



2012 Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Football

Weekly Football Game Notes
Game Number 1 – August 30, 2012

New opponents, Tech and Hampton open 2012 season with high hopes



The Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles embark upon their 92nd season of football Thursday night when they host the Hampton University Pirates, a team from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). It will be Tech's first contest against a MEAC opponent.

The Golden Eagles are coming off a 2011 season in which they claimed a share of their 10th Ohio Valley Conference championship, and their first in 36 years. Hampton is also coming off a 7-4 season.

The first of six home games in 2012, Thursday's contest will be the first time in three years that coach Watson Brown's squad has played its first game of the season at home, following road openers at Arkansas in 2010 and Iowa in 2011.

Brown's teams have won all five previous home-openers, posting wins over Cumberland in 2007, Gardner-Webb in 2008, Pikeville in 2009, Lane in 2010 and Maryville College in 2011.

Hampton is picked for a fifth-place finish in the MEAC behind Norfolk, South Carolina State, Bethune-Cookman and Florida A&M. The Golden Eagles have been tabbed for fourth place in the OVC, following Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State and Murray State.

Hampton Pirates (7-4 in 2011 / 5-3 MEAC) at Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles (7-4 in 2011 / 6-2 OVC)

**Tucker Stadium / Overall Field (16,500)
Cookeville, Tenn. / 7 P.M. (CDT) KICKOFF**

Records in 2011: Tennessee Tech was 7-4 overall / 6-2 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC)
Hampton was 7-4 overall / 5-3 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)

Last Week: Both teams were wrapping up preseason camp in preparation for tonight

Series Record: First meeting between these two teams

National Rankings: Tech has received votes in both The Sports Network and Coach's poll
Hampton not receiving votes

Tech Radio:

Golden Eagle Sports Network (Roger Ealey, Buddy Pearson, Brandon Goodwin)

Internet: www.Magic985.com for audio stream

Live Stats: www.TTUsports.com

Television: Live on WCTE TV

Web sites:

Tennessee Tech - www.TTUsports.com

Hampton - www.HamptonPirates.com

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Coach: Watson Brown

Alma Mater: Vanderbilt, 1973

Career Record: 119-182-1 (28th year)

TTU Record: 25-30 (6th year)



Coach: Donovan Rose

Alma Mater: Hampton, 1978

Career Record: 18-15 (4th year)

Record at HU: 18-15 (4th year)



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FOLLOWING TECH

HOME GAMES ON TV: All six of Tech's home games will be televised LIVE by WCTE-TV in the mid-state and Metro Nashville region, with Tim Scruggs and Sam Brooks calling the action.

VIDEO STREAMING: Ten of Tech's 11 games will be streamed LIVE on the Internet via the new OVC Digital Network. Check the OVC website (OVCSports.com) for details on how to view games. The service is free.

RADIO BROADCASTS: Tennessee Tech football games are carried live on the Golden Eagle Sports Network, hosted by Cookeville Communications. Magic 98.5 in Cookeville will serve as the network's originating station. **Roger Ealey** and **Buddy Pearson** will call the action from the press box, with sideline reports from **Brandon Goodwin**.

ON THE INTERNET: The broadcasts of Tech games can also be heard on the Internet. The broadcasts will be streamed on www.Magic985.com.

ON TWITTER -- Sign up to follow the Golden Eagles on Twitter, and join the conversation each game by mentioning @TTUGoldenEagles in your tweets. The Golden Eagles' Twitter feed includes exclusive, live updates, photos and more as well as links to important information.

FIRST TIME MEETING -- Thursday night's game will mark the first meeting between these two schools.

BEEN A LONG TIME -- Tech clinched a share of the OVC championship in 2011. It was the first time since 1975, a span of 36 years. It was Tech's 10th OVC title overall.

ALL-TIME OVC CHAMPIONS

1948	Murray State	1980	Western Kentucky
1949	Evansville	1981	Eastern Kentucky
1950	Murray State	1982	Eastern Kentucky
1951	Murray State	1983	Eastern Kentucky
<u>1952</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	1984	Eastern Kentucky
	Western Kentucky	1985	Middle Tennessee
<u>1953</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	1986	Murray State
1954	Eastern Kentucky		Eastern Kentucky
<u>1955</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	1987	Youngstown
1956	Middle Tennessee		Eastern Kentucky
1957	Middle Tennessee	1988	Eastern Kentucky
<u>1958</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	1989	Middle Tennessee
	Middle Tennessee	1990	Eastern Kentucky
<u>1959</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>		Middle Tennessee
	Middle Tennessee	1991	Eastern Kentucky
<u>1960</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	1992	Middle Tennessee
<u>1961</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	1993	Eastern Kentucky
1962	East Tennessee	1994	Eastern Kentucky
	Eastern Kentucky	1995	Murray State
	Middle Tennessee	1996	Murray State
	Morehead State	1997	Eastern Kentucky
1963	Western Kentucky	1998	Tennessee State
1964	Middle Tennessee	1999	Tennessee State
1965	Middle Tennessee	2000	Western Kentucky
1966	Morehead State	2001	Eastern Illinois
1967	Eastern Kentucky	2002	Eastern Illinois
1968	Eastern Kentucky		Murray State
1969	East Tennessee	2003	Jacksonville State
1970	Western Kentucky	2004	Jacksonville State
1971	Western Kentucky	2005	Eastern Illinois
<u>1972</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	2006	Eastern Illinois
1973	Western Kentucky		UT Martin
1974	Eastern Kentucky	2007	Eastern Kentucky
<u>1975</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>	2008	Eastern Kentucky
1976	Eastern Kentucky	2009	Eastern Illinois
1977	Austin Peay	2010	Southeast Missouri
1978	Western Kentucky	<u>2011</u>	<u>TENNESSEE TECH</u>
1979	Murray State		Jacksonville State
			Eastern Kentucky

ABOUT WATSON - With his team picked fifth in the OVC preseason poll last year, Watson Brown led Tennessee Tech to the program's 10th OVC Championship but first since the 1975 season. TTU finished the season 7-4 overall, 6-2 in OVC play and ranked No. 20 in the FCS Coaches Poll and No. 21 in the Sports Network poll (the team's first national ranking since the 2002 season). The team ascended to as high as 15th in the polls during the year and earned the OVC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Championship, the program's first-ever playoff

berth. TTU lost just two games by a combined three points to Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponents in 2011 regular season. The seven victories overall were the most for the team since the 2001 season and the Golden Eagles had a winning record for just the third time in the last decade. The Conference championship was the first for Brown, who is now in his 28th season as a Division I head coach (with previous stops at Austin Peay, Cincinnati, Rice, Vanderbilt and UAB). He was voted the OVC Coach of the Year and finished 11th in voting for the Liberty Mutual National FCS Coach of the Year. He was a finalist for the prestigious Eddie Robinson award, which honors the national coach of the year in the FCS, and was the Tennessee Sports Writer's Association Coach of the Year. Watson was the third different Golden Eagle head coach to earn OVC Coach of the Year honors, joining Don Wade (who won the honor in 1971, 1972 and 1975) and Jim Ragland (who won the award in 1992 and 1993).

Tennessee Tech

OVC Coach of the Year Winners:

1971	Don Wade
1972	Don Wade
1975	Don Wade
1992	Jim Ragland
1993	Jim Ragland
2011	Watson Brown

FIRST AND 10

THE SENIOR CLASS — The 2012 senior class includes 19 players. Tech's senior class includes Jordan Adams, Slade Adams, Michael Baker, Hunter Beedle, Zach Bush, Chris Dickerson, Marcus Edwards, Howard Griffin, Taylor Hennigan, Tremaine Hudson, Will Johnson, Tre Lamb, Tommie McBride, Caleb Mitchell, Matt Moran, Kedrick Towles, Adam Urbano, LaDarrius Verge and Zack Ziegler.

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT — Junior **James Normand** was named to the CoSIDA/Academic All-District team in 2011. He is an accounting major from Oak Ridge, Tenn.

PRESEASON ALL-OVC -- Three Golden Eagles were named to the Preseason All-OVC team, all on defense. The preseason honors went to senior linebacker Marcus Edwards, senior safety Will Johnson and

KEEPING UP WITH WATSON

Fans will have the chance to hear from Watson Brown on radio, television and webstream during the 2012 season, as well as in-person at the Weekly Insider's Lunch. Fans can participate by tweeting questions to The Watson Brown Show.

Weekly on the TV and Radio:

The Watson Brown Show presented by IWC Cash & Carry will be streamed live each Monday at 6:30 p.m. on the OVC Digital Network and via TTUsports.com. The show will air weekly on WCTE TV, Charter in the Cookeville region, and on cable stations in Lafayette and surrounding counties. The 30-minute show is hosted by Buddy Pearson. Fans are invited to tweet questions and comments.

Weekly Insider's Lunch:

Each Monday from 12-1 p.m., coach Watson Brown hosts the Insider's Lunch in the Eagles' Nest in Eblen Center. The cost of the lunch is \$10 each week, with the meal catered by Chartwell's. Fans must call in by Friday at noon to reserve a place at the lunch.

Brown speaks on OVC Teleconference each TUESDAY

Watson Brown will be available on the weekly OVC teleconference. The call will begin at 9:55 a.m. TUESDAY.

