harper 24-yd pass from Parson (Kick failed)				6-3
1st	6:57	VU	High 88-yd blocked PAT return				6-5
2nd	14:19	VU	Taylor 37-yd FG				6-8
2nd	6:21	VU	Berlowitz 7-yd run (Taylor kick)				6-15
2nd	1:33	AP	DiBoyan 51-yd FG				9-15
3rd	5:24	VU	Alexander 18-yd run (Taylor kick)				9-21
4th	14:50	VU	Broxton 27-yd punt return (Taylor kick)				9-28

TEAM STATISTICS		APSU	VU
First Downs		11	20
Rushes-Yards		25-62	38-187
Passing Yards		116	209
Passing Comp-Att-Int		12-21-0	18-25-0
Total Offense		178	396
Total Offensive Plays		46	63
Fumbles-Lost		0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards		3-25	9-73
Punts (Average)		5 (42.8)	3 (52.0)
Time of Possession		24:13	35:47
Third-Down Conversions		1/10	4/12
Fourth-Down Conversions		2/3	2/3
Sacks By (Yards)		0 (0)	5 (36)
Points off Turnovers		0	0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

AUSTIN PEAY				VANDERBILT					
RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD	RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD		
Simmons	5	26	0	Alexander	10	60	1		
Richardson	2	19	0	Berlowitz	11	45	1		
PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD	PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD		
Parson	12-21-0	116	1	Berlowitz	11-16-0	149	0		
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD		
Sims	6	55	0	Sherrill	4	70	0		
Harper	1	24	1	Barnett	3	31	0		
DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT	DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT
Haile	7-10	0.0	0.0	0	Rinaldi	3-6	0.5	0.5	0
Redding	5-8	0.0	0.0	0	Heard	2-6	0.0	0.0	0

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

GAME RECAPS



MSU (1-2, 0-0 PFL)	7
APSU (2-1, 0-0 UAC)	63

GAME 3 • vs. Morehead State

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 • CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE
FORTERA STADIUM

Austin Peay State University's football team scored early and often against Morehead State, running away from the Eagles with a record-breaking 35-point second quarter on the way to a 63-7 victory, Saturday, at Fortera Stadium.

The Govs sliced and diced through the Morehead State defense, putting up a program-record 11.1 yards per carry and 12.2 yards per play, gouging the Eagles with five completions and five rushing attempts of 25 yards or more; redshirt freshman Denver Harper needed just six touches for 196 all-purpose yards, while Kaden Williams only required three touches for 138 AP yards of his own.

With so many weapons at his disposal, redshirt junior quarterback Chris Parson needed just one half to put together one of the most efficient games of his career, going 12-for-15 in the air for 260 yards and three scores; he now ranks seventh all-time in both career passing yards (3,687) and touchdowns (28).

After yielding a score on the opening drive, Austin Peay's defense was near-unsolvable the rest of the way, surrendering just 98 total yards over the final three quarters of the game. The Govs recorded 11 tackles for loss in the game, led by RJ Jackson and Al Sandifer with 1.5 TFL apiece.

The Govs have now won seven in a row against Morehead State; Austin Peay's eight-straight home wins ties the program record, set across the 1964-65 campaigns.

SCORING SUMMARY

MOREHEAD STATE				7	0	0	0	—	7
AUSTIN PEAY				14	35	7	7	—	63
1st	10:00	MSU	Purcell 16 yd pass from Parson (Price kick)	7-0					
1st	9:42	AP	Harper 72 yd pass from Parson (DiBoyan kick)	7-7					
1st	6:29	AP	Williams 40 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	7-14					
2nd	12:02	AP	Groves 1 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	7-21					
2nd	9:42	AP	Robinson 1 yd pass from Parson (DiBoyan kick)	7-28					
2nd	5:30	AP	Williams 80 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	7-35					
2nd	1:53	AP	Harper 31 yd pass from Parson (DiBoyan kick)	7-42					
2nd	0:14	AP	Harper 67 yd punt return (DiBoyan kick)	7-49					
3rd	2:46	AP	Richardson 4 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	7-56					
4th	1:54	AP	Perkins III 1 yd run (Guagliano kick)	7-63					

TEAM STATISTICS		MOR	APSU
First Downs		11	22
Rushes-Yards		34-69	34-376
Passing Yards		137	317
Passing Comp-Att-Int		16-29-0	17-23-1
Total Offense		206	693
Total Offensive Plays		63	57
Fumbles-Lost		2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards		3-20	3-25
Punts (Average)		9 (50.1)	2 (38.5)
Time of Possession		33:41	26:19
Third-Down Conversions		8/18	6/8
Fourth-Down Conversions		0/1	0/0
Sacks By (Yards)		1 (2)	2 (18)
Points off Turnovers		0	7

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

MOREHEAD STATE				AUSTIN PEAY					
RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD	RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD		
Patterson	3	28	0	K. Williams	2	120	2		
Cunningham	11	15	0	M. Wilson	5	103	0		
PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD	PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD		
Parsons	13-21-0	121	1	Parson	12-15-0	260	3		
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD		
Purcell	5	66	1	Harper	3	124	2		
Ice	3	22	0	Sims	3	78	0		
DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT	DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT
Edwards	4-6	0.0	1.0	0	Ball	1-4	0.0	1.0	0
McQueen	3-6	0.0	0.0	1	Howard	2-4	0.0	1.0	0



APSU (3-1, 1-0 UAC)	38
UWF (2-1, 1-1 UAC)	16

GAME 4 • at West Florida

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 • PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
PENAIR FIELD

Behind a dominant defense and punishing ground game, the Austin Peay State University football team secured a signature victory, handing 17th-ranked West Florida a 38-16 defeat at PenAir Field – Austin Peay's largest margin of victory in a road win against a top-25 opponent in program history.

The Govs forced three West Florida turnovers – including a 70-yard interception return for a score to put the game away – to secure a road win against a ranked foe for the first time since 2021 and sixth time in program history. On offense, the Governors ground game was dominant, with 235 yards on 46 carries led by Courtland Simmons' 17 carries for 78 yards and a score leading the way.

Austin Peay put on a big-play show on offense, with five plays of 30 yards or more on the evening. The Govs averaged a tidy 6.2 yards per play on offense, including 21.3 yards per reception.

Malik Denkins living in the Argonaut backfield helped – his 4.5 TFL number was the best by a Gov since 2022 – but he wasn't alone; the Govs posted 10 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including four sacks, led by Denkins (1.0) and DeMoris Jenkins (1.5). The pass rush hounded the Argonaut passing attack all night, leading to a 12-for-26 passing night for just 149 yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

AUSTIN PEAY		14	14	0	10	—	38
WEST FLORIDA		0	10	6	0	—	16
1st	10:28	APSU	Robinson 61 yd pass from Parson (DiBoyan kick)	7-0			
1st	7:36	APSU	Harper 41 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	14-0			
2nd	14:52	APSU	Parson 10 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	21-0			
2nd	12:08	UWF	Davis 10 yd run (Grek kick)	21-7			
2nd	5:09	APSU	Simmons 5 yd run (DiBoyan kick)	28-7			
2nd	0:00	UWF	Grek 18 yd field goal	28-10			
3rd	7:56	UWF	Giddens 1 yd pass from Ty/Ray (kick missed)	28-16			
4th	6:42	APSU	DiBoyan 37 yd field goal	31-16			
4th	4:26	APSU	Wimpye 70 yd interception (DiBoyan kick)	38-16			

TEAM STATISTICS		APSU	UWF
First Downs		19	14
Rushes-Yards		46-236	38-164
Passing Yards		149	149
Passing Comp-Att-Int		7-16-0	12-26-2
Total Offense		384	313
Total Offensive Plays		62	64
Fumbles-Lost		1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards		6-50	5-58
Punts (Average)		3 (42.7)	4 (50.2)
Time of Possession		30:20	29:40
Third-Down Conversions		5/14	5/14
Fourth-Down Conversions		1/4	2/4
Sacks By (Yards)		4 (17)	2 (17)
Points off Turnovers		14	0

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

AUSTIN PEAY					WEST FLORIDA				
RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD		RUSHING	NO.	NET	TD	
Simmons	17	78	1		Townsend	9	93	2	
Parson	14	59	1		Godfrey	6	28	0	
PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD		PASSING	C-A-I	YDS	TD	
Parson	7-16-0	149	1		Davis	8-14-1	118	1	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD		RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD	
Robinson	2	108	1		Townsend	3	42	0	
Sims	2	40	0		Mansell	1	48	0	
DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT	DEFENSE	UA-TOT	SACK	TFL	INT
Denkins	5-8	1.0	4.5	0	Ratliff	4-7	0.0	0.0	0
Creary	5-5	0.0	1.0	0	Anderson	3-6	1.0	1.5	0

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

UNITED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

UAC STANDINGS

Standings	UAC	Pct.	PF	PA	ALL	Pct.	PF	PA	H	A	N	STR
Austin Peay	1-0	1.000	38	16	3-1	.750	145	68	2-0	1-1	0-0	W2
West Florida	1-1	.000	58	52	2-1	.667	92	83	1-1	1-0	0-0	L1
Tarleton State	0-0	.000	0	0	4-0	1.000	141	87	2-0	2-0	0-0	W4
North Alabama	0-0	.000	0	0	2-2	.500	99	91	1-0	0-2	1-0	W1
Abilene Christian	0-0	.000	0	0	1-3	.250	72	119	0-0	1-3	0-0	W1
Eastern Kentucky	0-0	.000	0	0	1-3	.250	64	128	1-1	0-2	0-0	L1
West Georgia	0-0	.000	0	0	0-4	.000	44	158	0-1	0-3	0-0	L4
Central Arkansas	0-1	.000	14	42	2-2	.500	118	113	1-1	1-1	0-0	L1

WEEK 4 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 26 (Times CT)

UT Martin at Austin Peay, 1 p.m.

Central Arkansas at Florida State, 2 p.m.

Western Illinois at North Alabama, 3 p.m.

Fort Valley State at West Georgia, 5 p.m.

West Florida at Southeast Missouri, 6 p.m.

Mercer at Abilene Christian, 7 p.m.

UAC SCHEDULE

	ACU	APSU	UCA	EKU	UNA	TSU	UWF	UWG
Abilene Christian		Nov. 14	Oct. 10	Nov. 21	Oct. 17	Nov. 7	Oct. 3	Oct. 31
Austin Peay	Nov. 14		Nov. 21	Nov. 7	Oct. 24	Oct. 10	W, 38-16	Oct. 17
Central Arkansas	Oct. 10	Nov. 21		Nov. 14	Oct. 31	Oct. 17	L, 14-42	Nov. 7
Eastern Kentucky	Nov. 21	Nov. 7	Nov. 14		Oct. 3	Oct. 31	Oct. 24	Oct. 10
North Alabama	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31	Oct. 3		Nov. 21	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
Tarleton State	Nov. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 31	Nov. 21		Nov. 14	Oct. 24
West Florida	Oct. 3	L, 16-38	W, 42-14	Oct. 24	Nov. 7	Nov. 14		Nov. 21
West Georgia	Oct. 31	Oct. 17	Nov. 7	Oct. 10	Nov. 14	Oct. 24	Nov. 21	

UAC IN THE MASSEY RATINGS

Rating	Team	W-L	Change	Power	Offense	Defense	SOS (played)	SOS (future)
7.	Tarleton State	4-0	+0	9	8	15	67	56
11.	Austin Peay	3-1	+2	10	12	9	37	39
20.	Abilene Christian	1-3	+6	15	20	12	7	17
34.	West Florida	2-1	-11	68	53	81	25	36
42.	North Alabama	2-2	+5	42	45	48	47	31
48.	Central Arkansas	2-2	-11	41	35	53	73	22
65.	Eastern Kentucky	1-3	-21	48	63	35	51	24
92.	West Georgia	0-4	-6	81	83	69	10	25

UAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Date	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Freshman
A29	Donovyn Omolo, Central Arkansas	Byron Puryear, West Florida	DeAndre Buchannon, Tarleton State	Xavier Johnson, North Alabama
S07	Ty'Ray Davis, UWF / Tylan Hines, TSU	Jaden Aubert, Tarleton State	Alex Broome, Abilene Christian	Xavier Johnson, North Alabama
S14	Tylan Hines, Tarleton State	Cam Jessee, Eastern Kentucky	Alejandro De La Poza, Tarleton State	Denver Harper, Austin Peay
S21	Kaden Anderson, Tarleton State	Malik Denkins, Austin Peay	Brand Perez, Abilene Christian	Xavier Johnson, North Alabama
S28				
O05				
O12				
O19				
O26				
N02				
N09				
N16				
N23				

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

UNITED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

UAC PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	Points
1.	Tarleton State (3)	65
	Abilene Christian (3)	65
3.	Austin Peay (2)	62
4.	Eastern Kentucky	48
5.	Central Arkansas	43
6.	West Georgia	39
7.	North Alabama	37
8.	West Florida	33

STATS PERFORM PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Team
1.	Tarleton State
2.	Austin Peay
3.	Abilene Christian
4.	Eastern Kentucky
5.	West Georgia
6.	Central Arkansas
7.	North Alabama
8.	West Florida

PRESEASON PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Offensive
Chris Parson, Austin Peay
Defensive
*Kaden Smith, Eastern Kentucky

PRESEASON ALL-UAC OFFENSE

Offense
QB *Chris Parson, Austin Peay
RB Tylan Hines, Tarleton State
RB Brayden Latham, ECU
WR Jaden Robinson, Austin Peay
WR Dallas Dudley, Abilene Christian
TE Jackson Head, Austin Peay
OL Joshua Sales Jr., Austin Peay
OL Aidan Moe, Tarleton State
OL Luke Roaten, Abilene Christian
OL Landon Roaten, Abilene Christian
C *Colter Lynch, Abilene Christian

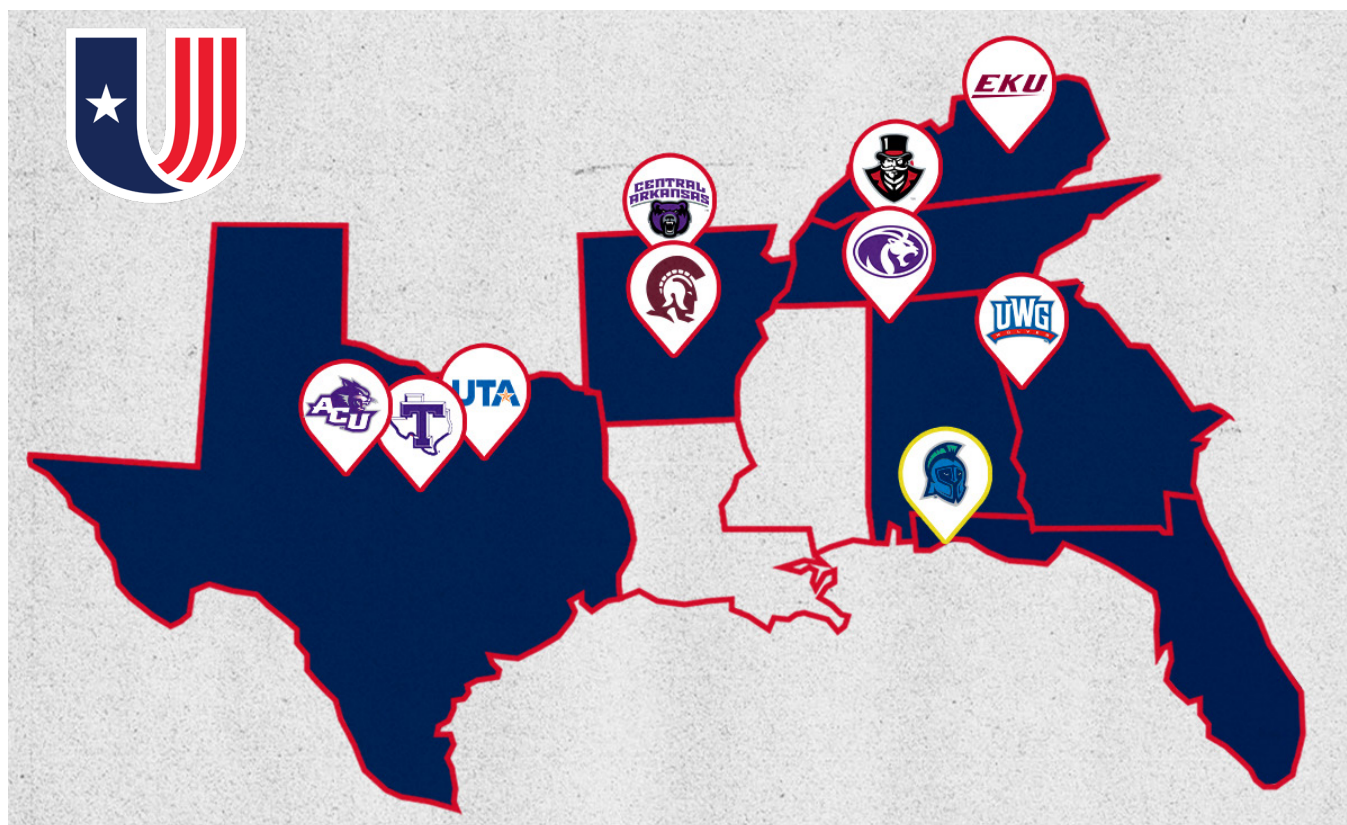
PRESEASON ALL-UAC DEFENSE

Defense
DL Kortlin Rausaw, Abilene Christian
DL Trevion Traylor, Central Arkansas
DL Fred Vili, North Alabama
DL Chris Herpin, Abilene Christian
LB Kaden Smith, ECU
LB Ashtyn Williams, Central Arkansas
LB Tango McCauley Jr., North Alabama
DB Omar Emmons, Tarleton State
DB Dillon Williams, Central Arkansas
DB Marcus Washington, Central Arkansas
DB Derek Taylor, ECU

PRESEASON ALL-UAC SPECIAL TEAMS

Special Teams
K Brandon Perez, Abilene Christian
P Charlie Mullen, Tarleton State
RS DeAndre Buchannon, Tarleton State
LS Quaid Luginbill, ECU

* - Denotes unanimous selection



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School	SID	Website	Football Twitter	Radio Crew
Abilene Christian	Evan Nemec	ACUSports.com	@ACUFootball	Grant Boone, Jim Reese
Austin Peay	Colby Wilson	LetsGoPeay.com	@GovsFB	Brian Rives, Van Stokes
Central Arkansas	Jeremy Bishop	UCASports.com	@UCA_Football	Justin Acri, Chris Kane, Steve Owens
Eastern Kentucky	Alex Pryor	EKUSports.com	@EKUFootball	Wes Chandler, Johnathan Duff
North Alabama	Mike Ezekiel	RoarLions.com	@UNAFootball	Jordan Campbell, Jacob Tucker, Chase Glover
Tarleton State	Jake Withee	TarletonSports.com	@TarletonFB	Byron Anderson, Kyle Masters, Keltin Wiens
West Florida	Ted Johnson	Goargos.com	@UWFFootball	Brian Prawitz, Jordan Glass
West Georgia	Jared Boggus	UWG Athletics.com	@UWGFootball	Seth Cain, Nick White, Matt Skinner

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

ACROSS THE COUNTRY

STATS PERFORM MEDIA POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	W-L	Points	Previous
1	Montana State (46)	4-0	1414	1
2	South Dakota State (10)	3-1	1363	2
3	Illinois State (1)	4-0	1261	5
4	Tarleton State	4-0	1254	4
5	Montana	3-1	1204	3
6	Lehigh	4-0	1042	7
7	North Dakota	3-1	1041	6
8	South Dakota	3-1	987	10
9	Stephen F. Austin	4-0	965	12
10	UC Davis	3-1	919	11
11	Youngstown State	2-2	853	9
12	Tennessee Tech	3-0	842	13
13	Austin Peay	3-1	769	T14
14	Idaho State	3-0	671	15
15	Lamar	2-1	627	T14
16	South Carolina State	4-0	550	18
17	Yale	1-0	448	19
18	Northern Arizona	3-1	437	20
19	Rhode Island	2-2	390	8
20	West Florida	2-1	260	17
21	Harvard	1-0	248	25
22	Campbell	3-1	195	NR
23	Villanova	2-2	169	22
24	Southern Illinois	2-2	116	24
25	Mercer	2-2	102	23

Receiving Votes: Alabama State: 72; Jackson State: 60; Colgate: 48; Richmond: 44; Elon: 35; Stony Brook: 29; Furman: 19; William & Mary: 16; Southeastern Louisiana: 14; Incarnate Word: 14; Houston Christian: 9; Monmouth: 9; Morgan State: 5; Southeast Missouri: 4

AFCA COACHES POLL

Rank	Team (1st)	W-L	Points	Previous
1	Montana State (25)	4-0	649	1
2	South Dakota State	3-1	598	3
3	Tarleton State	4-0	566	5
4	Illinois State (1)	4-0	561	4
4	Montana	3-1	561	2
6	Stephen F. Austin	4-0	480	8
7	Lehigh	4-0	461	7
8	North Dakota	3-1	459	6
9	UC Davis	3-1	439	11
10	Tennessee Tech	3-0	415	10
11	Austin Peay	3-1	378	14
12	South Dakota	3-1	366	12
13	Youngstown State	2-2	363	9
14	South Carolina State	4-0	303	16
15	Lamar	2-1	296	15
16	Idaho State	3-0	273	18
17	Northern Arizona	3-1	228	19
18	Yale	1-0	188	20
19	Richmond	3-1	104	NR
20	West Florida	2-1	97	17
21	Rhode Island	2-2	93	13
22	Villanova	2-2	85	23
23	Colgate	3-1	71	NR
23	Mercer	2-2	71	22
25	Harvard	1-0	50	NR

Receiving Votes: Southern Illinois (45), Campbell (41), Jackson State (39), Elon (38), Furman (37), Alabama State (14), Prairie View A&M (12), Stony Brook (12), Bryant (7), Central Connecticut State (6), Dartmouth (6), Incarnate Word (6), William & Mary (6), **Abilene Christian (5)**, Monmouth (5), Southeastern Louisiana (4), Southeast Missouri State (3), UT Rio Grande Valley (3), Robert Morris (PA) (2), San Diego (2), Chattanooga (1), St. Thomas (Minn.) (1)

#FEARTHEFCS

In 2026, there are a record 127 games between FCS and FBS teams. The Govs played one of those games when they took on Vanderbilt in Week 1. Below is a list of all the FCS wins against the FBS in the past four seasons:

2026 FCS wins vs. FBS teams:

- Tarleton State 20, Bowling Green 13 (Sept. 5)
- The Citadel 43, Charlotte 41 (30T) (Sept. 5)
- Idaho State 29, Utah State 17 (Sept. 5)
- Illinois State 28, Northern Illinois 24 (Sept. 12)
- Montana State 20, Nevada 7 (Sept. 12)
- Southeastern Louisiana 38, ULM 35 (Sept. 19)

2025 FCS wins vs. FBS teams:

- Tarleton State 30, Army 27 (20T) (Aug. 29)
- **Austin Peay 34, MTSU 14 (Aug. 30)**
- Long Island 28, Eastern Michigan 23 (Sept. 6)
- Bryant 27, UMass 26 (Sept. 26)

2024 FCS wins vs. FBS teams:

- Montana State 35, New Mexico 31 (Aug. 24)
- Southern Utah 27, UTEP 24 (OT) (Sept. 7)
- St. Francis (PA) 23, Kent State 17 (Sept. 7)
- Idaho 17, Wyoming 13 (Sept. 7)
- Monmouth 45, FIU 42 (Sept. 21)
- UT Martin 24, Kennesaw State 13 (Sept. 28)

2023 FCS wins vs. FBS teams:

- Southern Illinois 14, Northern Illinois 11 (Sept. 9)
- Fordham 40, Buffalo 37 (Sept. 9)
- Idaho 33, Nevada 6 (Sept. 9)
- Sacramento State 30, Stanford 23 (Sept. 16)

STATS PERFORM FCS NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Date	Offensive	Defensive	Special Teams	Freshman
A31	Kamden Sixkiller, Campbell	Jayven Anderson, Houston Christian	Max Lipinski, William & Mary	Austyn Modrzewski, South Dakota
S07	Tylan Hines, Tarleton State	Omari Bursey, Villanova	Mason Lindberg, Idaho State	Cross Watson, Morehead State
S14	Beau Brungard, Youngstown State	Tye Niekamp, Illinois State	Tre Holloway, Tennessee Tech	Denver Harper, Austin Peay
S21	Josiah Johnson, South Dakota State	Brodie Carroll, Elon	Jason Wonodi, Norfolk State	Miles Teodecki, Penn
S28				
O05				
O12				
O19				
O26				
N02				
N09				
N16				
N23				

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

GOVS IN THE POLLS

GOVS AS A TOP 25 TEAM

Below is the comprehensive list of games the Governors have played while ranked in a national poll.