Time	Coach	School
9:55 a.m.	Call opens/announcements	
10:00 a.m.	Chris Hatcher, Murray State	
10:07 a.m.	Watson Brown, Tech	
10:14 a.m.	Dino Babers, Eastern Illinois	
10:21 a.m.	Jack Crowe, Jacksonville State	
10:28 a.m.	Tony Samuel, Southeast Missouri	
10:35 a.m.	Rick Christophel, Austin Peay	
10:42 a.m.	Jason Simpson, UT Martin	
10:49 a.m.	Rod Reed, Tennessee State	
10:56 a.m.	Dean Hood, Eastern Kentucky	

Please contact the Tech Sports Information Office for information on how to access the teleconference calls.

Hampton Coach Rose speaks TUESDAY at 11:03 a.m. on MEAC Teleconference

Coach Donovan Rose will be available on the weekly MEAC teleconference. He will be on the line TUESDAY at 11:03 a.m.

Contact Hampton SID Maurice Williams (757-727-5757) for contact information.

sophomore safety Austin Tallant.

MORE PRESEASON NODS -- Several Golden Eagle players received preseason looks from various outlets in addition to the preseason all-OVC picks. Linebacker **Marcus Edwards**, quarterback Tre Lamb, defensive back Caleb Mitchell and wide receiver Da'Rick Rogers were all named to College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Preseason Watch Lists. **Edwards** also received preseason All-America recognition from College Sporting News.

PICKED FOURTH IN OVC -- The Golden Eagles are picked fourth in the preseason Ohio Valley Conference coaches' poll. The Golden Eagles will host two of the teams ranked ahead of them during the 2012 campaign -- Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State.

WEEKLY AWARDS IN 2011 — Tech players received numerous conference and national awards during the 2011 season:

June 9 - Tim Benford, CFPA Preseason Watch List for Receivers
 June 14 - Marcus Edwards, CFPA Preseason Watch List for Linebackers
 June 22 - Marcus Edwards, Preseason All-America by Consensus Draft Services
 July 5 - Nick Campbell, CFPA Preseason Watch List for Punters
 July 25 - Tim Benford, Preseason all-OVC
 July 25 - Scott Schweitzer, Preseason all-OVC
 Sept. 12 - Tim Benford, CFPA Weekly Performance Award
 Sept. 12 - Tre Lamb/CFPA Weekly Performance Award
 Sept. 18 - Richmond Tooley, OVC Defensive Player of the Week
 Sept. 19 - Tim Benford, CFPA Weekly Performance Award
 Sept. 25 - Dontey Gay, OVC Offensive Player of the Week
 Sept. 25 - Cody Forbes, OVC co-Special Teams Player of the Week
 Sept. 26 - Dontey Gay, CFPA Weekly Performance Award
 Sept. 26 - Tre Lamb, CFPA Weekly Performance Award
 Oct. 7 - Tim Benford, National Watch List, Beyond Sports College Network's watch list
 Oct. 16 - Zach Sharp, OVC Special Teams Player of the Week
 Oct. 30 - Nick Campbell, OVC Special Teams Player of the Week
 Oct. 30 - Corey Watson, OVC Defensive Player of the Week
 Nov. 10 - Corey Watson, CoSIDA Academic All-District
 Nov. 10 - James Normand, CoSIDA Academic All-District
 Nov. 20 - Dontey Gay, OVC Co-Offensive Player of the Week
 Nov. 20 - Richmond Tooley, OVC Defensive Player of the Week
 Nov. 21 - Tre Lamb, OVC Player of the Week, College Sports Madness
 Nov. 21 - Dontey Gay, College Sports Performance Awards honorable mention
 Nov. 22 - Tim Benford, OVC Offensive Player of the Year
 Nov. 22 - Tim Benford, First-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Scott Schweitzer, First-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Tim Richmond Tooley, First-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Marcus Edwards, First-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Dontey Gay, Second-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Travis Adkins, Second-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Nick Campbell, Second-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Will Johnson, Second-team all-OVC
 Nov. 22 - Austin Tallant, OVC All-Newcomer team

CAREER LEADERS

Total Offense

1. Lee Sweeney (2006-09)	6,805
2. Robert Craft (2001-04)	5,757
3. Grant Swallows (1998-01)	4,800
4. Larry Schreiber (1966-69)	4,421
5. Gary Perdue (1973-76)	4,180
6. Mike Jones (1991-94)	4,001
7. Tre Lamb (2009-)	3,750
8. Michael Penix (1992-95)	3,463
9. Andre Caballero (1996-97)	3,196
10. Tony Costantine (1980-84)	3,168

All-Purpose Yards

1. Larry Schreiber (1966-69)	5,925
2. Larry Shipp (2004-07)	4,938
3. Michael Penix (1992-95)	4,055
4. Nick Solomon (1998-01)	3,802
5. Derek White (2003-07)	3,749
6. Henry Sailes (2007-10)	3,589
7. Dontey Gay (2008-11)	3,354
8. Willie Queen (1991-94)	3,215
9. Tim Benford (2008-11)	3,116
10. Craig Rolle (1975-78)	2,878
-- Tremaine Hudson (2008-)	1,373

Passing

1. Lee Sweeney (2006-present)	7,157
2. Robert Craft (2001-2004)	6,032
3. Grant Swallows (1998-01)	4,634
4. Mike Jones (1991-94)	4,321
5. Tony Costantine (1980-84)	3,599
6. Tre Lamb (2009-)	3,429
7. Andre Caballero (1996-97)	3,222
8. Gary Perdue (1973-76)	3,053
9. Michael Peeples (1997-00)	2,893
10. Bert Browne (1988-90)	2,647

Notes on the OFFENSE

MOVING THE BALL -- In the final 2011 OVC stats, the Golden Eagles ranked among league leaders in several offensive categories. Tech was second in the league in passing efficiency (140.3), third in scoring offense (32.3 ppg), fourth in total offense (410.5 ypg) and rushing offense (194.9 ypg) and fifth in passing offense (215.6 ypg).

RESPONSIBILITY COUNTS -- Quarterback **Tre Lamb** was responsible for 23 touchdowns last season, throwing for 17 and rushing for six, breaking the school record of 21 originally set in 2001 by Grant Swallows.

TWICE OVER 500 -- Twice last season Tech piled up more than 500 yards of offense, including 566 against Maryville College for the highest total in Watson Brown's five seasons at the helm. Tech had 511 yards against Southeast Missouri. The Golden Eagles topped 400 yards in four other games in 2012:

Sept. 8 -- 566 yards vs. Maryville
 Sept. 24 -- 511 vs. Southeast Missouri
 Oct. 1 -- 407 vs. UT Martin
 Oct. 15 -- 462 vs. Tennessee State
 Nov 5 -- 458 vs. Murray State
 Nov. 19 -- 458 vs. Austin Peay

RECORD PACE -- The Golden Eagles set 17 individual records and nine team records in 2011.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

RUSHING

Most TDs/season -- 15 Dontey Gay

PASSING

Most Attempts/game -- 58, Tre Lamb vs. TSU

Most completions/game -- 36, Tre Lamb, TSU

Most completions/season -- 204, Tre Lamb

Highest completion percentage/season -- 65.2, Tre Lamb

RECEIVING

Most yards/ season -- 932, Tim Benford

Most receptions/career -- 216, Tim Benford

Most yards/career -- 3,097, Tim Benford

Most TD receptions/career -- 27, Tim Benford

Most 100-yard games/career -- 10, Tim Benford

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most plays/game -- 69, Tre Lamb vs. TSU

Most plays/season -- 422, Tre Lamb

Most yards/season -- 2,555, Tre Lamb

Most TD responsible for/season -- 23, Tre Lamb (6 rush, 17 pass)

ALL-PURPOSE

Most touchdowns/season -- 15, Dontey Gay

SCORING

Most points scored/season -- 90, Dontey Gay

Most PATs/season -- 46, Zach Sharp

TEAM RECORDS

PASSING

Most attempts/game -- 58 vs. TSU

Most completions/game -- 34 vs. TSU

SCORING

Most points scored/season -- 355

Highest scoring average/season -- 32.3 ppg

Most PATs/season -- 46

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most yards/game -- 410.5

FIRST DOWNS

Most first downs/game -- 36 vs. TSU

Most first downs/season -- 238

Most first downs passing/game -- 20 vs. TSU

**Adam Urbano's
100-Yard Rushing Games (2)**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Att	Yds	TD
11/5/11	Murray State	L	9	119	0
11/12/11	@E. Kentucky	W	24	137	0

**Tre Lamb's
200-Yard Passing Games (8)**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Yds	TD
11/26/11	Central Ark.	L	291	2
10/15/11	Tenn. State	L	348	2
10/1/11	@ UT Martin	W	227	2
9/24/11	SE Missouri	W	283	1
9/17/11	@ E. Illinois	W	240	1
9/8/11	Maryville	W	222	4
9/30/10	UT Martin	L	207	3
9/25/10	@SE Missouri	L	246	2

SOLID FRONT -- The Golden Eagles feature a veteran starting offensive line, including three seniors and two juniors. Listed as starters are seniors **Michael Baker** at center, **Slade Adams** at right guards, and **Hunter Beedle** at right tackle, and juniors **Wesley Sherrill** at left guard and **James Normand** at left tackle.

100-YARD EFFORTS -- **Adam Urbano** chalked up two 100-yard efforts in the four games in which he played the entire game. He rushed for 119 yards on just nine carries in a loss against Murray State, and posted a career-high 137 yards on 24 carries in Tech's huge OVC win at Eastern Kentucky.