ASSOCIATED PRESS I-AA COACHES POLL ERA

Date	Opponent	Location	APSU	Opp	Res	Score	OT
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1978

S23	Western Kentucky •	Bowling Green	10		L	13-17	
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1979

S22	Western Kentucky •	Clarksville	8		L	20-24	
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STATS FCS POLL/AFCA FCS COACHES POLL ERA

Date	Opponent	Location	APSU	Opp	Res	Score	OT
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2018

S01	Georgia	Athens	22/23	3/4	L	0-45	
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S08	Presbyterian	Clarksville	-/24		W	24-0	
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S15	Morehead State	Morehead	-/23		W	78-40	
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S22	UT Martin •	Martin	24/21		L	7-37	
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2019

O19	Tennessee State •	Nashville	20/19		L	24-26	
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O26	Tennessee Tech •	Cookeville	20/19		W	58-21	
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N02	Eastern Kentucky •	Richmond	-/25		W	28-21	
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N09	UT Martin •	Clarksville	-/24		W	38-24	
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N16	Murray State •	Murray	22/22		W	42-7	
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N23	Eastern Illinois •	Clarksville	20/19		W	35-7	
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N30	Furman ▲	Clarksville	18/17	16/16	W	42-6	
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D07	Sacramento State ▲	Sacramento	18/17	3/3	W	42-28	
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D14	Montana State ▲	Bozeman	18/17	5/5	L	10-24	
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2020-21

A29	Central Arkansas	Montgomery	13/13	11/11	L	17-24	
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S12	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	13/13	-/RV	L	0-55	
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S19	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	13/13	13/14	L	20-55	
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F21	Tennessee Tech •	Cookeville	13/13		L	21-27	
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2021

S02	Chattanooga	Chattanooga	20/25	18/18	W	30-20	
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S11	Mississippi	Oxford	17/18	RV/20	L	17-54	
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S18	Morehead State	Clarksville	19/21		W	59-35	
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S25	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond	19/20		L	27-35	
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2022

S24	Eastern Kentucky ♦	Clarksville	RV/23	16/20	W	31-20	
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O01	Central Arkansas ♦	Conway	23/16		L	20-49	
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O15	Murray State	Clarksville	24/24		W	52-17	
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O29	Jacksonville State ♦	Clarksville	25/21		L	16-40	
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O21	Southern Utah ◊	Cedar City	24/24		W	48-45	OT2
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O28	North Alabama ◊	Clarksville	20/20		W	49-39	
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N04	Eastern Kentucky ◊	Richmond	19/17		W	33-30	OT
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N11	Utah Tech ◊	Clarksville	20/14		W	30-17	
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N18	Central Arkansas ◊	Clarksville	15/12	RV/20	W	14-12	
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N25	Chattanooga ▲	Clarksville	13/10	18/19	L	21-24	
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2025

S13	Morehead State	Clarksville	22/23		W	56-7	
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S20	Abilene Christian ◊	Abilene	18/20	14/15	L	31-45	
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S27	Utah Tech ◊	Clarksville	23/25		W	42-10	
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O04	West Georgia ◊	Clarksville	22/21	16/16	W	44-30	
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O11	Eastern Kentucky ◊	Richmond	16/15		L	20-34	
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O25	North Alabama ◊	Clarksville	25/23		W	56-28	
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N01	Southern Utah ◊	Cedar City	22/24		L	17-33	
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2026

A27	Gardner-Webb	Clarksville	17/18		W	35-17	
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S05	Vanderbilt	Nashville	14/15		L	9-28	
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S12	Morehead State	Clarksville	15/15		W	63-7	
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S19	West Florida ◊	Pensacola	14/14	17/17	W	38-16	
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▲ - FCS Playoffs, ◊ - UAC, ♦ - ASUN, • - OVC

GOVS VS. THE FBS

Austin Peay has played 32 games against FBS teams in program history. The Governors lone win against the upper echelon came in 1987 when they upset Kansas State in Manhattan, Kansas.

Year	Date	Opponent	Location	AP#	Opp#	Res	Score
1985	S07	Cincinnati	Cincinnati			L	9-31
1987	S05	Kansas State	Manhattan			W	26-22
1987	N14	Cincinnati	Cincinnati			L	10-42
1988	O15	Toledo	Toledo			L	14-38
1993	S04	Cincinnati	Cincinnati			L	10-42
1996	S07	Arkansas State	Jonesboro			L	0-24
2002	O05	Troy	Troy			L	3-41
2010	S11	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro			L	33-56
2010	S25	Wisconsin	Madison		11/10	L	3-70
2011	S03	Cincinnati	Cincinnati			L	10-72
2011	S17	Memphis	Memphis			L	6-27
2012	S01	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green			L	10-49
2012	S08	Virginia Tech	Blacksburg		15/18	L	7-42
2013	A31	Tennessee	Knoxville			L	0-45
2013	S07	Vanderbilt	Nashville			L	3-38
2013	S21	Ohio	Athens			L	0-38
2014	A30	Memphis	Memphis			L	0-63
2015	S12	Southern Miss	Hattiesburg			L	6-52
2015	S19	Vanderbilt	Nashville			L	7-47
2016	S03	Troy	Troy			L	17-57
2016	N19	Kentucky	Lexington			L	13-49
2017	A31	Cincinnati	Cincinnati			L	14-26
2017	S09	Miami (Ohio)	Oxford			L	10-31
2017	O28	Central Florida	Orlando		18/17	L	33-73
2018	S01	Georgia	Athens	22/23	3/4	L	0-45
2020	S12	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	13/13	-/RV	L	0-55
2020	S19	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	13/13	13/14	L	20-55
2021	S11	Mississippi	Oxford	17/18	RV/20	L	17-54
2022	A27	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green			L	27-38
2022	N19	Alabama	Tuscaloosa		8/8	L	0-34
2023	S09	Tennessee	Knoxville		9/9	L	13-30
2024	A31	Louisville	Louisville	RV/RV	RV/RV	L	0-62
2025	A30	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro			W	34-14
2025	S06	Georgia	Athens	RV/RV	4/3	L	6-28
2025	S05	Vanderbilt	Nashville	14/15	RV/RV	L	9-28

THE LAST TIME A GOVERNOR...

Had 40 carries: Jay Bailey (47) at Kentucky Wesleyan, 10/19/02
Had 30 carries: Jevon Jackson (38) vs. Utah Tech, 11/11/23
Rushed for 200 yards: Brian Snead (227) vs. Tennessee State, 2/28/21
Rushed for 150 yards: Chris Parson (194) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Rushed for 100 yards: Kaden Williams (120) and Matthew Wilson (103) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Rushed for 100 yards in consecutive games: La'Vell Wright (2) vs. Alabama A&M (142), 10/28/2 & vs. Southern Utah (140), 9/28/24
Rushed 90 yards for a TD: Jay Bailey (99) at Valparaiso, 9/23/00
Rushed 80 yards for a TD: Kaden Williams (80) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/2026
Rushed 70 yards for a TD: Kaden Williams (80) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/2026
Rushed for 5 TDs: Daniel Williams (5) vs. UT Martin, 11/23/96
Rushed for 4 TDs: JaVaughn Craig (4) vs. Morehead State, 9/16/17
Rushed for 3 TDs: Chris Parson (3) vs. North Alabama, 10/25/25
Two Govs rushed for 100 yards in the same game: Kaden Williams (120) and Matthew Wilson (103) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Two Govs rushed for multiple TDs in the same game: Chris Parson (3) & Javious Bond (2) vs. North Alabama, 10/25/25
QB rushed for 100 yards: Matthew Wilson (103) vs. Morehead State (9/12/26)

Attempted 50 passes: Draylen Ellis (53) vs. Southeast Mo., 10/9/21
Attempted 40 passes: Mike DiLiello (41) vs. Gardner-Webb, 10/14/23
Attempted 30 passes: Chris Parson (30) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Completed 40 passes: Jake Ryan (40) at Jacksonville St., 11/10/12
Completed 30 passes: Austin Smith (31) at North Alabama, 11/2/24
Completed 20 passes: Chris Parson (23) vs. Central Arkansas, 11/8/25
Completed 80% of passes: Chris Parson (80.0) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Completed 70% of passes: Chris Parson (80.0) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Passed for 400 yards: Austin Smith (406) at North Alabama, 11/2/24
Passed for 300 yards: Chris Parson (308) vs. Gardner-Webb, 8/27/26
Passed for 6 TDs: Mike DiLiello (6) vs. North Alabama, 10/28/23
Passed for 5 TDs: Mike DiLiello (6) vs. North Alabama, 10/28/23
Passed for 4 TDs: Chris Parson (4) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Had a 90-yard completion: Jesse Kellogg (91) vs. Campbellsville, 9/6/03
Had a 80-yard completion: Chris Parson (84) vs. West Georgia, 10/4/25
Had a 70-yard completion: Chris Parson (72) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Had a 60-yard completion: Chris Parson (61) at West Florida, 9/19/26
Had a 50-yard completion: Chris Parson (61) at West Florida, 9/19/26

Had 200 receiving yards: Jaden Barnes (241) at North Alabama, 11/2/24
Had 150 receiving yards: Jaden Barnes (179) vs. Abilene Christian, 11/9/24
Had 100 receiving yards: Jaden Robinson (108) at West Florida, 9/19/26
Had 4 TD receptions: Drae McCray (4) vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/20/21
Had 3 TD receptions: Kamari Maxwell (3) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Had 2 TD receptions: Denver Harper (2) vs. Morehead State (91/2/26)
Caught a 90-yard pass: Paul Derrick (91) vs. Campbellsville, 9/6/03
Caught a 80-yard pass: Courtland Simmons (84) vs. West Georgia, 10/4/25
Caught a 70-yard pass: Denver Harper (72) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Caught a 60-yard pass: Jaden Robinson (61) at West Florida, 9/19/26
Caught a 50-yard pass: Jaden Robinson (61) at West Florida, 9/19/26
Caught 10 passes: Jaden Barnes (12) at North Alabama, 11/2/24
Two Govs had 100 receiving yards in the same game: Jackson Head (132) & Jaden Robinson (114) at Abilene Christian, 9/20/25

Scored 30 points: Daniel Williams (30) vs. UT Martin, 11/23/96
Scored 5 TDs: Daniel Williams (5) vs. UT Martin, 11/23/96
Scored 4 TDs: Drae McCray (4) vs. Tennessee Tech, 11/20/21
Scored 3 TDs: Denver Harper (3) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Last 2-point conversion: Trey Goodman to Ethan Myers (pass) vs. North Alabama, 10/28/23

Player ran for and caught a TD in the same game: Jaden Barnes (1 rush, 1 rec.) at Central Arkansas, 9/14/24
Gained 400 total offensive yards: Chris Parson (487) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Gained 200 all-purpose yards: Jaden Barnes (241) at North Alabama, 11/2/24
Govs had a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game: Kaden Williams (120, Rush), Matthew Wilson (103, Rush) & Denver Harper (124,

Receiving) vs. Utah Tech, 11/11/23

Had 19 or more tackles in a game: Johnathan Shuler (19) vs. Southeast Mo., 10/27/12
Had 15 tackles in a game: Tyler Long (17) at Southern Utah, 10/21/23
Multiple Govs had 10 tackles: Trevor Hardy (10) & Canaan Williams (10) vs. Gardner-Webb, 8/27/26

Had 3.0 sacks in a game: Joe Bell (3.0) vs. Campbellsville, 9/06/03
Had 4.0 tackles for loss: Malik Denkins (4.5) at West Florida, 9/19/26

Forced 2 fumbles: Myles Wiley (2) at Georgia, 9/6/25
Returned a fumble for a TD: Jesse Johnson III (21 yds) vs. Alabama A&M, 9/21/24
Returned a fumble 50 yards: Antoine Williams (60) at Alabama A&M, 9/17/22

Returned an interception for a TD: Justin Wimpye. at West Florida, 9/19/26
Returned two interceptions for a TD: Kordell Jackson at Mercer, 9/14/19
Returned an interception 80 yards: Ryan Taylor (88) at Valparaiso, 9/11/04
Had 4 interceptions: Taylon Jenkins at Georgetown, 11/14/98
Had 3 interceptions: Johnathon Edwards vs. Eastern Illinois, 11/6/21
Had 2 interceptions: Montreze Smith Jr. vs. North Alabama, 10/25/25
Two Govs had multiple interceptions in the same game: Johnathon Edwards (3) and Shamari Simmons (2) vs. Eastern Illinois, 11/6/21

Made a 55-yard field goal: Maddux Trujillo (55) vs. Jacksonville St., 10/29/22
Made a 50-yard field goal: Hamilton DiBoyan (51) at Vanderbilt, 9/5/26
Made a 45-yard field goal: Hamilton DiBoyan (51) at Vanderbilt, 9/5/26
Made a 40-yard field goal: Hamilton DiBoyan (51) at Vanderbilt, 9/5/26
Scored 12 points by kicking: Carson Smith (12) vs. Samford, 11/15/25
Made 5 kicking PATs: Hamilton DiBoyan (5) at West Florida, 9/19/26
Made 4 field goals: Stephen Stansell (4) vs. Tenn. St., 9/18/10
Made 3 field goals: Carson Smith (3) vs. Samford, 11/15/25
Attempted 4 field goals: Carson Smith (4) vs. Samford, 11/15/25

Had a 60-yard punt: Logan Leftrick (61) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Punted 10 times: Matthew Rigney (10) vs. Tenn. State, 2/28/21
Averaged 45 yards per punt: Logan Leftrick (45.2) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25

Returned 5 punts: Tyler Clendenen (5) vs. Culver-Stockton, 11/3/12
Totaled 100 punt return yards: Kam Thomas (123) vs. ETSU, 9/16/23
Totaled 60 punt return yards: Denver Harper (64) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Had a 40-yard punt return: Denver Harper (64) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26
Returned a punt for a TD: Denver Harper (64) vs. Morehead State, 9/12/26

Returned a kickoff for a TD: Kam Thomas (94) vs. Murray State, 10/15/22
Had a 90-yard kickoff return: Kam Thomas (94) vs. Murray State, 10/15/22
Had 6 kickoff returns: Javious Bond (6) vs. Central Arkansas, 11/8/25
Total 200 kickoff return yards: Kyran Moore (223) at UCF, 10/28/17
Total 150 kickoff return yards: Kyran Moore (223) at UCF, 10/28/17
Total 125 kickoff return yards: Javious Bond (136) vs. Central Arkansas, 11/8/25

Blocked a PAT kick: Ellis Ellis Jr. vs. West Georgia, 10/4/25
Intercepted a 2-pt. conversion pass: N/A
Scored a defensive two-point conversion: Rishi Rattan vs. West Georgia, 10/4/25
Blocked a field goal: Ellis Ellis Jr. vs. Utah Tech, 9/27/25
Returned a blocked field goal for a TD: Kevis Buckley (67) at Southeast Mo., 11/3/07
Blocked a punt: Jaheim Ward at Lindenwood, 9/30/23
Returned a blocked punt for a TD: Drae McCray (39 yds) at Tenn. St., 11/13/21
Recovered own on-side kick: Kendal Howard vs. Gardner-Webb, 8/27/26

Non-QB completed a pass: Shemar Kirk (15 yds) at Tarleton State, 11/22/25
Non-QB threw a TD: Trey Goodman to Tre Shackelford (54 yds) at Southern Utah, 10/21/23
Offensive lineman scored a TD: Chandler Kirton vs. Morehead State, 9/13/2025

THE LAST TIME THE GOVERNORS...

Won an OT game: at Eastern Kentucky (33-30), 11/4/23
Won a 2OT game: at Southern Utah (48-45), 10/21/23
Lost an OT game: at Tarleton State (44-45), 11/22/25
Lost a 2OT game: vs. Jacksonville (21-28), 10/2/99
Lost a 3OT game: vs. Murray State (24-31), 11/17/90

Beat Ranked FCS Opponent: vs. #17/17 West Florida (38-16), 9/19/26
Beat an FBS Opponent: at Middle Tennessee (34-14), 8/30/25

Were shutout: at Louisville (0-62), 8/31/24
Did not score an offensive TD: at Georgia (6-28), 9/6/25
Committed no turnovers: at West Florida, 9/19/26
Did not allow a sack: vs. Central Arkansas, 11/8/25

Scored 28 points in a quarter: vs. Morehead State (2nd, 35), 9/12/26
Scored 50 points: vs. Morehead State (63), 9/12/26
Scored 60 points: vs. Morehead State (63), 9/12/26
Scored 70 points: at Morehead State (78), 9/15/18

Rushed for 400 yards: vs. Morehead State (429), 9/13/2025
Rushed for 300 yards: vs. Morehead State (376), 9/12/2026
Rushed 70 times: Tennessee-Martin (71), 11/23/96
Rushed 60 times: vs. Eastern Illinois (66), 11/18/17
Rushed 50 times: vs. Central Arkansas (50), 11/8/25
Rushed 40 times: at West Florida (46), 9/19/26
Rushed for 6 TDs: vs. Morehead State (7), 9/13/2025
Rushed for 5 TDs: vs. Morehead State (5), 9/12/26
Rushed for 4 TDs: vs. Morehead State (5), 9/12/2
Failed to rush for 100 yards: at Vanderbilt (62), 9/5/26

Attempted 50 passes: vs. Southeast Mo. (53), 10/9/21
Completed 40 passes: at Jacksonville St. (40), 11/10/12
Completed 30 passes: at North Alabama (31), 11/2/24
Completed 80 percent of its passes: at North Alabama (88.6), 11/2/24
Completed 60 percent of its passes: vs. Morehead State (73.9), 9/12/26
Passed for 400 yards: at North Alabama (406), 11/2/24
Passed for 300 yards: vs. Morehead State (317), 9/12/26
Threw 6 TD passes: vs. North Alabama (6), 10/28/23
Threw 5 TD passes: vs. North Alabama (6), 10/28/23
Threw 4 TD passes: at Tarleton State (4), 11/22/25
Failed to pass for 100 yards: at Utah Tech (93), 10/19/24

Had 90 offensive plays: vs. Presbyterian (93), 9/3/22
Had 80 offensive plays: vs. Central Arkansas (82), 11/8/25
Had 600 offensive yards: vs. Morehead State (693), 9/12/2026
Had 500 offensive yards: vs. Morehead State (693), 9/12/2026
Had 400 offensive yards: vs. Morehead State (693), 9/12/2026
Scored 9 offensive TDs: vs. Morehead State (9), 9/12/2026
Scored 8 offensive TDs: vs. Morehead State (9), 9/12/2026
Scored 7 offensive TDs: vs. Morehead State (9), 9/12/2026
Scored 6 offensive TDs: vs. Morehead State (9), 9/12/2026
Failed to run 50 offensive plays: at Vanderbilt (46), 9/5/26

Shutout an opponent: vs. Miss. Valley St. (41-0), 9/10/22
Held an opponent without a TD: vs. ETSU, 9/16/23
Did not force a turnover: at Vanderbilt, 9/5/26
Did not record a sack: at Vanderbilt, 9/5/26

Intercepted 6 passes: vs. Eastern Illinois (6), 11/6/21
Intercepted 5 passes: vs. Eastern Illinois (6), 11/6/21
Intercepted 4 passes: vs. Eastern Illinois (6), 11/6/21
Intercepted 3 passes: vs. North Alabama (3), 10/25/25
Returned an interception for a TD: at West Florida, 9/19/26
Returned two interceptions for TDs: at UT Martin, 10/30/21

Forced 4 fumbles: Ohio (4), 9/21/13
Recovered 4 fumbles: Tennessee State (4), 10/6/18

Had 7 sacks: at Tennessee Tech (7), 2/21/21
Had 6 sacks: at Tennessee Tech (7), 2/21/21
Had 5 sacks: at Middle Tennessee (5), 8/30/25
Had 20 tackles for loss: at Valparaiso (20.0), 9/23/00
Had 15 tackles for loss: at Tennessee Tech (16.0), 2/21/21
Had 10 tackles for loss: at West Florida (10.0), 9/19/26

Held opponent to fewer than 0 rush yards: vs. UT Martin (-25), 11/9/19
Held opponent to under 100 rush yards: vs. Morehead State (69), 9/12/26
Held opponent to under 100 passing yards: vs. ETSU (77), 9/16/23

Had 100 yards in penalties: vs. North Alabama (103), 10/25/25
Scored a safety: at Stephen F. Austin, 9/23/23

Returned 7 punts: at Campbellsville (7), 9/4/04
Had 70 yards in punt returns: vs. Morehead State (75), 9/12/26

Returned 10 kickoffs: at UCF (10), 10/28/17
Had 200 yards in kick returns: at UCF (238), 10/28/17

Blocked a punt: at Lindenwood, 9/30/23
Blocked three punts: Southeast Missouri (3), 11/22/08

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GOVERNORS ROSTERS

NUMERICAL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown / High School / Previous School
0	Will Hardrick				R-Sr.	Adamsville, Ala. / Minor HS / Miami (Ohio)
3	Chris Parson	QB	5-11	210	R-Jr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Ravenwood HS / Mississippi State
3	Markell Redding	DB	5-11	188	R-Jr.	Pensacola, Fla. / West Florida HS / Kennesaw State
4	Karson Gordon	QB	6-1	180	R-So.	Missouri City, Texas / Bellaire Episcopal HS / UCLA
4	Caleb Merritt	DB	6-0	188	Gr.	St. Louis, Mo. / John Burroughs HS / Wyoming
5	Kelvin Perkins III	QB	5-11	202	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. / Southwind HS
5	Justin Wimpye	DB	5-10	160	R-Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Princeton HS / Youngstown State
6	Deandre Creary	DB	5-10	171	R-Sr.	Marietta, Ga. / Kell HS / Savannah State
6	Kaden Williams	RB	5-7	181	R-Jr.	Thibodaux, La. / St. James HS
7	Kendyle Ball	DL	6-1	236	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Davidson Academy
7	Nate Garnett Jr.	WR	5-8	167	Sr.	Auburndale, Fla. / Auburndale HS / Morehead State
8	Chris Brown	DL	5-11	283	R-Sr.	McDonough, Ga. / Eagle's Landing HS / Arkansas-Monticello
8	Jaden Robinson	WR	6-1	205	Jr.	Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. / South Walton HS / Kennesaw State
9	Quan Peterson	DB	6-0	186	R-Sr.	Rock Hill, S.C. / South Pointe HS / Newberry
9	Matthew Wilson	QB	6-0	215	R-So.	Rock Hill, S.C. / Rock Hill HS / Appalachian State
10	Isaiah Groves	RB	5-11	198	R-Fr.	Cross Plains, Tenn. / East Robertson HS
10	William Wiebush	DB	6-0	185	R-Fr.	Franklin, Tenn. / Page HS / Wake Forest
11	Demoris Jenkins	DL	6-3	257	R-Jr.	Huntersville, N.C. / North Mecklenburg HS / East Carolina
11	Courtland Simmons	RB	5-11	206	R-Jr.	Madison, Tenn. / Davidson Academy
12	Kelton Crisp	DL	6-1	233	So.	Gallatin, Tenn. / Station Camp HS / Samford
12	Hamilton DiBoyan	K	5-11	177	R-Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Denmark HS / South Alabama
13	Jackson Head	TE	6-1	231	Sr.	Woodstock, Ga. / River Ridge HS / Gardner-Webb
13	Kendal Howard	DL	6-3	245	R-So.	Roanoke, Va. / Lord Botetourt HS / Wake Forest
14	Trey Blakeney	QB	6-1	206	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Hough HS
14	Jefferson Bretanys Desca	LB	6-1	231	Sr.	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada / St. Peter Catholic HS / Wheeling
15	Denver Harper	WR	5-8	161	So.	Fort Mitchell, Ala. / Russell County HS
15	Tywan Royal	DB	6-0	178	Sr.	Norcross, Ga. / Norcross HS / ETSU
16	Jeremiah Collins				Sr.	Louisville, Ky. / Oakland HS (Tenn.)
17	Steron Davidson Jr.	DB	5-8	174	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. / Louisville Male HS
17	Chance Fitzgerald	WR	6-1	196	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Nolensville HS / Vanderbilt
18	Clayton Merrill	WR	5-8	180	R-Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood HS
18	David Portu	DL	6-2	246	R-Sr.	Fort Myers, Fla. / Bishop Verot HS / Charleston Southern
19	Ja Payton	DB	5-10	184	Jr.	Gulfport, Miss. / Gulfport HS / Mississippi Delta CC
19	Marvin Sims	WR	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Miami, Fla. / Miramar HS / Western Kentucky
20	Enelson Delva	RB	5-8	186	R-Fr.	Guntersville, Ala. / Guntersville HS
20	Luke Williams	DB	5-10	165	R-So.	Naperville, Ill. / Naperville North HS / Purdue
21	Ni'Kel Lewis	RB	5-7	190	Fr.	Hamburg, Ark. / Hamburg HS
22	Trevor Hardy	DB	6-1	188	R-Sr.	Alabaster, Ala. / Thompson HS / Memphis
23	Keith Charney	LB	6-1	228	R-Sr.	Windber, Pa. / Windber Area HS / California (Pa.)
25	Tory Beaufort	WR	5-6	167	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Maryville HS
25	Braylon Harmon	WR	5-8	183	R-So.	Sevierville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic HS / Tennessee
26	Ta'Ron Haile	DB	6-1	183	R-So.	Millville, N.J. / Millville HS / Syracuse
26	Corey Richardson	RB	5-8	175	Jr.	Fayetteville, Ga. / Whitewater HS
27	Isaac Bonds	DB	5-10	179	R-Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. / Centennial HS
28	Jahvi Jarmon	DB	5-11	171	R-Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Robert A. Taft HS / Bowling Green State
29	Canaan Williams	LB	6-0	218	Gr.	Waldorf, Md. / Rock Creek Christian Academy / Bowling Green St.
31	Robert Bailey	RB	5-10	212	Fr.	Shelbyville, Tenn. / Shelbyville Central HS
31	Walt Barrett	DB	6-0	174	Fr.	Florence, Ala. / Florence HS
32	Robert Lee	LB	5-11	225	R-Fr.	Wildwood, Fla. / Osceola HS / Florida Atlantic
33	Joshua Lloyd	DL	6-1	239	R-So.	Pompano Beach, Fla. / Blanche Ely HS / Western Michigan
34	Eli Jones	LB	6-1	245	Gr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic HS / Western Kentucky
36	Caleb King	DB	5-11	185	Gr.	Selma, Texas / Veterans Memorial HS / Houston Christian
37	William Bobo	DB	5-10	164	Fr.	Shelbyville, Tenn. / Shelbyville Central HS
38	Rase Jones	LB	6-0	224	Jr.	Laurel, Miss. / West Jones HS / Northwest Mississippi CC
39	Jason Grier Jr.	LB	6-0	220	Fr.	Cartersville, Ga. / North Cobb HS
40	Jake Stonebraker	LB	6-0	214	R-Fr.	Castle Rock, Colo. / Douglas County HS / Kansas State
41	Kahlil Tate	DB	6-0	199	R-So.	Chicago, Ill. / Kenwood Academy HS / Iowa
42	Kingston Johnson	LB	6-1	209	Fr.	Olentangy, Ohio / Olentangy Orange HS
43	Xavier Ellison	LB	6-1	222	Jr.	Queens, N.Y. / North Atlanta (Ga.) HS / Concord
44	Lamont Burton II	LB	6-0	220	R-So.	Columbus, Ga. / Glenwood School (Ala.) / Air Force Prep.
44	Roman Mathis	P	6-3	185	R-Fr.	Joelton, Tenn. / Davidson Academy / Tennessee State
45	Al Sandifer	DL	6-0	273	Gr.	Greenwood, Miss. / Greenville Christian School / Western Kentucky
46	Noah Voltaire	DB	6-1	184	Fr.	Kennesaw, Ga. / Sprayberry HS
47	Mason Fleming	DL	6-2	282	R-So.	Houston, Texas / Manvel HS / Tulsa