ONE-TWO PUNCH -- The Golden Eagles can feature a solid one-two combination at runningback, where junior **Bud Golden** will join senior Adam Urbano in splitting playing time. Last year in limited action, Golden had 11 carries for 20 yards. He also returned 10 kicks for 198 yards.

RIGHT ON TARGET -- Quarterback **Tre Lamb** owns eight 200-yard passing games (see chart at left), including a career-high 348 yards and two touchdowns against Tennessee State (Oct. 15). He ranked second in the OVC and 27th nationally in passing efficiency with a 140.4 rating. Lamb ranked third in the OVC in total offense (225.6 yards per game) and fourth in passing yards per game (205.1).

TOPPING 2,000 -- Quarterback **Tre Lamb** became only the sixth passer in school history to throw for 2,000 yards in a season, joining Robert Craft (twice), Grant Swallows, Lee Sweeney, Bert Browne and Mike Jones. Lamb was 204-for-313 for 2,342 yards during the 2011 season. His 204 completions is a school record and his 65.2 completion percentage is also a TTU record.

THE BACK STORY -- **Adam Urbano** was a high school teammate of quarterback Tre Lamb at Calhoun (Ga.) High School, and spent two seasons at Georgia Southern before transferring to Tech. He sat out the 2010 season due to NCAA transfer regulations. Urbano was named to the Southern Conference all-freshman team, rushing for 304 yards on 52 carries. As a sophomore, he had 141 carries for 622 yards and six touchdowns, and caught 45 passes for 315 yards. His career-high (153

yards with two touchdowns on 32 carries at UT Chattanooga) came while at GSU. He enters the 2012 season with 1,306 career rushing yards.

ZZ IS TOPS -- Senior **Zack Ziegler** ranked second on the team in receiving with 37 catches for 375 yards and three touchdowns, and also had 33 carries for 110 yards and one touchdown. He had a career-best eight catches against Tennessee State for 79 yards and one touchdown, and grabbed seven catches for 59 yards in the FCS playoff game against Central Arkansas.

COMING ON FAST -- Sophomore **Cody Matthew** made quite an impression in the last few weeks of the season, and finished his rookie year with 12 catches for 169 yards and three touchdowns.

FAMILIAR NAME -- Junior **Doug Page** had 11 receptions for 112 yards last season. Page didn't need to make any introductions to his family when Watson Brown recruited him to join the Golden Eagles. Brown had recruited and coached Doug's father, Kurt Page, when Brown was head coach at Vanderbilt University and Page enjoyed a record-setting career as the Commodore quarterback under Brown's direction.

STONE COLD -- Sophomore quarterback **Darian Stone** led Tech on its lone scoring drive at Iowa in the 2011 season opener. He has also rushed for 83 yards on three carries last year, including an 80-yard TD run against Maryville.

THE NEW GUY -- A talented wide receiver who had tremendous impact on his Calhoun (Ga.) High School team and during the past two years with the University of Tennessee Volunteers, **Da'Rick Rogers** enrolled Monday (Aug. 26) at Tennessee Tech and joined the Golden Eagle roster. Rogers was a teammate at Calhoun with Tre Lamb and Adam Urbano, and was coached by Hal Lamb. Rogers transfers to Tech from Tennessee, where he played two seasons and was a first-team all-SEC receiver in 2011. He led the SEC in receiving with 67 catches for 1,040 yards, and was second in the league with nine touchdowns. Last season his role centered on his pass-catching skills, and he started in 12 games and became just the sixth UT player to achieve a 1,000-yard season. He posted six 100-plus receiving games, and twice notched a career-high 10 catches, doing so in games against Vanderbilt and Cincinnati.

Notes on the DEFENSE

ATOP THE CONFERENCE - Tennessee Tech ranked first in the OVC last season in three defensive categories -- the Golden Eagles were first in total defense (352.5 ypg), rushing defense (148.4 ypg) and allowed the fewest first downs. Under the direction of Defensive Coordinator Billy Taylor, Tech was second in the league in scoring defense (25.4 ppg) and pass defense efficiency (115.5 rating), third in interceptions and fourth in passing defense (204.1 ypg).

SACK LEADER -- Senior **Marcus Edwards** earned first-team all-OVC selection as a junior, and has gained several preseason honors prior to the 2012 season. Edwards ranked third in the OVC in quarterback sacks and eighth in tackles for loss. As a sophomore, Edwards led the OVC in quarterback sacks with 7.5. He comes into the 2012 season with 13.5 career sacks to his credit, tops among all active Golden Eagles. He has 20 career tackles-for-loss, which also leads active players.

CALL HIM J.J. - Junior **Jordan Johnson** had a career-best seven tackles against Southeast Missouri, and three of them came on consecutive plays INSIDE THE TECH ONE-YARD LINE as Tech made a goal line stand. He had six tackles against Murray State and made six more stops against Austin Peay. He ranked 10th on the team last year in tackles with 40.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL - Senior **Will Johnson** missed the final four games of the 2011 season with a knee injury, but still ranked eighth on the team in total tackles with 45. He earned second-team all-OVC honors in 2011 and was a preseason all-OVC selection this fall. He made a career-high 10 stops against Tennessee State. At Eastern Illinois, he had six tackles and also accounted for two of the Panthers' four turnovers with an interception and a fumble recovery, his first of both. A product of Pearl-Cohn High School in Nashville, Johnson spent two seasons at Kentucky before joining the Golden Eagle roster.

TOP FRESHMAN -- After opening the year in a backup role, true freshman **Austin Tallant** took over the starting spot at free safety one play into the season opener at Iowa in place of injured Marty Jones. He proved a worthy replacement, leading the team with 92 total tackles and ranking as the top freshman tack-

ler in the OVC. He earned a spot on the league's all-newcomer team. Against Southeast Missouri he led the team with a career-best 13 tackles, along with a fumble recovery and a pass defended. At Jacksonville State, he once again topped Tech with 12 tackles, and against Eastern Kentucky he paced the Golden Eagle defense for the third time, making 12 total tackles. Against Austin Peay, he topped himself when he led Tech with a new career-high of 14 tackles, and also forced a fumble and broke up a pass. The last time a Tech freshman led the league's rookies in tackles was Jake McIntosh in 2008.

HOWARD'S WORLD - Senior linebacker **Howard Griffin** returned to action in 2011 and ranked second on the team in total tackles with 79. Griffin made 12 tackles in the win over Southeast Missouri and 10 against Tennessee State. Against Murray State, he had 13 tackles for his third double figure game of the year. For his career, he has made 153 tackles in 27 games, ranking first among active players for career stops. Howard also has 12.5 career tackles-for-loss.

THE MITCHELL PLAN - **Caleb Mitchell** ranked second on the team and seventh in the OVC in interceptions with two. He was also 14th in the league in passes defended. Mitchell got his first interception of the 2011 season in the win at Eastern Illinois, returning it 28 yards to set up a first half TTU touchdown. He grabbed his second INT at UT Martin, and now has six career picks. He had two in 2010 against EIU, and also had one as a redshirt freshman against Tennessee State. Tech has won four of the five games in which Mitchell has an interception.

RIGHT PLACE -- **Caleb Mitchell** has a knack for being around the football -- he has 130 career tackles, 15 passes defended, six interceptions, eight tackles-for-loss, four fumbles caused and two fumbles recovered.

MARTY'S BACK IN ACTION -- After missing all of the 2011 season due to an injury in fall camp, senior **Marty Jones** returns to action in 2012 where he will start at free safety. In 22 games in 2009 and 2010, Jones has piled up 130 career tackles, five interceptions, and broken up nine passes. A versatile and vocal leader on the field, Jones is also slated to serve as holder on PAT and field goal tries.

MOVING UP -- Linebacker **Tra'Darius Goff** led Tech with eight tackles against Maryville, and also knocked down a pass attempt at the line of scrimmage. He blocked a punt at Eastern Kentucky that led to a Golden Eagle touchdown. Goff enjoyed phenomenal success in Tech's Tucker Stadium in December of 2010 during the TSSAA Football State Championships (hosted by Cookeville and Tech). Goff led his Columbia Central squad to the state championship and was named both the Offensive MVP and the Defensive MVP in the title game. A runningback and linebacker in high school, Goff is playing linebacker for the Golden Eagles..

INTRODUCING - Junior linebacker **Malcolm Mitchell** is a new addition to the roster, a transfer to Tech from Louisville in July. Mitchell was a high school teammate of Jerry King and Blake Adams, and a quarterback's nightmare during his days on the defensive line at Dunwoody High School in Atlanta. Mitchell appeared in 11 games at defensive end for the University of Louisville over the past two years. He recorded eight total tackles, including 2.5 for loss. Mitchell also recorded Louisville's only fumble return in 2011 when he scooped up a Connecticut fumble and ran it back 36 yards for a touchdown.

FRESHMAN STARTER -- True freshman **William Dillard** has earned the starting nod at the boundary cornerback position. Dillard enrolled at Tech in January and went through spring drills, where he impressed the coaching staff and his teammates. Dillard is a product of Vestavia, Ala.

Notes on the SPECIAL TEAMS

OH, SNAP -- Senior **Jordan Adams** is one of the most unheralded players on the roster, quietly handling the long snapper duties for the past three years.

SHARING THE BOOT -- Freshman **Chris Harris** is slated to handle the kickoff duties in 2012, while sophomore **Zach Sharp** returns as the placekicker for PAT and field goal tries. Sharp was 46-for-47 in his PAT tries and 9-for-15 on field goals.