ALPHABETICAL

No.	Name	Pos.
48	Brock Adams	DB
74	Saidou Ba	OL
31	Robert Bailey	RB
7	Kendyle Ball	DL
31	Walt Barrett	DB
25	Tory Beaufort	WR
14	Trey Blakeney	QB
37	William Bobo	DB
27	Isaac Bonds	DB
77	Zak Bowden	OL
14	Jefferson Bretanys Desca	LB
8	Chris Brown	DL
56	Jeff Burton	OL
44	Lamont Burton II	LB
53	Ryan Carter	LS
85	Jabari Cathey	WR
23	Keith Charney	LB
16	Jeremiah Collins	
55	Mekaih Collins	DL
6	Deandre Creary	DB
12	Kelton Crisp	DL
17	Steron Davidson Jr.	DB
20	Enelson Delva	RB
81	Malik Denkins	DL
12	Hamilton DiBoyan	K
65	Ward Dorris	OL
43	Xavier Ellison	LB
87	Roman Eulo	TE
17	Chance Fitzgerald	WR
47	Mason Fleming	DL
7	Nate Garnett Jr.	WR
71	Kyler Gibson	OL
4	Karson Gordon	QB
97	Samuel Green	DL
39	Jason Grier Jr.	LB
10	Isaiah Groves	RB
93	Nick Guagliano	K
26	Ta'Ron Haile	DB
51	Antori Hamilton	DL
0	Will Hardrick	
22	Trevor Hardy	DB
25	Braylon Harmon	WR
15	Denver Harper	WR
13	Jackson Head	TE
58	Benjamin Hicks	OL
13	Kendal Howard	DL
93	RJ Jackson	DL
67	Gabe James	OL
28	Jahvi Jarmon	DB
98	Makendy Jean	DL
11	Demoris Jenkins	DL
42	Kingston Johnson	LB
34	Eli Jones	LB
38	Rase Jones	LB
81	Isaac Kareem-Maman	WR
36	Caleb King	DB
70	Stephen Kpelafiya	OL
32	Robert Lee	LB
49	Logan Leftrick	P
21	Ni'Kel Lewis	RB
33	Joshua Lloyd	DL
89	Ben Marshall	TE
44	Roman Mathis	P

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48	Brock Adams	DB	5-11	193	Fr.	Mableton, Ga. / Wheeler HS
49	Logan Leftrick	P	5-11	213	Sr.	Springfield, Tenn. / Springfield HS / Southeast Missouri
50	Sam Roston	OL	6-4	274	R-Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood HS
51	Antori Hamilton	DL	5-10	298	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Knoxville Catholic HS
52	Iker Sarabia	LS	6-1	198	So.	Long Beach, Calif. / Los Alamitos HS / Golden West College
53	Ryan Carter	LS	5-10	218	R-Jr.	Peoria, Ariz. / Willow Canyon HS / Idaho State
54	Alec Surber	OL	6-2	278	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Decatur Central HS
55	Mekaih Collins	DL	6-0	264	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn. / Father Ryan HS
55	Kenneth Smith Jr.	OL	6-6	309	R-Sr.	San Antonio, Texas / Bartlett HS / Cisco College
56	Jeff Burton	OL	6-3	300	R-Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Fordson HS / Kent State / Georgia State
58	Benjamin Hicks	OL	6-3	311	R-Jr.	Mooresville, N.C. / Southern School of Energy & Sustainability / Fayetteville St.
59	Kimani Mugo	LS	6-0	212	R-Jr.	Spokane, Wash. / West Valley HS / Grambling State
62	Stratton Smith	OL	6-1	289	Gr.	Oxford, Miss. / Oxford HS / Northwest Mississippi CC
65	Ward Dorris	OL	6-1	286	R-So.	Madison, Tenn. / Goodpasture Christian School
66	Chandler Thomason	OL	5-10	288	R-So.	Pulaski, Tenn. / Richland HS
67	Gabe James	OL	5-11	279	Fr.	Jackson, Tenn. / Jackson Central-Merry HS
69	Solomon Ortiz	OL	6-3	298	R-Sr.	Phoenixville, Pa. / Phoenixville Area HS / California (Pa.)
70	Stephen Kpelafiya	OL	6-0	222	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn. / West Creek HS
71	Kyler Gibson	OL	6-5	301	R-Sr.	Munford, Ala. / Munford HS / Troy
72	Joshua Sales Jr.	OL	6-5	300	Gr.	South Bend, Ind. / Brownsburg HS / Purdue
73	Joshua Miller	OL	6-4	313	R-Jr.	Richmond, Va. / Life Christian Academy / Georgia / Syracuse
74	Saidou Ba	OL	6-4	305	Gr.	Memphis, Tenn. / PURE Academy / Tennessee State
75	Anthwone Montgomery II	DL	6-2	315	So.	Vero Beach, Fla. / Vero Beach HS
76	Myles Sawyers	OL	6-3	309	Fr.	LaVergne, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy
77	Zak Bowden	OL	6-3	272	Gr.	Orland Park, Ill. / Brother Rice HS / Troy
78	Aaron Young	OL	6-4	333	R-Fr.	Madison, Ala. / Bob Jones HS
79	Obadiah Obasuyi	OL	6-6	319	R-Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Alpharetta HS / Georgia State
80	Julien Randolph III	TE	6-4	230	R-Jr.	Purcellville, Va. / Independence HS / North Carolina
81	Malik Denkins	DL	6-1	239	Gr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Woodward Career Technical Center / Central Michigan
81	Isaac Kareem-Maman	WR	5-10	177	Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ga. / Dacula HS
82	Xzavier Webber	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	West Point, Miss. / Heritage Academy
83	Drew Ross	TE	6-1	222	R-Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / Halls HS
85	Jabari Cathey	WR	6-1	190	R-Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. / Stewarts Creek HS
86	Nate Weyand	TE	6-2	239	R-Jr.	Austin, Texas / Westlake HS / Colorado State
87	Roman Eulo	TE	6-1	214	Fr.	Benton, Tenn. / Walker Valley HS
88	Jase Skoglund	TE	6-3	243	R-So.	Austin, Texas / Vandegrift HS
89	Ben Marshall	TE	6-4	239	R-Jr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Blackman HS / California
92	Chandler Vaughn	DL	6-1	262	Fr.	Madison, Ala. / Bob Jones HS
93	Nick Guagliano	K	6-1	205	R-So.	Great Falls, Va. / Langley HS / Robert Morris
93	RJ Jackson	DL	6-0	280	R-So.	Detroit, Mich. / Belleville HS / Grand Valley State
95	Tobja Walters Jr.	DL	6-0	297	Fr.	Oak Ridge, Tenn. / Oak Ridge HS
97	Samuel Green	DL	6-1	243	R-Fr.	Columbus, Ohio / Hilliard Bradley HS
98	Makendy Jean	DL	6-2	295	Jr.	Naples, Fla. / Golden Gate HS / Cisco (Texas) College
99	Dawsyn Sikes	DL	6-4	247	Fr.	Odum, Ga. / Wayne County HS

No.	Name	
18	Clayton Merrill	WR
4	Caleb Merritt	DB
73	Joshua Miller	OL
75	Anthwone Montgomery II	DL
59	Kimani Mugo	LS
79	Obadiah Obasuyi	OL
69	Solomon Ortiz	OL
3	Chris Parson	QB
19	Ja Payton	DB
5	Kelvin Perkins III	QB
9	Quan Peterson	DB
18	David Portu	DL
80	Julien Randolph III	TE
3	Markell Redding	DB
26	Corey Richardson	RB
8	Jaden Robinson	WR
83	Drew Ross	TE
50	Sam Roston	OL
15	Tywan Royal	DB
72	Joshua Sales Jr.	OL
45	Al Sandifer	DL
52	Iker Sarabia	LS
76	Myles Sawyers	OL
99	Dawsyn Sikes	DL
11	Courtland Simmons	RB
19	Marvin Sims	WR
88	Jase Skoglund	TE
55	Kenneth Smith Jr.	OL
62	Stratton Smith	OL
40	Jake Stonebraker	LB
54	Alec Surber	OL
41	Kahlil Tate	DB
66	Chandler Thomason	OL
92	Chandler Vaughn	DL
46	Noah Voltaire	DB
95	Tobja Walters Jr.	DL
82	Xzavier Webber	WR
86	Nate Weyand	TE
10	William Wiebush	DB
29	Canaan Williams	LB
6	Kaden Williams	RB
20	Luke Williams	DB
9	Matthew Wilson	QB
5	Justin Wimpye	DB
78	Aaron Young	OL

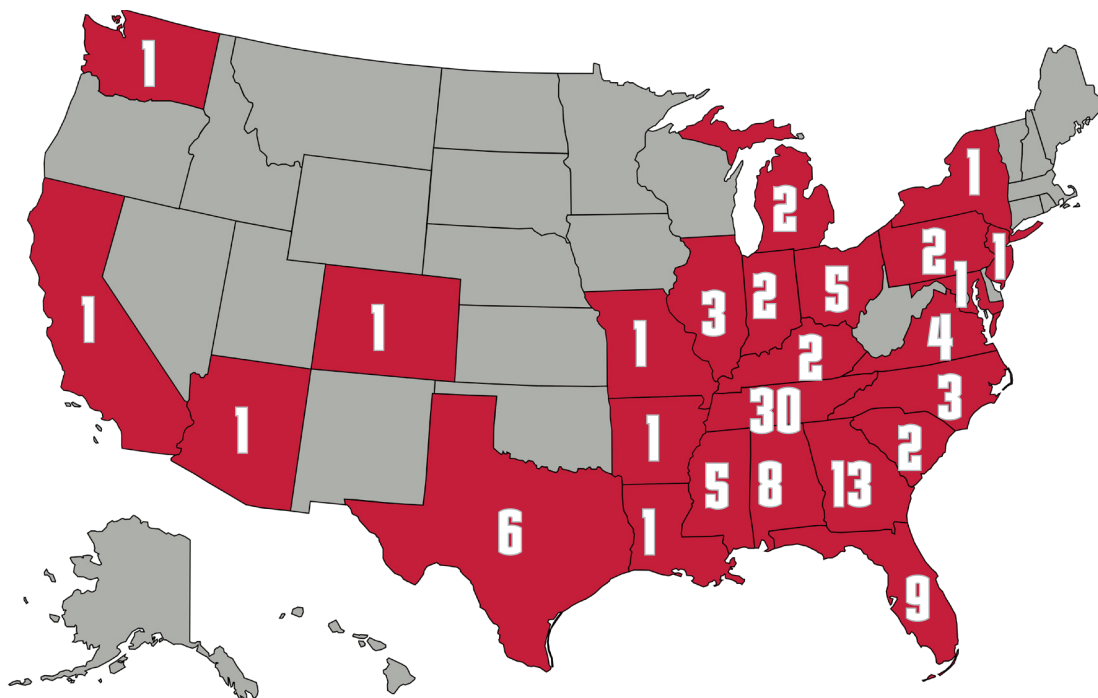
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3	Markell Redding	mar-kell
4	Caleb Merritt	mare-itt
5	Justin Wimpye	(like wimpy)
6	Deandre Creary	KREE-ree
7	Kendyle Ball	(like Kendall)
10	William Wiebush	We-Bush
11	Demoris Jenkins	duh-morris
12	Hamilton DiBoyan	dih-BOY-ahn
14	Trey Blakeney	blake-nee
14	Jefferson Bretanys Desca	breh-tahn-niss desk-uh
17	Steron Davidson Jr.	Stir-on
20	Enelson Delva	E-nelson dell-vuh
21	Ni'Kel Lewis	Nigh-kell
24	Jayke Jones	(like Jake)
25	Tory Beaufort	bo-fort

26	Ta'Ron Haile	tuh-RON Hail
28	Jahvi Jarmon	jah-vee
29	Canaan Williams	cain-uhn
38	Rase Jones	(like race)
39	Jason Grier Jr.	greer
40	Jake Stonebraker	stone-breaker
41	Kahlil Tate	kuh-leel
43	Xavier Ellison	zay-vee-ur
45	Al Sandifer	san-dif-er
49	Logan Leftrick	left-rick
51	Antori Hamilton	ann-torre
52	Iker Sarabia	ee-ker sa-rah-bee-uh
54	Alec Surber	sir-burr
55	Mekaih Collins	muh-kai
59	Kimani Mugo	key-mah-nee moo-go
66	Chandler Thomason	thomas-son

70	Stephen Kpelafiya	steff-en puh-la-fee-uh
74	Saidou Ba	say-doo bah
75	Anthwone Montgomery II	(like Antoine)
77	Zak Bowden	boh-den
79	Obadiah Obasuyi	oh-buh-dye-uh oh-buh-sue-ye
81	Malik Denkins	(like Jenkins with a D)
81	Isaac Kareem-Maman	muh-man
82	Xzavier Webber	ex-zay-vee-ur
86	Nate Weyand	why-end
87	Roman Eulo	you-loh
88	Jase Skoglund	skohg-lund
93	Nick Guagliano	gwah-lee-on-oh
95	Tobja Walters Jr.	tah-JAY
98	Makendy Jean	mah-KEN-dee

GOVERNORS GEOGRAPHY

**ALABAMA (8)**

0	Will Hardrick	Adamsville
22	Trevor Hardy	Alabaster
31	Walt Barrett	Florence
15	Denver Harper	Fort Mitchell
20	Enelson Delva	Guntersville
78	Aaron Young	Madison
92	Chandler Vaughn	Madison
71	Kyler Gibson	Munford

ARIZONA (1)

53	Ryan Carter	Peoria
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ARKANSAS (1)

21	Ni'Kel Lewis	Hamburg
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CALIFORNIA (1)

52	Iker Sarabia	Long Beach
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COLORADO (1)

40	Jake Stonebraker	Castle Rock
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FLORIDA (9)

8	Nate Garnett Jr.	Auburndale
18	David Portu	Fort Myers
19	Marvin Sims	Miami
98	Makendy Jean	Naples
23	Markell Redding	Pensacola
33	Joshua Lloyd	Pompano Beach
81	Jaden Robinson	Santa Rosa Beach
75	Anthwone Montgomery II	Vero Beach
32	Robert Lee	Wildwood

GEORGIA (13)

12	Hamilton DiBoyan	Alpharetta
79	Obadiah Obasuyi	Alpharetta
39	Jason Grier Jr.	Cartersville
44	Lamont Burton II	Columbus
26	Corey Richardson	Fayetteville
46	Noah Voltaire	Kennesaw
81	Isaac Kareem-Maman	Lawrenceville
48	Brock Adams	Mableton
6	Deandre Creary	Marietta
8	Chris Brown	McDonough
15	Tywan Royal	Norcross
99	Dawsyn Sikes	Odum
89	Jackson Head	Woodstock

ILLINOIS (3)

41	Kahlil Tate	Chicago
20	Luke Williams	Naperville

77	Zak Bowden	Orland Park
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INDIANA (2)

54	Alec Surber	Indianapolis
72	Joshua Sales Jr.	South Bend

KENTUCKY (2)

16	Jeremiah Collins	Louisville
17	Steron Davidson Jr.	Louisville

LOUISIANA (1)

7	Kaden Williams	Thibodaux
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MARYLAND (1)

29	Canaan Williams	Waldorf
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MICHIGAN (2)

56	Jeff Burton	Detroit
93	RJ Jackson	Detroit

MISSISSIPPI (5)

45	Al Sandifer	Greenwood
19	Ja Payton	Gulfport
38	Rase Jones	Laurel
62	Stratton Smith	Oxford
82	Xzavier Webber	West Point

MISSOURI (1)

4	Caleb Merritt	St. Louis
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NEW JERSEY (1)

26	Ta'Ron Haile	Millville
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NEW YORK (1)

43	Xavier Ellison	Queens
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NORTH CAROLINA (3)

14	Trey Blakeney	Charlotte
11	Demoris Jenkins	Huntersville
58	Benjamin Hicks	Mooresville

OHIO (5)

5	Justin Wimpye	Cincinnati
28	Jahvi Jarmon	Cincinnati
81	Malik Denkins	Cincinnati
97	Samuel Green	Columbus
42	Kingston Johnson	Olentangy

PENNSYLVANIA (2)

69	Solomon Ortiz	Phoenixville
23	Keith Charney	Windber

SOUTH CAROLINA (2)

9	Quan Peterson	Rock Hill
9	Matthew Wilson	Rock Hill

TENNESSEE (30)

27	Isaac Bonds	Antioch
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87	Roman Eulo	Benton
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3	Chris Parson	Brentwood
18	Clayton Merrill	Brentwood
50	Sam Roston	Brentwood
70	Stephen Kpelafiya	Clarksville
10	Isaiah Groves	Cross Plains
10	William Wiebush	Franklin
12	Kelton Crisp	Gallatin
67	Gabe James	Jackson
25	Tory Beaufort	Knoxville
34	Eli Jones	Knoxville
51	Antori Hamilton	Knoxville
83	Drew Ross	Knoxville
76	Myles Sawyers	LaVergne
11	Courtland Simmons	Madison
65	Ward Dorris	Madison
5	Kelvin Perkins iii	Memphis
74	Saidou Ba	Memphis
89	Ben Marshall	Murfreesboro
7	Kendyle Ball	Nashville
17	Chance Fitzgerald	Nashville
55	Mekaih Collins	Nashville
85	Jabari Cathey	Nashville
66	Chandler Thomason	Pulaski
95	Tobja Walters Jr.	Oak Ridge
22	Braylon Harmon	Sevierville
31	Robert Bailey	Shelbyville
37	William Bobo	Shelbyville
49	Logan Leftrick	Springfield

TEXAS (6)

86	Nate Weyand	Austin
88	Jase Skoglund	Austin
47	Mason Fleming	Houston
4	Karson Gordon	Missouri City
55	Kenneth Smith Jr.	San Antonio
36	Caleb King	Selma

VIRGINIA (4)

93	Nick Guagliano	Great Falls
80	Julien Randolph III	Purcellville
73	Joshua Miller	Richmond
13	Kendal Howard	Roanoke

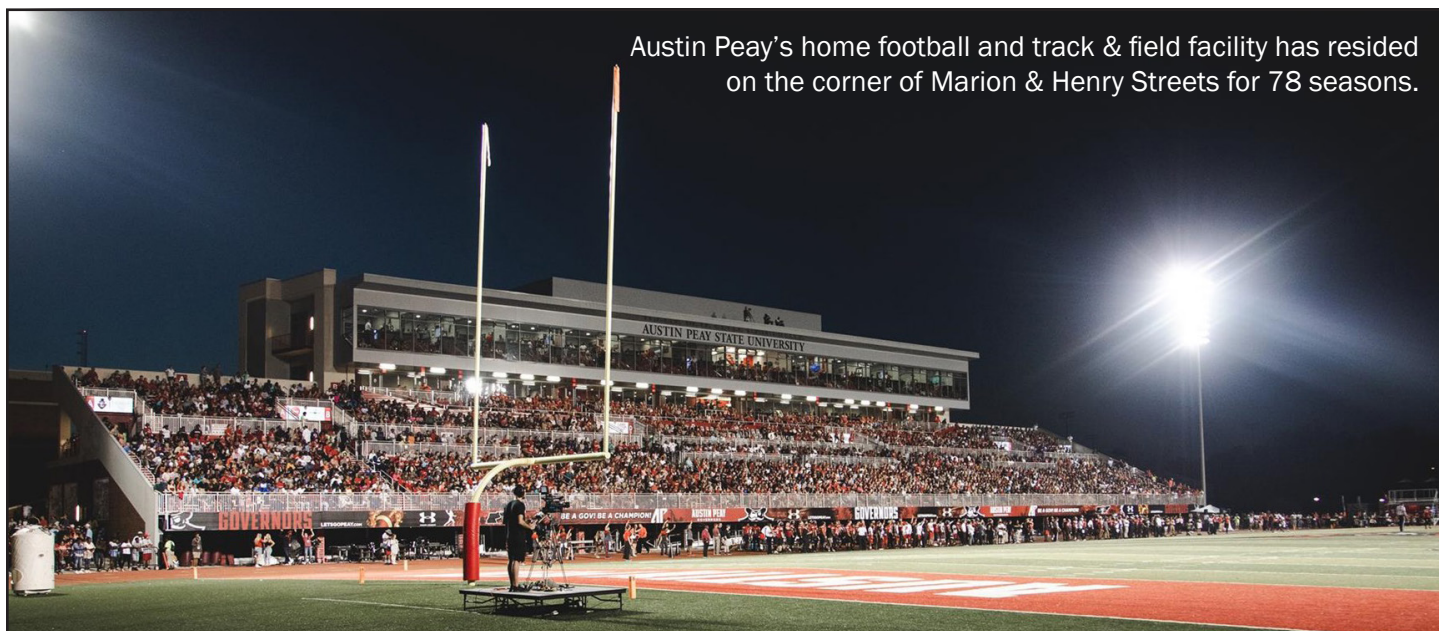
WASHINGTON (1)

59	Kimani Mugo	Spokane
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CANADA (1)

14	Jefferson Bretanys Desca	Ottawa, Ontario
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FORTERA STADIUM



Austin Peay's home football and track & field facility has resided on the corner of Marion & Henry Streets for 78 seasons.

MAYNARD FAMILY FIELD

Now known as Maynard Family Field, the new turf surface at Fortera Stadium features a 40-yard-long State of Tennessee logo with a Governors logo tucked inside and the Maynard Family logo on each 25-yard line. The Legion Hybrid Synthetic Turf was installed by Shaw Sports Turf in 2022 and is the same state-of-the-art turf that is used by a number of major college football programs.

BILL DUPES LOCKER ROOM

The Bill Dupes Locker Room, which was completely renovated before the 2022 season, was a \$750,000 project that featured customized and state-of-the-art lockers from Wenger Lockers, brand-new carpet, multi-colored LED lights, a new sound system, and new branding and signage around the locker room. The top-of-the-line facility will provide Austin Peay student-athletes a premier place to prepare for and celebrate their success on the gridiron at Fortera Stadium.

HOME SWEET HOME

Austin Peay football has proudly been located on the corner of Marion and Henry Streets since 1946. Since being renovated and renamed Fortera Stadium prior to the 2016 season, the Governors have established a strong home-field advantage in one of the premier stadiums in the FCS. Since 2017, Austin Peay has compiled a 37-19 home record, including going unbeaten (6-0) at home in 2025 for the first time since 1949.

FORTERA STADIUM RISES

Following the 2015 season, the Austin Peay State University embarked on the biggest construction project dedicated to football in its history. What resulted is a \$19-million facility that has four levels on its west side. On the lower level is the player locker room, players lounge, athletic training room, equipment room, weight room, and nutrition room. The top two floors provide a premier fan experience with the Echo Power Club Level on the third floor and private suites on the fourth floor. The facility was officially named Fortera Stadium to begin the 2016 season.

HEAVY LIFTING ENABLED

In March 2017, construction was completed on a new weight room inside Fortera Stadium. The state-of-the-art facility will serve not only Austin Peay football but also a host of the athletics department's programs. The space houses racks, free weights, and treadmills in the facility.

HISTORY LESSON

The original Municipal Stadium's construction was finished prior to the 1946 season as a joint project between the City of Clarksville, Montgomery County, and Austin Peay State College. The city-owned and operated the facility that housed APSC's football and track teams along with local schools' sporting events.

In 1970, the city conveyed the title to one-third of the stadium to the state of Tennessee for the university and Montgomery County, who then formed the Stadium Authority that was in charge of the stadium's operations.

The university purchased Municipal Stadium from the Stadium Authority and Montgomery County in 1993 and renamed it Governors Stadium.

In April 2016, Austin Peay and Fortera Credit Union entered a 25-year sponsorship agreement, rebranding the historic Governors Stadium to Fortera Stadium.

FORTERA STADIUM FACTS

Stadium Name	Fortera Stadium
Field Name	Maynard Family Field
Capacity	10,100
Surface	Legion Hybrid Synthetic Turf
Installed	2022 by Shaw Sports Turf
First Season at Fortera Stadium	2016
Austin Peay record at Fortera Stadium	37-19 (.661)

YEAR-BY-YEAR

2016	0-5	2017	4-1	2018	4-1	2019	6-1	2020	2-1
2021	3-2	2022	4-1	2023	5-1	2024	1-6	2025	6-0
2026	2-0								

TOP-FIVE ATTENDANCE MARKS

- 12,201 - Tennessee State - Oct. 6, 2018
- 9,931 - Central Arkansas - Nov. 18, 2023
- 9,428 - Southeast Missouri - Oct. 21, 2017
- 8,827 - Eastern Kentucky - Sept. 24, 2022
- 8,812 - UT Martin - Sept. 30, 2017

FCS PLAYOFF ATTENDANCE MARKS

- 7,249 - Chattanooga - Nov. 25, 2023
- 3,559 - Furman - Nov. 30, 2019

NEXT LEVEL STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE NEXT GEN

Opponent	3rd	3rd&7+	4th	Stuff	TFL	Sack
Gardner-Webb	3/13	2/8	2/5	4/20	6.0	2.0
Vanderbilt	4/12	0/4	2/3	3/38	3.0	0.0
Morehead State	8/18	3/9	0/1	12/34	11.0	2.0
West Florida	5/14	1/7	2/4	13/38	10.0	4.0
UT Martin						
New Haven						
Tarleton State						
West Georgia						
North Alabama						
Eastern Kentucky						
Abilene Christian						
Central Arkansas						
2026	35.1	21.4	46.2	24.6	30.0	8.0
FCS RANK	40th	—	45th	—	7th	34th

Stuff - Percentage of runs stopped at or before the line of scrimmage

OFFENSIVE LINE STATISTICS

Team	RBYPG	YPC	Opportunity	Power	TFL	Sack
GW	4.11	3.72	16/42	2/4	10.0	3.0
VU	5.40	2.48	11/25	2/2	5.0	5.0
MSU	10.14	11.06	19/29	2/2	3.0	1.0
UWF	5.07	5.11	27/42	1/2	11.0	2.0
UTM						
NH						
TSU						
UWG						
UNA						
EKU						
ACU						
UCA						
2026	5.84	5.58	52.9	70.0	29.0	11.0
FCS RANK	16th	—	—	—	101st	103rd

Opportunity: % of carries that gain at least four yards, when possible (not including sacks or team rushes)

Power: % of 3rd & 4th down runs w/ 2 yards or less that result in a 1st down or TD.

KICK-BY-KICK: KICKOFFS

WK	KICKER	K	AVG	TB	OB	I25	Kick-by-Kick									
0	DiBoyan	5	62.8	2	0	1	63 R26	61 R17	60 R14	65 T	13 ON+	65 T				
1	DiBoyan	3	56.7	1	0	1	65 T	63 P	42 R1							
2	DiBoyan Mathis	8 1	62.4 61.0	4 0	0 0	2 1	58 F	64 R31	65 T	65 T	65 T	65 R14	51 R13	65 R19	61 R16	
3	DiBoyan	7	63.0	4	0	3	65 T	65 T	63 R22	53 R12	65 R17	65 T	65 T			
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T-Touchback; F-Fair Catch; OB-Out of Bounds; R##-Return of ## yards; Shading-Kick return stopped inside the 25; ON-Onside kick (does not count in AVG, + recovered by APSU; - recovered by opponent); P-Penalty on return

KICK-BY-KICK: PUNTING

WK	PUNTER	P	AVG	TB	F	50+	I20	Punt-by-Punt									
0	Leftrick	3	34.0	0	0	0	1	34 OB	30 F	38 F							
1	Leftrick	5	42.8	0	2	4	2	51 R8	52 R8	9 R27	50 F	52 F					
2	Leftrick	2	38.5	1	0	0	0	38 D	39 T								
3	Leftrick	3	42.7	0	1	1	2	55 R3	35 D	38 F							
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10																	
11																	
12																	

D-Downed; F-Fair Catch; OB-Out of Bounds; T-Touchback; M-Muffed Catch; R##-Return of ## yards; Shading-Punt downed or return stopped inside the 20; Bold-Long punt each week.