RECORD KICKER -- Freshman **Zach Sharp** broke the school record for most PAT kicks in a season with 46., topping the previous mark of 42 set by Wayne Anderson in 1977. With 73 points, Sharp came up just short of the school record for most points scored by kicking in a season (75, by Justin Kraemer in 2007). His total ranks second.

BIG DAY -- Freshman **Zach Sharp** was 4-for-5 on field goals against Tennessee State (Oct. 15). His four field goals were the second-most in school history, and his 16 points kicking was also the second-best game in school history. Sharp's effort included a career-long 49-yard field goal.

TWO BLOCKS -- **Tra'Darius Goff** blocked a punt by Eastern Kentucky midway in the third quarter which set up a 17-yard Tech scoring drive and gave the Golden Eagles a 21-14 lead. Earlier in the year, freshman Stephen Bush blocked a kick against UT Martin.

ON THE BLOCK -- Tech has blocked 17 kicks in the five years under Watson Brown, including two last year, both by true freshmen. Tech's blocked kicks in the Brown years:

DURING 2011

Stephen Bush (Punt vs. UT Martin)
Tra'Darius Goff (Punt vs. ECU)

DURING 2010

Justin Hilliard (PAT vs. Murray State)
Jamere Hogue (Punt vs. Tennessee State)

DURING 2009

Justin Vann (Punt vs. Tennessee State)
Dedrick Miley (FG at Eastern Illinois)
Dedrick Miley (FG at E. Kentucky)
Dedrick Miley (PAT vs. Austin Peay)

DURING 2008

Travis Adkins (PAT at Louisville)
Justin Hilliard (PAT at Austin Peay)
Kedrick Towles (FG vs. EIU)

NEW FOOT -- Junior **Chad Zinchini** takes over the role of punter for the Golden Eagles.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS -- Golden Eagle return men have brought back five kick-offs for touchdowns under head coach Watson Brown. Prior to his arrival in 2007, Tech had returned just eight kicks for TDs in 45 years.

Tech's Kickoff Return TDs since 1960:

Player	Year	Opponent	Yds
Henry Sailes	2008	UT Martin	87
Larry Shipp	2007	Samford	88
Henry Sailes	2007	Murray State	76
Larry Shipp	2007	Concordia	97
Larry Shipp	2007	Cumberland	87
Lorenza Rivers	1987	Youngstown	99
Billy Blaylock	1982	NE Missouri	83
Mike Vise	1977	UN-Omaha	90
Lamar Mike	1977	East Tennessee	93
Lamar Mike	1976	East Tennessee	96
Dickie Fulton	1973	East Tennessee	100
Larry Schreiber	1967	Middle Tenn.	90
Jim Schaeffer	1961	Eastern Kentucky	95

OVERTIME INFO

WORKING OVERTIME -- Of the 13 games in which Tech has gone to overtime, three have been against UT Martin and three have been against Murray State. The Golden Eagles are 8-5 all-time in overtime games.

GOLDEN EAGLES IN OVERTIME

The Golden Eagles are 8-5 in games that reached extra periods:

W - Tech 16, Murray State 13 (1 OT) - 10/1/88
W - Tech 20, Austin Peay 14 (1 OT) - 11/10/90
W - Tech 21, UT Martin 14 (2 OT) - 10/5/96
W - Tech 16, Murray State 13 (1 OT) - 11/1/97
W - Tech 31, UT Martin 24 (1 OT) - 10/17/98
W - Tech 31, Eastern Ky. 29 (3OT) - 10/24/98
L - Eastern Ky. 23, Tech 20 (2OT) - 11/13/99
L - UT Martin 30, Tech 23 (1 OT) - 10/4/03
W - Tech 40, Eastern Ill. 37 (2 OT) - 11/6/04
L - SE Missouri 31, Tech 28 (1 OT) - 11/13/04
L - Chattanooga 30, Tech 23 (1 OT) - 9/3/05
W - Tech 20, Murray State 14 (1 OT) - 9/30/06
L - Jax State 17, Tech 10 (1 OT) - 10/28/06

AND UP NEXT

NORTH GREENVILLE -- The Golden Eagles remain at home for another week, and will host their second consecutive Thursday night contest when North Greenville visits (Sept. 6) for a 7 p.m. game. That game will be Youth Football Night as well as Take A Kid To The Game Night.

CAREER TACKLES LEADERS:

Active Player (yr)	GP	TOT
Howard Griffin (Sr.)	28	153
Marty Jones (Jr.)	23	130
Caleb Mitchell (Sr.)	31	130
Will Johnson (Sr.)	16	94
Marcus Edwards (Sr.)	31	89
Austin Tallant (So.)	11	92
Matt Moran (Sr.)	31	70
Tommy McBride (Sr.)	32	59
Blake Adams (Jr.)	21	51
LaDarrius Verge (Sr.)	31	48
Jordan Johnson (Jr.)	21	46
Cory Webber (So.)	9	35
Jerry King (Jr.)	11	28

CAREER SACKS LEADERS:

Active Player (yr)	GP	TOT
Marcus Edwards (Sr.)	31	13.5
Caleb Mitchell (Sr.)	31	3.0
Howard Griffin (Sr.)	28	2.0
Tommy McBride (Sr.)	32	2.0
Cory Webber (Fr.)	9	1.0
Tra'Darius Goff (So.)	11	1.0
Jordan Johnson (Jr.)	20	1.0
Matt Moran (Sr.)	31	0.5

CAREER TACKLE-FOR-LOSS LEADERS:

Active Player (yr)	GP	TFL
Marcus Edwards (Sr.)	31	20.0
Howard Griffin (Sr.)	28	12.5
Caleb Mitchell (Sr.)	31	8.0
Will Johnson (Sr.)	16	7.0
Matt Moran (Sr.)	31	5.0
Tommy McBride (Sr.)	32	5.0
Marty Jones (Jr.)	23	4.0
Jordan Johnson (Jr.)	20	4.0
LaDarrius Verge (Sr.)	31	3.5
Jerry King (Jr.)	11	3.5
Austin Tallant (So.)	10	2.0
Cory Webber (So.)	8	1.0
Tra'Darius Goff (So.)	11	1.0

Tonight's Opponent

Hampton Pirates



GAME

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THURSDAY, Aug. 30, 2012 / Tucker Stadium / 7 p.m. CDT



Don Rose

General Information

Location Hampton, Va.
Enrollment 5,402
Nickname Pirates
Colors Royal Blue and White
Conference... Mid-Eastern Athletic (MEAC)
Affiliation NCAA Division I FCS
Stadium..... Armstrong Stadium
Capacity 17,000
President..... Dr. William R. Harvey
Interim Athletic Director.... Malcolm Avery
Dept. Phone..... (757) 727-5641
Ticket Office..... (757) 728-6828



Antwon Chisholm

Team Information

2011 Overall Record 7-4
2011 Conference Record 5-3 (4th)
First year of football..... 1902
Overall all-time record 531-387-34
Starters R/L..... 24/5
Lettermen R/L 47/11



Jeremiah Schwartz

Coaching Staff

Head Coach Donovan Rose
Alma Mater (Year)..... Hamton (1979)
Record at HU (Yrs) 18-15 (4th season)
Career Record (Yrs) Same
Office Phone..... (757) 727-5322

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Series History

Series Record..... 0-0
Last Meeting..... n/a
Last Result n/a
First Meeting 2012
Current TTU Streak..... n/a



Antwon Chisholm

2012 Schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 30	at Tennessee Tech
Sept. 8	Old Dominion
Sept. 15	at Florida A&M
Sept. 29	Bethune-Cookman
Oct. 13	Norfolk State
Oct. 20	at NC Central
Oct. 27	Savannah State
Nov. 3	at Howard
Nov. 10	at Delaware State
Nov. 17	at Morgan State

2011 Results

(7-4/5-3 MEAC)		
Sept. 3	Alabama A&M	W, 21-20
Sept. 10	Florida A&M	W, 23-17
Sept. 17	at Old Dominion	L, 42-45
Sept. 24	at Bethune-Cookman	L, 31-35
Oct. 8	Princeton	W, 28-23
Oct. 15	at Norfolk State	L, 24-34
Oct. 22	North Carolina Central	W, 30-27
Oct. 29	at Savannah State	W, 22-5
Nov. 5	Howard	L, 7-10
Nov. 12	Delaware State	W, 42-6
Nov. 19	Morgan State	W, 42-18

OVC Largest Crowds

104,488	E. Illinois at Penn State	10/10/09
99,123	UT Martin at Tennessee	9/4/10
92,746	Tennessee Tech at Georgia	11/7/09
85,754	Tennessee Tech at Auburn	11/3/07
85,365	UT Martin at Auburn	11/8/08
77,527	Murray State at Wisconsin	9/4/98
77,224	Austin Peay at Wisconsin	9/25/10
72,453	SEMO at Arkansas	10/14/06
71,420	Jax State at Florida State	9/12/09
70,585	Tennessee Tech at Iowa	9/3/11
70,585	Eastern Illinois at Iowa	9/4/10
70,185	Tenn. State vs. FAMU (Atlanta)	9/20/03
69,596	Tennessee Tech at Arkansas	9/4/10
67,712	Tenn. State vs. FAMU (Atlanta)	9/25/04
67,167	Tenn. State vs. FAMU (Atlanta)	9/28/02
67,053	E. Kentucky at Kentucky	11/7/09
66,512	E. Kentucky at Kentucky	9/1/2007
63,306	Murray State at Kentucky	9/6/2003
62,455	Tenn. State vs. FAMU (Atlanta)	9/23/00
62,305	SEMO at Missouri	9/6/08