OFFENSIVE DRIVE SUMMARY

Last Game			2026		Faris Era	
Drive Summary	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.
Total Drives	11		45		346	
All Scores	5	66.67	20	44.44	130	37.57
Turnovers*	0	0.00	2	4.44	30	8.67
Plays to TD	4.75		5.06		5.98	
Avg. TD Drive Length	64.25		67.56		65.30	
Drive Outcome	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.
Punt	3	27.27	13	28.89	127	36.71
Touchdown	4	36.36	18	40.00	101	29.19
FG Made	1	9.09	2	4.44	29	8.38
Interception	0	0.00	2	4.44	17	4.91
Fumble	0	0.00	0	0.00	14	4.05
FG Miss	0	0.00	1	2.22	11	3.18
Safety	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Downs	3	27.27	5	11.11	23	6.65
Half	0	0.00	4	8.89	25	7.23
Slow & Steady						
10+ Play Drives (TDs/FGs)	0 (0/0)		3 (2/1)		35 (17/10)	
Quick Strikes						
1 Play TD Drives	0		1		10	
2 Play TD Drives	0		1		5	
3 Play TD Drives	0		4		11	

* - Turnovers only includes interceptions & fumbles.

AUSTIN PEAY FOOTBALL

BIG PLAY TRACKER

PASSING (30+ YARDS)

Date	Opp.	Receiver/QB	Yds. (TD)
8/27	GWU	Head/Parson	49
8/27	GWU	Sims/Parson	53
8/27	GWU	Harper/Parson	49 (TD)
8/27	GWU	Harper/Parson	49
9/12	MOR	Harper/Parson	72 (TD)
9/12	MOR	Sims/Parson	49
9/12	MOR	Harper/Parson	31 (TD)
9/19	UWF	Robinson/Parson	61 (TD)
9/19	UWF	Robinson/Parson	47
9/19	UWF	Sims/Parson	32

RUSHING (20+ YARDS)

Date	Opp.	Rusher	Yds. (TD)
8/27	GWU	K. Williams	25
9/12	MOR	K. Williams	40 (TD)
9/12	MOR	I. Groves	21
9/12	MOR	K. Williams	80 (TD)
9/19	UWF	Harper	41 (TD)
9/19	UWF	Richardson	40

SPECIAL TEAMS (30+ YARDS)

Date	Opp.	Player/Play Type	Yds. (TD)
9/12	MOR	Harper/Punt return	67 (TD)

DEFENSE (20+ YARDS)

Date	Opp.	Player/Play Type	Yds. (TD)
9/19	UWF	Wimpye/Interception	70 (TD)

BIG PLAY LEADERS

Player	Total/TD	Rec./TD	Rush/TD	ST/TD	Def./TD
Isaiah Groves	1/0	--	1/0	--	--
Denver Harper	6/4	4/2	1/1	1/1	--
Jackson Head	1/0	1/0	--	--	--
Corey Richardson	1/0	--	1/0	--	--
Jaden Robinson	2/1	2/1	--	--	--
Marvin Sims	3/0	3/0	--	--	--
Kaden Williams	3/2	--	3/2	--	--
Justin Wimpye	1/1	--	--	--	1/1
Total	12/5	7/2	4/2	1/1	1/1

LONGEST PLAYS

Passing			
72	Chris Parson to Denver Harper	9/12 vs. MOR	
Passing Touchdown			
72	Chris Parson to Denver Harper	9/12 vs. MOR	
Rushing			
80	Kaden Williams	9/12 vs. MOR	
Rushing Touchdown			
80	Kaden Williams	9/12 vs. MOR	
Kick Return			
	N/A		
Punt Return			
67	Denver Harper	9/12 vs. MOR	
Defense			
70	Justin Wimpye	9/19 at UWF	



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	W	35-17	1-0	0-0	3:30	7043
	09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	L	9-28	1-1	0-0	3:04	35000
	09/12/2026	Morehead St.	W	63-7	2-1	0-0	3:07	6657
*	09/19/2026	at West Florida	W	38-16	3-1	1-0	3:08	5712



2026-27 Austin Peay Football
Overall Team Statistics
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Team Statistics

	APSU	OPP
Scoring	145	68
Points per game	36.3	17.0
Points Off Turnovers	14	7
First Downs	74	67
Rushing	38	25
Passing	30	40
Penalty	6	2
Rushing Yardage	848	451
Yards gained rushing	980	557
Yards lost rushing	132	106
Rushing attempts	152	130
Average per rush	5.6	3.5
Average per game	212.0	112.8
TDs Rushing	12	4
Passing Yardage	890	807
Comp-Att-Int	50-81-2	73-129-3
Average per pass	11.0	6.3
Average per catch	17.8	11.1
Average per game	222.5	201.8
TDs Passing	6	3
Total offense	1738	1258
Total plays	233	259
Average per play	7.5	4.9
Average per game	434.5	314.5
Kick returns: #-Yards	5-82	13-212
Punt returns: #-Yards	8-124	4-46
Int returns: #-Yards	3-70	2-0
Kick return average	16.4	16.3
Punt return average	15.5	11.5
Int return average	23.3	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	7-2
Penalties-Yards	18-150	19-156
Average per game	37.5	39.0
Punts-Yards	13-521	19-923
Average per punt	40.1	48.6
Net punt average	35.0	41.0
Kickoffs-Yards	25-1548	15-934
Average per kick	61.9	62.3
Net kick average	41.7	39.9
Time of possession / game	29:23	30:37
3rd-down conversion	16/45	20/57
3rd-down pct	36%	35%
4th-down conversion	6/11	6/13



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	APSU	OPP
4th-down pct	55%	46%
Sacks by-Yards	8-48	12-82
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	20	8
Field goals - attempts	2-3	4-4
On-Side kicks	1-1	0-0
Red-zone scores	(11-15) 73%	(10-11) 91%
Red-zone touchdowns	(10-15) 67%	(6-11) 55%
PAT-attempts	(19-20) 95%	(6-7) 86%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-1) 0%
Attendance	13700	40712
Games / Avg per game	2/6850	2/20356
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Austin Peay	41	66	21	17	0	145
Opponents	15	27	12	14	0	68



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Courtland Simmons	4	32	184	3	181	5.7	3	19	45.3
Kaden Williams	4	14	164	5	159	11.4	2	80	39.8
Isaiah Groves	4	23	106	0	106	4.6	2	21	26.5
Corey Richardson	4	17	108	5	103	6.1	1	40	25.8
Matthew Wilson	3	7	107	5	102	14.6	0	58	34.0
Chris Parson	4	38	177	93	84	2.2	2	19	21.0
Denver Harper	4	3	49	0	49	16.3	1	41	12.3
Kelvin Perkins III	1	6	43	0	43	7.2	1	26	43.0
Ni'Kel Lewis	1	5	24	0	24	4.8	0	9	24.0
Nate Garnett Jr.	3	3	18	1	17	5.7	0	14	5.7
Logan Leftrick	4	1	0	17	-17	-17.0	0	0	-4.3
Team	4	3	0	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	4	152	980	132	848	5.6	12	80	212.0
Opponents	4	130	557	106	451	3.5	4	54	112.8

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Chris Parson	4	181.9	45-73-1	61.6	833	6	72	208.3
Matthew Wilson	3	97.4	5-8-1	62.5	57	0	27	19.0
Total	4	173.5	50-81-2	61.7	890	6	72	222.5
Opponents	4	112.2	73-129-3	56.6	807	3	48	201.8

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Marvin Sims	4	14	251	17.9	0	53	62.8
Denver Harper	4	8	258	32.3	4	72	64.5
Jaden Robinson	4	7	160	22.9	2	61	40.0
Jackson Head	4	4	73	18.3	0	49	18.3
Kaden Williams	4	4	12	3.0	0	10	3.0
Nate Garnett Jr.	3	4	33	8.3	0	13	11.0
Courtland Simmons	4	2	13	6.5	0	9	3.3
Ben Marshall	4	1	10	10.0	0	10	2.5
Chance Fitzgerald	3	1	12	12.0	0	12	4.0
Corey Richardson	4	1	23	23.0	0	23	5.8
Isaiah Groves	4	1	8	8.0	0	8	2.0
Ni'Kel Lewis	1	1	5	5.0	0	5	5.0
Isaac Kareem-Maman	1	1	27	27.0	0	27	27.0
Xzavier Webber	3	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.7
Total	4	50	890	17.8	6	72	222.5
Opponents	4	73	801	11.0	3	48	200.3

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Denver Harper	7	113	16.1	1	67
Troy Beaufort	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	8	124	15.5	1	67
Opponents	4	46	11.5	1	27

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Justin Wimpye	1	70	70.0	1	70
Markell Redding	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ta'Ron Haile	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	3	70	23.3	1	70
Opponents	2	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kaden Williams	5	82	16.4	0	27
Total	5	82	16.4	0	27
Opponents	13	212	16.3	0	31

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jefferson Bretanys-Desca	1	0	0.0	0	0
Trevor Hardy	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total	2	-2	-1.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Denver Harper	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Hamilton DiBoyan	-	2-2	13-13	-	-	-	-	-	19
Courtland Simmons	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Chris Parson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kaden Williams	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jaden Robinson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Isaiah Groves	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Justin Wimppe	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Corey Richardson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Nick Guagliano	-	0-1	6-7	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kelvin Perkins III	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	20	2-3	19-20	0	0	0	0	0	145
Opponents	8	4-4	6-7	0	0	0	1	0	68

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Chris Parson	4	111	84	833	917	229.3
Courtland Simmons	4	32	181	0	181	45.3
Kaden Williams	4	14	159	0	159	39.8
Matthew Wilson	3	15	102	57	159	53.0
Isaiah Groves	4	23	106	0	106	26.5
Corey Richardson	4	17	103	0	103	25.8
Denver Harper	4	3	49	0	49	12.3
Kelvin Perkins III	1	6	43	0	43	43.0
Ni'Kel Lewis	1	5	24	0	24	24.0
Nate Garnett Jr.	3	3	17	0	17	5.7
Logan Leftrick	4	1	-17	0	-17	-4.3
Team	4	0	-3	0	-3	-0.8
Total	4	233	848	890	1738	434.5
Opponents	4	259	451	807	1258	314.5

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Hamilton DiBoyan	2-2	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	51	0
Nick Guagliano	0-1	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0
Opponents	4-4	100.0	1-1	0-0	3-3	0-0	0-0	37	0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Logan Leftrick	13	521	40.1	55	1	5	5	5	0
Total	13	521	40.1	55	1	5	5	5	0
Opponents	19	923	48.6	67	1	4	7	9	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Austin Peay	Opponents
Gardner-Webb	37	(36)
Vanderbilt	(51)	(32),(37)
Morehead St.		
West Florida	(37)	(18)

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Hamilton DiBoyan	24	1487	62.0	11	0			
Roman Mathis	1	61	61.0	0	0			
Total	25	1548	61.9	11	0	13	41.7	23
Opponents	15	934	62.3	5	1	5	39.9	25

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Denver Harper	4	49	258	113	0	0	420	105.0
Kaden Williams	4	159	12	0	82	0	253	63.3
Marvin Sims	4	0	251	0	0	0	251	62.8
Courtland Simmons	4	181	13	0	0	0	194	48.5
Jaden Robinson	4	0	160	0	0	0	160	40.0
Corey Richardson	4	103	23	0	0	0	126	31.5
Isaiah Groves	4	106	8	0	0	0	114	28.5
Matthew Wilson	3	102	0	0	0	0	102	34.0
Chris Parson	4	84	0	0	0	0	84	21.0
Jackson Head	4	0	73	0	0	0	73	18.3
Justin Wimpye	3	0	0	0	0	70	70	23.3
Nate Garnett Jr.	3	17	33	0	0	0	50	16.7
Kelvin Perkins III	1	43	0	0	0	0	43	43.0
Ni'Kel Lewis	1	24	5	0	0	0	29	29.0
Isaac Kareem-Maman	1	0	27	0	0	0	27	27.0
Chance Fitzgerald	3	0	12	0	0	0	12	4.0
Troy Beaufort	1	0	0	11	0	0	11	11.0
Ben Marshall	4	0	10	0	0	0	10	2.5
Xzavier Webber	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	1.7
Logan Leftrick	4	-17	0	0	0	0	-17	-4.3
Team	4	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-0.8
Total	4	848	890	124	82	70	2014	503.5
Opponents	4	451	801	46	212	0	1510	377.5