BOLD underlined denotes games involving the Golden Eagles

Largest Tech Home Crowds

Attendance (Year, Result)

- 1) 16,521 (1971, Morehead State 26-8 W)
- 2) 16,089 (1978, W. Kentucky 20-26 L)
- 3) 16,072 (1977, Morehead State 24-22 W)
- 4) 15,607 (1976, W. Kentucky 22-12 W)
- 5) 14,623 (1984, Tenn. State 3-33 L)
- 6) 14,586 (1978, Murray State 24-14 W)
- 7) 14,133 (1977, Austin Peay 21-24 L)
- 8) 13,859 (1982, W. Kentucky 14-28 L)
- 9) 13,627 (1980, Murray State 3-10 L)
- 10) 13,186 (1972, MTSU 24-10 W)
- 11) 13,124 (1976, UN-Omaha 56-28 W)
- 12) 12,831 (2007, Cumberland 45-21 W)
- 13) 12,746 (1978, W. Carolina 22-20 W)
- 14) 12,523 (1977, Youngstown 38-22 W)
- 15) 12,511 (1979, Morehead State 3-3 T)
- 16) 12,500 (1999, Murray State 11-22 L)
- 17) 12,310 (1981, Morehead State 35-17 W)
- 18) 12,237 (1998, MTSU 16-19 L)
- 19) 12,212 (1970, E. Kentucky 13-20 L)
- 20) 12,204 (1972, W. Kentucky 30-10 W)
- 21) 12,186 (1974, W. Kentucky 10-6 W)

Friendly Reminder: It's FCS

Just a reminder to refer to the NCAA division in which the Golden Eagles compete as Division I, FCS (Football Championship Subdivision). Formerly called I-AA, the names changed to reflect that Tech and the Ohio Valley Conference are NCAA Division I programs which will compete for the national championship in a post-season playoff. The other Division I subdivision, formerly Division I-A, is called the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS), reflecting the Division I teams that will not compete for a championship through the playoffs, but are eligible for post-season Bowl games.

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2011 Game-by-Game Starters

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	Receiver	L. Tackle	L. Guard	Center	R. Guard	R. Tackle	Quarterback	Tailback	Running Back	Fullback	Receiver	Tight End	Kicker
Iowa	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Urbano	Ziegler	Stevens	Garrett	D. Brown	Barker/Sharp
Maryville	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	St. John	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Matthews	D. Brown	Barker/Sharp
EIU	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Garrett	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
SEMO	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Garrett	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
UTM	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Garrett	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
TSU	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Garrett	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
JSU	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Garrett	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
MSU	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Matthews	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
EKU	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Matthews	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
APSU	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Matthews	Hunter	Barker/Sharp
C.ARK	Benford	Normand	Schweitzer	Baker	S. Adams	Sherrill	Lamb	Gay	Ziegler	Stevens	Matthews	Hunter	Barker/Sharp

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	Bear (DE)	Anchor (NG)	Rock (DE)	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB	Cornerback	Free Safety	Rover	Cornerback	Nickel	Punter
Iowa	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Moran	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Marty Jones	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
Maryville	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
EIU	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Watson	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
SEMO	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
UTM	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
TSU	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
JSU	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
MSU	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
EKU	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	W. Johnson	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
APSU	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	C. Webber	Tooley	Watson	Campbell
C.ARK	Hogue	J. Johnson	Adkins	Evans	Griffin	McIntosh	Vann	Mitchell	Tallant	C. Webber	Tooley	Watson	Campbell

Notable Performances under Coach Watson Brown

Individual Performances

100-Yard Rushers

◆ 2011

Dontey Gay vs. Austin Peay (11/19) - 192 yards/25 attempts
Adam Urbano vs. E. Kentucky (11/12) - 137 yards/24 attempts
Adam Urbano vs. Murray State (11/5) - 119 yards/9 attempts
Dontey Gay vs. SMO (9/24) -- 146 yards/ 22 attempts
Dontey Gay vs. Iowa (9/3) -- 108 yards / 24 attempts
Dontey Gay vs. Maryville (9/8) - 155 yards / 19 attempts

◆ 2010

Jocques Crawford vs. EIU (10/13) - 131 yards/19 attempts
Jocques Crawford vs. EKV (11/13) - 128 yards/11 attempts

◆ 2009

Dontey Gay vs. SMO (10/24) -- 125 yards / 20 attempts
Dontey Gay vs. Murray State (11/21) -- 102 yards / 10 attempts

◆ 2008

Henry Sailes vs. SMO (9/11) -- 113 yards / 8 attempts

◆ 2007

Derek White vs. Cumberland (9/6) -- 213 yards / 22 attempts
Derek White vs. Concordia (9/13) -- 194 yards / 23 attempts
Derek White vs. Murray State (9/20) -- 173 yards / 28 attempts
Derek White vs. UT Martin (9/27) -- 115 yards / 23 attempts
Derek White vs. Samford (10/27) -- 105 yards / 22 attempts

300-Yard Passers

◆ 2011

Tre Lamb vs. Tenn. State (10/15) -- 348 yards /52 attempts

◆ 2009

Lee Sweeney vs. UT Martin (10/10) -- 318 yards /25 attempts

◆ 2008

Lee Sweeney vs. Austin Peay (10/25) -- 324 yards / 42 attempts

◆ 2007

Lee Sweeney vs. E. Illinois (8/30) -- 302 yards / 41 attempts
Lee Sweeney vs. Samford (10/27) -- 367 yards / 35 attempts

100-Yard Receivers

◆ 2011

Tim Benford vs. Murray State (11/5) -- 116 yards/6 catches
Tim Benford vs. Tenn. State (10/15) -- 122 yards/10 catches
Tim Benford vs. Maryville (9/8) -- 131 yards / 6 catches
Tim Benford vs. E. Illinois (9/17) - 124 yards / 8 catches
Dontey Gay vs. SMO (9/24) -- 101 yards / 7 catches

◆ 2010

Tim Benford vs. SMO (9/25) -- 177 yards/8 catches
Tim Benford vs. UT Martin (9/30) -- 12 yards/6 catches
Tim Benford vs. Jax State (11/20) -- 114 yards/8 catches

◆ 2009

Tim Benford vs. UT Martin (10/10) -- 159 yards /6 catches
Tim Benford vs. Tennessee State (10/31) -- 122 yards /5 catches

◆ 2008

Tim Benford vs. Austin Peay (10/25) -- 123 yards /10 catches
Henry Sailes vs. Austin Peay (10/25) -- 101 yards /4 catches

◆ 2007

Larry Shipp vs. Samford (10/27) -- 191 yards /7 catches
Larry Shipp vs. E. Kentucky (11/17) -- 164 yards /7 catches

200-Yard All-Purpose Runners

◆ 2011

Dontey Gay vs. SMO (9/24) -- 247 yards / 29 attempts

◆ 2007

Larry Shipp vs. Cumberland (9/6) -- 215 yards / 7 attempts
Derek White vs. Cumberland (9/6) -- 213 yards / 22 attempts
Henry Sailes vs. Tenn. State (10/7) - 212 yards / 6 attempts
Larry Shipp vs. Samford (10/27) -- 301 yards / 9 attempts
Larry Shipp vs. E. Kentucky (11/17) -- 294 yards /13 attempts

20-Tackle Defenders

◆ 2007

Broderick Jamison vs. E. Kentucky (11/17) -- 20 tackles

Team Performances

400-Yard Team Offense

◆ 2011

Sept. 8 -- 566 yards vs. Maryville
Sept. 24 -- 511 yards vs. Southeast Missouri
Oct. 1 -- 407 vs. UT Martin
Oct. 15 -- 462 vs. Tennessee State
Nov. 5 -- 458 yards vs. Murray State
Nov. 19 -- 458 yards vs. Austin Peay

◆ 2010

Nov. 13 -- 554 yards vs. Eastern Kentucky
Nov. 20 -- 455 yards vs. Jacksonville State

◆ 2009

Sept. 10 -- 443 yards vs. Pikeville
Oct. 21 -- 441 yards vs. Murray State

◆ 2008

Sept. 11 -- 411 yards vs. Southeast Missouri
Sept. 25 -- 413 yards vs. Central Methodist
Oct. 25--444 yards vs. Austin Peay

◆ 2007

Sept. 6 -- 430 yards vs. Cumberland
Sept. 20 -- 461 yards vs. Murray State
Oct. 27 -- 488 yards vs. Samford

Tech "D" Holds Opponents to Less Than 300 Yards

◆ 2011

Sept. 8 -- 233 yards vs. Maryville
Sept. 17 - 295 yards vs. Eastern Illinois
Nov. 12 - 194 yards vs. Eastern Kentucky
Nov. 19 - 255 yards vs. Austin Peay

◆ 2010

Sept. 26 -- (-23 yards) vs. Lane (25-minute game)
Oct. 9 -- 268 yards vs. Austin Peay
Oct. 16 -- 268 yards vs. Eastern Illinois

◆ 2009

Sept. 10 -- 180 yards vs. Pikeville
Oct. 31 -- 280 yards vs. Tennessee State
Nov. 21 -- 221 yards vs. Murray State

◆ 2008

Aug. 28 -- 280 yards vs. Gardner-Webb
Sept. 25 -- 177 yards vs. Central Methodist

◆ 2007

Sept. 13 -- 203 yards vs. Concordia College
Sept. 27 -- 269 yards vs. UT Martin

Tech "D" Holds Opponents to Less Than 100 Rushing Yards

◆ 2011

Sept. 8 -- 74 vs. Maryville
Sept. 17 - (-6) vs. Eastern Illinois

◆ 2010

Sept. 26 -- (-23 yards) vs. Lane (25-minute game)
Oct. 16 -- 39 yards vs. Eastern Illinois

◆ 2009

Nov. 21 -- 99 yards vs. Murray State

◆ 2008

Aug. 28 -- 45 yards vs. Gardner-Webb
Sept. 25 -- 71 yards vs. Central Methodist

◆ 2007

Sept. 13 -- 51 yards vs. Concordia College
Sept. 20 -- 66 yards vs. Murray State

Head Coach Watson BROWN

❖ **Sixth season as head coach
at Tennessee Tech**

(named December 9, 2006)

❖ **40th season in college coaching**

❖ **28th season as head coach**

At the conclusion of the 2010 season, Watson Brown saw his team roll to an amazing, fourth-quarter comeback victory over Jacksonville State in the season finale. The team's performance impressed him so much that he made a change in his approach for the 2011 season.

That change was the beginning of the Golden Eagles' Ohio Valley Conference championship run, earning the program a share of its first OVC title since 1975 and an automatic bid to the FCS Playoffs for the first time in program history.

Over the course of the 2011 season the Golden Eagles exhibited "The Fastest 60 Minutes in Football" time and again en route to finishing the regular season 7-3 overall, 6-2 in OVC play. At the season's end, the team ranked No. 20 in the FCS Coaches Poll and No. 21 in the Sports Network poll (the team's first national ranking since the 2002 season).

The Golden Eagles ascended to as high as 15th in the polls during the year, losing just two games by a combined three points to Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) opponents in 2011, both OVC games. The seven victories overall were the most for Tech since the 2001 season and the Golden Eagles had a winning record for just the third time in the last decade. The conference championship was the first for Brown.

Ever the offensive innovator, Brown and his staff have continued to work tirelessly to recruit the type of tal-

ent necessary for a fast-paced, dynamic offense and brick wall defense. Over the past several years, Brown has not only raised the talent level on the field, but also the level of expertise walking the sidelines in Tucker Stadium.

The veteran coach has used an even-tempered approach to teach his young staff and players, and Tech's desire to remain at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference remains tenacious as ever after last year's championship season.

Born and raised in Cookeville, he came back home in 2007 and his first five seasons at Tennessee Tech have been a whirlwind of excitement marked by a resurgence in support for Golden Eagle football.

The 2012 season will be Brown's 40th year of coaching collegiate football overall and his 28th year as a collegiate head coach.

In 2011, Brown was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year. He was also selected by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association as the state's Coach of the Year, and he finished 11th in voting for the Liberty Mutual National FCS Coach of the Year.



Watson Brown's Career Head Coaching Won-Loss Record

1979	Austin Peay	7-4
1980	Austin Peay	7-4
1983	Cincinnati	4-6-1
1984	Rice	1-10
1985	Rice	3-8
1986	Vanderbilt	1-10
1987	Vanderbilt	4-7
1988	Vanderbilt	3-8
1989	Vanderbilt	1-10
1990	Vanderbilt	1-10
1995	UAB	5-6
1996	UAB	5-6
1997	UAB	5-6
1998	UAB	4-7
1999	UAB	5-6
2000	UAB	7-4
2001	UAB	6-5
2002	UAB	5-7
2003	UAB	5-7
2004	UAB	7-5
2005	UAB	5-6
2006	UAB	3-9
2007	Tennessee Tech	4-7
2008	Tennessee Tech	3-9
2009	Tennessee Tech	6-5
2010	Tennessee Tech	5-6
2011	Tennessee Tech	7-4

27 seasons

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Head Coach Watson Brown

Additionally, Brown was honored by the National Football Foundation (Middle Tennessee Chapter) for his efforts throughout the historic 2011 season, and was also a finalist for the prestigious Eddie Robinson Award, the FCS Coach of the Year honor.

Brown, 62, was named in December 2006 as the new head football coach of the Tennessee Tech University Golden Eagles. He returned to his hometown as the 10th head football coach in Tech history.

"Cookeville is home. It's where my wife and I are from," Brown said.

Brown returned to the town where he was a talented baseball, football and basketball player at Cookeville High School. He signed with Vanderbilt out of high school and was a standout quarterback for the Commodores from 1969-72. He is best remembered by many Commodore fans for leading Vandy to a 14-10

victory over Alabama in 1969. Brown was named the Sports Illustrated National Back of the Week for his efforts.

Support for Brown was evident from day one; Tech's first home game drew the largest opening day crowd in the 43-year history of Tucker Stadium.

He has worked hard in his effort toward rebuilding the Golden Eagles into Ohio Valley Conference champions and has had the support of the community and the Upper Cumberland Region. A popular speaker, Brown has addressed numerous clubs and organizations throughout the region during his time at Tech.

He has also found success on the recruiting trail, signing five of the most promising groups of newcomers in the program's history.

Raising the talent level at Tech is a key step in taking the Golden Eagles to a conference championship. It's a step that

Brown is familiar with -- after all, building programs has been a calling card for Watson Brown.

The remarkable growth of the UAB program under Brown's guidance was a major factor in UAB's entry into Conference USA play in 1999. That year for their C-USA debut, the Blazers recorded a 5-6 overall record against a brutal all I-A schedule, finishing in a four-way tie for second place with a 4-2 league record.

Under Brown, UAB was bowl-eligible three times in seven seasons and in 2004 attained their previously elusive first bowl invitation with a trip to Honolulu to play in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl.

A proven veteran in the coaching profession, Brown is known as one of the best offensive minds in football.

He made his head coaching debut in 1979 in the Ohio Valley Conference directing the Austin Peay Governors, and at age 29, he was one of the youngest head coaches in the nation. He posted 7-4 records in both 1979 and 1980, twice being runner-up for Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Brown began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Vanderbilt in 1973 and was a full-time assistant coach for the first time in 1974 as Pat Dye's quarterback and receiver coach at East Carolina. Brown was the offensive coordinator at Jacksonville State University in 1976 and 1977.

In 1983, Brown was head coach at Cincinnati, where he led the Bearcats to a season-opening 14-3 victory at defending national champion Penn State. He was athletic director and head football coach at Rice (1984-85), leading the Owls to two of their best offensive seasons.

From 1986-90, Brown was the head coach at Vanderbilt, his alma mater. Prior to going to UAB, Brown was the offensive coordinator at the University of Oklahoma (1993-94).

Coaching is a big part of Brown's family. His brother Mack Brown is the head coach at Texas and won a national championship with the Longhorns. His grandfather, Eddie "Jelly" Watson, was a legendary prep football coach, compiling a 106-51-13 record at Cookeville High School.

Brown's many achievements as a student-athlete and later as a coach in the state of Tennessee have not gone unnoticed. Four years ago he was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. In 2010, the National Football Foundation recognized Watson by selecting him as the recipient of the Roy Kramer Contribution to Football Award.

Watson Brown career record vs.

Opponent.....W.....L		
Air Force.....0.....1	Knoxville College.....1.....0	SMU.....0.....4
Akron.....1.....0	Lamar.....2.....0	South Carolina.....0.....1
Alabama.....0.....5	Lane College.....1.....0	South Florida.....1.....1
Alabama State.....0.....1	Livingston State.....1.....0	Southeast Missouri.....3.....1
Arizona.....0.....1	Louisiana-Lafayette.....1.....1	Southern Miss.....0.....6
Arkansas.....0.....3	Louisiana-Monroe.....1.....0	SW Louisiana.....3.....1
Arkansas State.....2.....1	Louisiana Tech.....0.....4	Syracuse.....0.....1
Army.....5.....2	Louisville.....0.....5	TCU.....3.....3
Auburn.....0.....5	LSU.....2.....0	Temple.....1.....0
Austin Peay.....3.....2	Marshall.....0.....1	Tennessee.....0.....7
Baylor.....2.....2	Mars Hill.....1.....0	Tennessee-Martin.....5.....3
Central Arkansas.....0.....1	Maryland.....1.....1	Tennessee State.....2.....3
Central Florida.....0.....3	Maryville.....1.....0	Tennessee Tech.....4.....0
Central Methodist.....1.....0	Memphis.....7.....6	Texas.....0.....2
Chas. Southern.....2.....0	Miami (Fla.).....0.....3	Texas A&M.....0.....2
Chattanooga.....1.....0	Miami (Ohio).....0.....1	Texas Tech.....1.....0
Cincinnati.....3.....5	Middle Tennessee.....4.....1	Troy State.....2.....2
Concordia.....1.....0	Miles College.....1.....0	Tulane.....2.....6
Cornell.....1.....0	Mississippi.....0.....5	UTEP.....1.....0
Cumberland.....1.....0	Mississippi State.....2.....1	Vanderbilt.....0.....1
Duke.....1.....2	Minnesota.....0.....1	Virginia Tech.....0.....5
East Carolina.....3.....2	Missouri.....0.....1	Wake Forest.....0.....2
Eastern Illinois.....2.....2	Montana State.....1.....0	Western Kentucky.....2.....3
Eastern Kentucky.....1.....6	Morehead State.....1.....1	Western Michigan.....0.....1
Florida.....1.....2	Murray State.....3.....4	Wofford.....1.....0
Florida State.....0.....3	Nebraska.....0.....1	TOTALS (one tie).....119.....182
Gardner-Webb.....1.....0	Nichols State.....1.....0	
Georgia.....0.....7	Northeast Louisiana.....0.....1	<i>Career records above reflect</i>
Hawaii.....0.....1	North Texas.....1.....0	<i>Brown's wins and losses while</i>
Houston.....4.....3	Ohio.....1.....0	<i>head coach at UAB, Rice,</i>
Iowa.....0.....1	Oklahoma State.....0.....1	<i>Vanderbilt, Cincinnati, Austin</i>
Jacksonville State.....6.....4	Penn State.....1.....0	<i>Peay and Tennessee Tech.</i>
James Madison.....2.....0	Pikeville.....1.....0	
Kansas.....0.....3	Pittsburgh.....0.....2	
Kansas State.....0.....1	Rice.....1.....1	
Kentucky (one tie).....1.....4	Rutgers.....3.....0	
	Samford.....0.....1	

Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Football

Two-Deep vs. Hampton Pirates

Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012

* Denotes letters won at Tennessee Tech

OFFENSE

Left Tackle -	60	James Normand (6-2, 285, Jr.) **
	62	Randall Reeves (6-2, 290, Jr.) **
Left Guard -	74	Wesley Sherrill (6-4, 290, Jr.) **
	69	Jibrin Linge (6-3, 310, Fr.)
Center -	66	Michael Baker (6-2, 280, Sr.) ***
	50	J.T. Rankin (6-1, 260, Fr.)
Right Guard -	73	Slade Adams (6-6, 315, Sr.) ***
	64	Justin Ivory (6-6, 340, Fr.-RS)
Right Tackle -	72	Hunter Beedle (6-3, 285, Sr.) ***
	75	Matthew Smith (6-4, 285, Fr.-RS)
	79	Brett Dillard (6-3, 280, Fr.)
H - Back -	20	Doug Page (6-2, 230, Jr.) **
	40	Seth McDonald (5-11, 225, Jr.) *
	42	Kedrick Towles (6-2, 220, Sr.) ***
B-Back -	6	Adam Urbano (5-8, 200, Sr.) **
	2	Bud Golden (6-0, 220, Jr.) *
	35	Radir Annoor (5-10, 195, Fr.)
A-Back -	22	Tremaine Hudson (5-9, 190, Sr.) ***
	12	Stephen Bush (5-11, 195, So.) *
	21	Ladarius Vanlier (5-7, 165, Fr.)
W-Back -	16	Zack Ziegler (6-0, 200, Sr.) ***
	25	Cody Matthews (6-2, 190, So.) *
	29	Krys Cates (6-2, 190, Fr.)
X-Receiver -	8	Ryan Tilghman (6-2, 190, Jr.) **
	28	Eric Belew (6-2, 180, Fr.)
	1	Steve Wilson (6-2, 195, Fr.-RS)
Z-Receiver -	80	Wade Plemons (6-3, 190, Fr.-RS)
	27	Jordan Smith (5-10, 175, Fr.)
	81	Neil Gannaway (6-4, 190, So.)
Y-Receiver -	86	Parker Teeter (6-6, 260, Fr.-RS)
	97	Stepfon Davis-Boyd (6-2, 260, Fr.-RS)
Quarterback -	9	Tre Lamb (5-9, 185, Sr.) ***
	5	Darian Stone (6-0, 185, So.)

DEFENSE

Bear (LB) -	48	Tommie McBride (6-1, 245, Sr.) ***
	94	Malcolm Mitchell (6-2, 230, Jr.)
	87	DaJuan Brown (6-4, 255, So.)
Rock (DE) -	99	Jordan Johnson (5-11, 285, Jr.) **
	95	Lamar Moore (6-0, 290, Jr.) *
	77	Nathan Bush (6-5, 275, So.)
Anchor (DT) -	98	LaDarrius Verge (6-3, 260, Sr.) ***
	89	Zach Bush (6-4, 265, Sr.)
	52	Avery Rollins (6-3, 280, Fr.-RS)
Ram (LB) -	13	Marcus Edwards (6-0, 240, Sr.) ***
	51	Jerry King (6-0, 245, Sr.) **
	93	Harrison Reid (6-4, 235, Fr.)
Bull (LB) -	33	Howard Griffin (6-1, 220, Sr.) ***
	44	Blake Adams (5-11, 225, Jr.) **
	55	KJ Carter (6-0, 205, Fr.)
Renegade (LB) -	30	Tra'Darius Goff (5-11, 240, So.) *
	54	Matt Moran (6-1, 210, Sr.) ***
	59	Jay Rudwall (5-11, 220, Fr.)
Strong Safety -	14	Austin Tallant (6-2, 185, So.) *
	19	Cory McDonald (6-0, 205, Jr.) **
	39	Heath Dyer (6-2, 200, So.) *
Free Safety -	11	Marty Jones (6-1, 190, Jr.) **
	10	Taylor Hennigan (5-11, 190, Sr.) ***
	37	Patrick Prewitt (6-2, 190, Fr.-RS)
Rover -	4	Will Johnson (6-2, 218, Sr.) **
	41	Cory Webber (6-2, 195, So.) *
	23	Jimmy Laughlin (6-2, 190, Fr.)
Field Corner -	15	Caleb Mitchell (6-1, 190, Sr.) ***
	24	James Huguely (6-0, 175, So.)
	38	Demario Donnell (5-9, 165, Fr.)
Boundary Corner -	7	William Dillard (6-0, 190, Fr.)
	3	Jamel Cook (6-0, 170, So.) *
	35	Jalen Taylor (5-9, 190, Fr.)
Nickel -	4	Will Johnson (6-2, 218, Sr.) **
	39	Heath Dyer (6-2, 200, So.) *
	23	Jimmy Laughlin (6-2, 190, Fr.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker -	96	Zach Sharp (6-2, 195, So.) *
	88	Chris Harris (6-0, 190, Fr.)
Kickoffs -	88	Chris Harris (6-0, 190, Fr.)
	96	Zach Sharp (6-2, 195, So.) *
Punter -	92	Chad Zinchini (6-3, 220, Jr.)
	88	Chris Harris (6-0, 190, Fr.)
Long Snapper -	61	Jordan Adams (6-3, 210, Sr.) ***
	10	Taylor Hennigan (5-11, 190, Sr.) ***
	59	Jay Rudwall (5-11, 220, Fr.)
Holder -	11	Marty Jones (6-1, 190, Jr.) **
or	9	Tre Lamb (5-9, 185, Sr.) ***

Punt Returns -	21	Ladarius Vanlier (5-7, 165, Fr.)
	15	Caleb Mitchell (6-1, 190, Sr.) ***
	28	Eric Belew (6-2, 180, Fr.)
	16	Zack Ziegler (6-0, 200, Sr.) ***
Kickoff Returns -	21	Ladarius Vanlier (5-7, 165, Fr.)
	22	Tremaine Hudson (5-9, 190, Sr.) ***
	16	Zack Ziegler (6-0, 200, Sr.) ***
	27	Jordan Smith (5-10, 175, Fr.)
	28	Eric Belew (6-2, 180, Fr.)