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
22	Trevor Hardy	4	17	6	23	1-2	.	.	1	1	1--2	1	.	.
34	Eli Jones	4	7	15	22	2.5-16	1-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	Canaan Williams	4	9	8	17	2-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
81	Malik Denkins	4	7	8	15	6.5-31	1.5-12	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
26	Ta'Ron Haile	4	10	5	15	0.5-0	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
6	Deandre Creary	4	10	4	14	1-1	.	.	3	.	.	1	.	.
3	Markell Redding	4	7	6	13	.	.	1-0	.	1	.	.	.	.
9	Quan Peterson	4	6	4	10	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
45	Al Sandifer	4	3	7	10	2-6	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Kelton Crisp	4	4	6	10	2.5-12	2-11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
4	Caleb Merritt	4	5	5	10	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
11	Demoris Jenkins	4	4	6	10	3-7	2-5	.	1	7	.	1	.	.
15	Tywan Royal	4	6	3	9	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
93	RJ Jackson	4	5	3	8	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Antori Hamilton	4	1	6	7	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Jefferson Bretanys-Desca	3	4	2	6	2.5-12	1-9	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
23	Keith Charney	4	3	3	6	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
13	Kendal Howard	4	3	2	5	1-3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27	Isaac Bonds	2	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Kendyle Ball	3	1	3	4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Kahlil Tate	4	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Jason Grier Jr.	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Joshua Lloyd	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
42	Kingston Johnson	4	1	2	3	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32	Robert Lee	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	William Wiebush	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Jahvi Jarmon	4	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Ja Payton	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	Caleb King	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Steron Davidson Jr.	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	Walt Barrett	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Brock Adams	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	Kimani Mugo	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Samuel Green	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	Anthwone Montgomery II	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Hamilton DiBoyan	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Chris Brown	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Justin Wimpye	3	.	1	1	.	.	1-70	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	David Portu	1	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Mason Fleming	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
Totals		4	128	124	252	30-105	8-48	3-70	13	18	2--2	5	0	0



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles	blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
	Opponents	4	129	120	249	29-132	12-82	2-0	8	8	0-0	0	1	0



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	47	175	4	25	14	308	1	53	14	21	1	308	1	53	2	33	0	19	1	1	0	1	483
09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	25	62	0	17	12	116	1	24	12	21	0	116	1	24	0	0	0	0	2	16	0	16	178
09/12/2026	Morehead St.	34	376	5	80	17	317	3	72	17	23	1	317	3	72	1	18	0	18	3	75	1	67	693
09/19/2026	at West Florida	46	235	3	41	7	149	1	61	7	16	0	149	1	61	2	31	0	27	2	32	0	21	384
Austin Peay		152	848	12	80	50	890	6	72	50	81	2	890	6	72	5	82	0	27	8	124	1	67	1738
Opponents		130	451	4	54	73	801	3	48	73	129	3	807	3	48	13	212	0	31	4	46	1	27	1258

Austin Peay Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	5.6	17.8	173.5	16.4	15.5	503.5	434.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	27	32	59	6.0-21	2-13	1	0-0	1-0	7	3	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	35
09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	32	42	74	3.0-10	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	0-1	0	0	0	0	9
09/12/2026	Morehead St.	31	32	63	11.0-40	2-18	2	1-0	0-0	7	5	0	9-9	0	0	0	0	63
09/19/2026	at West Florida	38	18	56	10.0-34	4-17	2	1--2	2-70	1	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	14	38
Austin Peay		128	124	252	30.0-105	8-48	5	2--2	3-70	18	13	0	19-20	0	0	0	14	145
Opponents		129	120	249	29.0-132	12-82	0	0-0	2-0	8	8	1	6-7	0	0	0	7	68

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md	att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	3	102	34.0	38	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	314	62.8	2	0
09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	5	214	42.8	52	0	0	2	4	2	1	1	51	0	3	170	56.7	1	0
09/12/2026	Morehead St.	2	77	38.5	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	623	62.3	4	0
09/19/2026	at West Florida	3	128	42.7	55	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	37	0	7	441	63.0	4	0
Austin Peay		13	521	40.1	55	0	1	5	5	5	2	3	51	0	25	1548	61.9	11	0
Opponents		19	923	48.6	67	0	1	4	9	7	4	4	37	0	15	934	62.3	5	1



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	20	32	1	10	27	312	1	43	27	49	1	312	1	43	3	57	0	26	0	0	0	0	344
09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	38	186	2	18	18	209	0	31	18	25	0	209	0	31	2	15	0	14	3	43	1	27	395
09/12/2026	Morehead St.	34	69	0	14	16	137	1	22	16	29	0	137	1	22	5	93	0	31	0	0	0	0	206
09/19/2026	at West Florida	38	164	1	54	12	143	1	48	12	26	2	149	1	48	3	47	0	22	1	3	0	3	313
Opponents		130	451	4	54	73	801	3	48	73	129	3	807	3	48	13	212	0	31	4	46	1	27	1258
Austin Peay		152	848	12	80	50	890	6	72	50	81	2	890	6	72	5	82	0	27	8	124	1	67	1738

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
4	3.5	11.0	112.2	16.3	11.5	377.5	314.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	36	42	78	10.0-38	3-23	0	0-0	1-0	3	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	7	17
09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	21	26	47	5.0-36	5-36	0	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	2-2	0	0	0	0	28
09/12/2026	Morehead St.	35	20	55	3.0-6	1-2	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	7
09/19/2026	at West Florida	37	32	69	11.0-52	3-21	0	0-0	0-0	1	3	0	1-2	0	0	0	0	16
Opponents		129	120	249	29.0-132	12-82	0	0-0	2-0	8	8	1	6-7	0	0	0	7	68
Austin Peay		128	124	252	30.0-105	8-48	5	2--2	3-70	18	13	0	19-20	0	0	0	14	145

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md	att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/27/2026	Gardner-Webb	3	114	38.0	40	0	0	2	0	0	1-1	36	0	0	4	249	62.3	0	1
09/05/2026	at Vanderbilt	3	157	52.3	60	0	1	0	2	1	2-2	37	0	0	6	390	65.0	5	0
09/12/2026	Morehead St.	9	451	50.1	67	0	0	1	4	6	0-0	0	0	0	2	120	60.0	0	0
09/19/2026	at West Florida	4	201	50.3	59	0	0	1	3	0	1-1	18	0	0	3	175	58.3	0	0
Opponents		19	923	48.6	67	0	1	4	9	7	4-4	37	0	0	15	934	62.3	5	1
Austin Peay		13	521	40.1	55	0	1	5	5	5	2-3	51	0	0	25	1548	61.9	11	0



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Austin Peay - Game Highs

RUSHES	47	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	376	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	11.1	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
TD RUSHES	5	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	23	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	17	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
YARDS PASSING	317	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	14.7	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TD PASSES	3	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	68	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	693	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	12.2	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
POINTS	63	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
SACKS BY	4	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	22	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
	22	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
PENALTIES	6	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
	6	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	50	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
	50	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TURNOVERS	1	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
	1	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
PUNTS	5	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
PUNTING AVG	42.8	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT	55	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
	2	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	67	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)



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RUSHES	38	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
	38	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	186	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER RUSH	4.9	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
TD RUSHES	2	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	49	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
YARDS PASSING	312	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
YARDS PER PASS	8.4	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
TD PASSES	1	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
	1	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
	1	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TOTAL PLAYS	69	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TOTAL OFFENSE	395	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.3	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
POINTS	28	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
SACKS BY	5	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
FIRST DOWNS	22	Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
PENALTIES	9	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
PENALTY YARDS	73	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
TURNOVERS	3	at West Florida (09/19/2026)
PUNTS	9	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
PUNTING AVG	52.3	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT	67	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	6	Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	27	at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)



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RUSHES	16	Courtland Simmons at West Florida (09/19/2026)
YARDS RUSHING	120	Kaden Williams vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
TD RUSHES	2 2	Kaden Williams vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026) Courtland Simmons vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
LONG RUSH	80	Kaden Williams vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
PASS ATTEMPTS	21 21	Chris Parson at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026) Chris Parson vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
PASS COMPLETIONS	14	Chris Parson vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
YARDS PASSING	308	Chris Parson vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TD PASSES	3	Chris Parson vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
LONG PASS	72	Chris Parson vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
RECEPTIONS	6	Marvin Sims at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
YARDS RECEIVING	124	Denver Harper vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Denver Harper vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
LONG RECEPTION	72	Denver Harper vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
PUNTS	5	Logan Leftrick at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
PUNTING AVG	42.8	Logan Leftrick at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT	55	Logan Leftrick at West Florida (09/19/2026)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	2 2	Logan Leftrick at West Florida (09/19/2026) Logan Leftrick at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026)
LONG PUNT RETURN	67	Denver Harper vs Morehead St. (09/12/2026)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	27	Kaden Williams at West Florida (09/19/2026)
TACKLES	10 10 10	Ta'Ron Haile at Vanderbilt (09/05/2026) Canaan Williams vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026) Trevor Hardy vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
SACKS	1.5 1.5	Demoris Jenkins at West Florida (09/19/2026) Kelton Crisp vs Gardner-Webb (08/27/2026)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	4.5	Malik Denkins at West Florida (09/19/2026)



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3	Markell Redding	4/4	START	START	START	START
3	Chris Parson	4/4	START	START	START	START
4	Caleb Merritt	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
4	Karson Gordon	2/0	XXX	...	XXX	...
5	Justin Wimppe	3/1	...	XXX	START	XXX
5	Kelvin Perkins III	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
6	Kaden Williams	4/1	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
6	Deandre Creary	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
7	Kendyle Ball	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
7	Nate Garnett Jr.	3/1	START	XXX	XXX	...
8	Chris Brown	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Jaden Robinson	4/3	XXX	START	START	START
9	Quan Peterson	4/4	START	START	START	START
9	Matthew Wilson	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
10	Isaiah Groves	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
10	William Wiebush	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
11	Courtland Simmons	4/3	XXX	START	START	START
11	Demoris Jenkins	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Hamilton DiBoyan	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Kelton Crisp	4/4	START	START	START	START
13	Jackson Head	4/4	START	START	START	START
13	Kendal Howard	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
14	Jefferson Bretanys-Desca	3/0	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
14	Trey Blakeney	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
15	Tywan Royal	4/3	START	START	XXX	START
15	Denver Harper	4/3	XXX	START	START	START
17	Chance Fitzgerald	3/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
17	Steron Davidson Jr.	2/0	...	XXX	XXX	...
18	David Portu	1/1	START	...	...	...
18	Clay Merrill	2/0	XXX	...	XXX	...
19	Marvin Sims	4/4	START	START	START	START
19	Ja Payton	2/0	...	...	XXX	XXX
20	Luke Williams	1/0	XXX	...	...	...
20	Enelson Delva	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
21	Ni'Kel Lewis	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
22	Trevor Hardy	4/4	START	START	START	START
23	Keith Charney	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
25	Braylon Harmon	0/0	...	...	...	...
25	Troy Beaufort	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
26	Corey Richardson	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
26	Ta'Ron Haile	4/4	START	START	START	START
27	Isaac Bonds	2/0	...	...	XXX	XXX
28	Jahvi Jarmon	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
29	Canaan Williams	4/4	START	START	START	START
31	Robert Bailey	1/0	...	...	...	XXX
31	Walt Barrett	1/0	...	...	...	XXX
32	Robert Lee	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
33	Joshua Lloyd	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
34	Eli Jones	4/4	START	START	START	START
36	Caleb King	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
37	William Bobo	0/0	...	...	...	...
38	Rase Jones	0/0	...	...	...	...
39	Jason Grier Jr.	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
40	Jake Stonebraker	0/0	...	...	...	...
41	Kahlil Tate	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
42	Kingston Johnson	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
43	Xavier Ellison	1/0	XXX	...	...	...
44	Roman Mathis	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
44	Lamont Burton II	0/0	...	...	...	...
45	Al Sandifer	4/4	START	START	START	START



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46	Noah Voltaire	0/0	...	...	...	...
47	Mason Fleming	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
48	Brock Adams	3/0	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
49	Logan Leftrick	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
50	Sam Roston	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
51	Antori Hamilton	4/4	START	START	START	START
52	Iker Sarabia-Favela	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
53	Ryan Carter	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
54	Alec Surber	2/0	...	XXX	XXX	...
55	Mekaih Collins	1/0	XXX	...	...	...
55	Kenneth Smith Jr.	0/0	...	...	...	...
56	Jeff Burton	4/4	START	START	START	START
58	Benjamin Hicks	4/2	XXX	XXX	START	START
59	Kimani Mugo	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
62	Stratton Smith	3/3	START	START	...	START
65	Ward Dorris	0/0	...	...	...	...
66	Chandler Thomason	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
67	Game James	0/0	...	...	...	...
69	Solomon Ortiz	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
70	Stephen Kpelafiya	0/0	...	...	...	...
71	Kyler Gibson	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
72	Joshua Sales Jr.	4/4	START	START	START	START
73	Joshua Miller	3/2	START	START	...	XXX
74	Saidou Ba	4/4	START	START	START	START
75	Anthwone Montgomery II	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
76	Myles Sawyers	0/0	...	...	...	...
77	Zak Bowden	3/1	XXX	...	START	XXX
78	Aaron Young	0/0	...	...	...	...
79	Obadiah Obasuyi	2/0	...	XXX	XXX	...
80	Julien Randolph III	0/0	...	...	...	...
81	Malik Denkins	4/3	XXX	START	START	START
81	Isaac Kareem-Maman	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
82	Xzavier Webber	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
83	Drew Ross	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
85	Jabari Cathey	0/0	...	...	...	...
86	Nate Weyand	1/0	...	...	XXX	...
87	Roman Eulo	2/0	...	...	XXX	XXX
88	Jase Skoglund	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
89	Ben Marshall	4/1	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
92	Chandler Vaughn	0/0	...	...	...	...
93	Nick Guagliano	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
93	RJ Jackson	4/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
95	Tobja Walters Jr.	0/0	...	...	...	...
97	Samuel Green	2/0	XXX	...	XXX	...
98	Makendy Jean	2/0	...	XXX	XXX	...
99	Dawsyn Sikes	0/0	...	...	...	...