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Numerical Roster (as of Aug. 22 2012)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/HS/Previous Institution
1	Steve Wilson	WR	Fr.	6-3	195	19	RS	Smyrna, Tenn. / Smyrna
2	Bud Golden	RB	Jr.	6-0	220	19	1L	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore
3	Jamel Cook	DB	So.	5-11	175	19	1L	Birmingham, Ala. / Spain Park
4	Will Johnson	DB	Sr.	6-2	218	21	2L	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
5	Darian Stone	QB	So.	6-0	185	20	SQ	Clinton, Tenn. / Clinton
6	Adam Urbano	RB	Sr.	5-8	200	22	1L	Calhoun, Ga. / Calhoun
7	William Dillard	DB	So.	6-0	190	19	HS	Vestavia, Ala. / Vestavia Hills
8	Ryan Tilghman	WR	Jr.	6-2	200	21	2L	Columbia, Tenn. / Columbia Central
9	Tre Lamb	QB	Sr.	5-9	185	21	3L	Calhoun, Ga. / Calhoun
10	Taylor Hennigan	DB	Sr.	6-0	190	22	3L	Cookeville, Tenn. / Cookeville
10b	Matthew Hamby	QB	So.	6-4	205	19	RS	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
11	Marty Jones	DB	Jr.	6-1	195	20	2L	Cincinnati, Ohio / Sycamore
12	Stephen Bush	RB	So.	5-11	195	19	1L	Cookeville, Tenn. / Cookeville
13	Marcus Edwards	DE	Sr.	6-1	245	20	3L	Alabaster, Ala. / Thompson
14	Austin Tallant	DB	So.	5-10	190	19	1L	Alcoa, Tenn. / Alcoa
15	Caleb Mitchell	DB	Sr.	6-1	195	21	3L	Russellville, Ala. / Russellville
16	Zack Ziegler	W	Sr.	6-0	200	20	3L	Greenbrier, Tenn. / Greenbrier
17	Carter Crutchfield	WR	Jr.	6-2	185	20	2L	Dalton, Ga. / Dalton
18	Jared Davis	QB	Fr.	6-3	190	18	HS	Tullahoma, Tenn. / Tullahoma
19	Cory McDonald	DB	Jr.	6-0	205	20	2L	Redwood City, Calif. / Woodside
20	Doug Page	H	Jr.	6-2	230	19	2L	Franklin, Tenn. / Franklin Road Academy
21	Da'Rick Rogers	WR	Jr.	6-3	205	21	TR	Calhoun, Ga. / Tennessee
22	Tremaine Hudson	RB	Sr.	5-9	190	20	3L	Chattanooga, Tenn. / Howard HS
23	Jimmy Laughlin	DB	Fr.	6-2	190	18	HS	Vestavia, Ala. / Vestavia Hills
23b	Cody Forbes	RB	Jr.	5-11	205	19	2L	Elizabethton, Tenn. / Elizabethton
24	James Huguely	DB	So.	6-1	185	19	SQ	Atlanta, Ga. / Cedar Grove
25	Cody Matthews	W	So.	6-2	190	19	1L	Gallatin, Tenn. / Gallatin
26	Joshua Pleasant	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	19	RS	Brentwood, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
26b	Colton Belew	DB	Fr.	6-2	180	18	HS	Columbia, Tenn. / Columbia Central
27	Jordan Smith	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	18	HS	Franklin, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy
28	Eric Belew	WR	Fr.	6-2	180	20	HS	Columbia, Tenn. / Columbia Central
29	Krys Cates	WR	Fr.	6-2	190	18	HS	Newport, Tenn. / Cocke County
30	Tra'Darius Goff	LB	So.	5-11	240	19	1L	Columbia, Tenn. / Columbia Central
31	Luke Woodason	DB	So.	5-11	180	19	1L	Atlanta, Ga. / Northwest Whitfield
31b	Dorian Eskridge	RB	Fr.	5-8	175	18	HS	Knoxville, Tenn./Hardin Valley Academy
32	Chris Dickerson	DB	Sr.	5-10	200	21	1L	Nashville, Tenn. / Hunters Lane
33	Howard Griffin	LB	Sr.	6-1	220	21	3L	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl Cohn
35	Radir Annoor	RB	Fr.	5-9	195	18	HS	Nashville, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
35b	Jalen Taylor	RB	Fr.	5-9	190	18	HS	LaVergne, Tenn./LaVergn HS
36	Tevin McDermott	W	So.	6-1	210	19	RS	Athens, Tenn./Appalachian State
37	Patrick Prewitt	DB	Fr.	6-1	190	19	RS	Vestavia, Ala. / Vestavia Hills
38	Demario Donnell	DB	Fr.	5-9	165	18	HS	Nashville, Tenn. / Pearl-Cohn
39	Heath Dyer	DB	So.	6-2	200	19	1L	Clarksville, Tenn. / Clarksville Academy
40	Seth McDonald	H	Jr.	5-11	225	20	1L	Sparta, Tenn. / White County
41	Cory Webber	DB	So.	6-2	195	19	1L	Cincinnati, Ohio / Winton Woods
42	Kedrick Towles	W	Sr.	6-2	220	21	3L	Antioch, Tenn. / Antioch
43	Taylor Fletcher	TE	Jr.	5-8	205	19	HS	Kingsport, Tenn./Sullivan South HS
43b	William Stevens	RB	So.	6-2	235	19	1L	Brentwood, Tenn. / David Lipscomb
44	Blake Adams	LB	Jr.	5-11	225	19	2L	Stone Mountain, Ga. / Dunwoody
45	Matt Brown	W	So.	6-3	225	20	SQ	Jamestown, Tenn. / York Institute
46	Brannon McCoin	RB	So.	5-11	175	20	SQ	Livingston, Tenn. / Livingston Academy
47	Logan Cavendar	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	18	HS	Fairview, Tenn. / Fairview
48	Tommie McBride	DE	Sr.	6-1	245	20	3L	Cincinnati, Ohio / Taft
49	Cy Ables	H	So.	6-3	230	20	SQ	Athens, Tenn. / McMinn County
50	J.T. Rankin	OL	Fr.	6-1	260	18	HS	Alcoa, Tenn. / Alcoa
51	Jerry King	DE	Jr.	6-0	245	20	2L	Stone Mountain, Ga. / Dunwoody
52	Avery Rollins	DE	Fr.	6-3	280	19	RS	Gadsden, Ala. / Gadsden City
54	Matt Moran	LB	Sr.	6-1	210	20	3L	Fayetteville, Tenn./Lincoln County HS
55	KJ Carter	LB	Fr.	6-0	205	21	HS	Madison, Miss./Madison Central HS

56	Terrell Rollins	NG	Fr.	6-0	170	18	HS	Greeneville, Tenn. / Greenville
57	Zach Malone	DE	Fr.	6-2	250	18	HS	Henderson, Tenn. / Chester County
58	Dylan Sullivan	DL	So.	6-1	260	20	HS	Laverne, Tenn. / Laverne
59	Jay Rudwall	LB	Fr.	5-11	220	18	HS	Ooltewah, Tenn. / Ooltewah
60	James Normand	OL	Jr.	6-2	295	19	2L	Oak Ridge, Tenn. / Oak Ridge
61	Jordan Adams	LS	Sr.	6-3	210	20	3L	Union Grove, Ga. / Union Grove
62	Randall Reeves	OL	So.	6-2	290	19	1L	McCalla, Ala. / McAdory
63	Christian Cardwell	OL	Fr.	6-6	270	18	RS	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood HS
64	Justin Ivory	OL	Fr.	6-6	340	19	RS	Vestavia, Ala. / Vestavia Hills
65	Matt Martin	OL	Fr.	6-5	300	18	HS	Franklin, Tenn. / Battle Ground Academy
66	Michael Baker	OL	Sr.	6-2	285	20	3L	Westmoreland, Tenn. / Westmoreland
67	Cory Malone	DT	Fr.	6-6	240	18	HS	Henderson, Tenn. / Chester County
68	Conor Sparkman	DB	So.	5-11	185	19	SQ	Sparta, Tenn. / White County HS
69	Jibrin Linge	OL	Fr.	6-2	190	18	HS	Marietta, Ga. / Sprayberry
70	Maricus Gaines	OL	Fr.	6-4	285	18	HS	Watertown, Tenn./Watertown HS
71	William Chatmon	OL	Fr.	6-4	255	18	HS	Kennesaw, Ga. / North Cobb
72	Hunter Beedle	OL	Sr.	6-3	285	20	3L	Kingsport, Tenn. / Sullivan South
73	Slade Adams	OL	Sr.	6-6	315	20	3L	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet
74	Wesley Sherrill	OL	Jr.	6-4	290	19	2L	Antioch, Tenn. / Brentwood Academy
75	Matthew Smith	OL	So.	6-4	285	19	SQ	Jonesboro, Ga. / North Clayton
77	Nathan Bush	DT	So.	6-5	275	19	SQ	Morristown, Tenn. / Hamblen-West
79	Brett Dillard	OL	Fr.	6-3	280	18	HS	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. / Mt. Juliet
80	Wade Plemons	WR	Fr.	6-3	190	19	RS	Loudon, Tenn. / Loudon
81	Neil Gannaway	WR	So.	6-4	190	19	RS	Vestavia, Ala. / Vestavia Hills
82	Ladarius Vanlier	RB	Fr.	5-7	165	18	HS	Nashville, Tenn. / Maplewood
86	Parker Teeter	TE	So.	6-6	260	19	RS	Lebanon, Tenn. / Friendship Christian HS
87	DaJuan Brown	DL	Jr.	6-4	255	19	1L	Smyrna, Tenn. / Blackman
88	Chris Harris	P/K	Fr.	6-0	190	18	HS	Columbia, Tenn. / Columbia Central
89	Zach Bush	DL	Sr.	6-4	265	22	SQ	Morristown, Tenn. / Morristown West
91	Kyron Hart	DE	Fr.	6-3	250	18	HS	Lebanon, Tenn. / Lebanon
92	Chad Zinchini	P	Jr.	6-3	220	21	TR	Hendersonville, Tenn. / Beech
93	Harrison Reid	DE	Fr.	6-4	235	18	HS	Cincinnati, Ohio / Winton Woods
94	Malcolm Mitchell	LB	Jr.	6-2	230	21	TR	Stone Mountain, Ga./Dunwoody/Louisville
95	Lamar Moore	NG	Jr.	6-0	290	20	1L	Nashville, Tenn. / East Literature Magnet
96	Zachary Sharp	PK	So.	6-2	190	20	1L	Maryville, Tenn. / Maryville
97	Stepfon Davis-Boyd	DE	Fr.	6-3	260	19	RS	Memphis, Tenn. / Mitchell
98	LaDarrius Verge	DT	Sr.	6-3	260	20	3L	Murfreesboro, Tenn. / Riverdale
99	Jordan Johnson	NG	Jr.	5-11	285	19	2L	Miami, Fla. / Carol City
--	Trey McCalla	SS	Jr.	6-0	190	19	HS	Ooltewah, Tenn. / Boyd-Buchanan HS
--	Anthony Williams	WR	Fr.	6-1	190	19	RS	Jamestown, Tenn. / York Institute

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Watson Brown (Vanderbilt, 1973)

Associate Head Coach:

Billy Taylor (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator)

Assistant Head Coach:

Sam Williamson (Defensive Line/Defensive Run Game Coordinator)

Assistant Coaches:

Steven Brown (Offensive Coordinator /Runningbacks/Quarterbacks)

Thomas Cox (Offensive Line/Running Game Coordinator/Director of Football Operations)

Sidney Powell (Secondary/Defensive Passing Game Coordinator)

Chris Grimes (Nickels/Strong Safeties)

Lee Sweeney (Receivers)

Tyler Wolf (Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks)

Graduate Assistants:

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Orlandus Kirby (Tight Ends/H-Backs)

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