

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY LIONS GAMEDAY NOTES



**Game 10: Missouri Southern State University Lions (3-6, 3-5 MIAA)
vs. Fort Hays State University Tigers (5-5, 3-5 MIAA)**

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2009 **Kickoff:** 2:00 p.m.

Location: Joplin, Mo. • Fred G. Hughes Stadium (7,000)



2009 Lions Schedule

AUGUST

29 @ Harding..... L, 17-15

SEPTEMBER

12 @ Washburn*..... L, 55-34

19 Emporia State*..... W, 34-13

26 Neb-Omaha*..... L, 44-36
(Homecoming)

OCTOBER

3 Pittsburg State*..... L, 21-13

Sonic Miners Bowl

10 @ #6 Northwest Mo.*..... L, 52-6

17 Truman*..... W, 20-16

24 @ #12 Mo. Western*..... W, 35-34

31 @ #19 Central Mo.*..... L, 27-17

NOVEMBER

7 Fort Hays..... 2 pm



2009 Tigers Schedule

AUGUST

29 @ Western State..... W, 45-17

SEPTEMBER

5 Colorado Mines..... W, 31-21

12 Mo. Western*..... L, 58-31

19 @ Truman*..... W, 41-31

26 Emporia State*..... W, 40-20

OCTOBER

3 @ #17 Washburn*..... L, 28-14

10 @ #16 Central Mo.*..... L, 48-3

17 Nebraska-Omaha*..... W, 31-20

24 @ Pittsburg State*..... L, 59-41

31 #3 Northwest Mo.*..... L, 66-40

NOVEMBER

7 @ Missouri Southern*..... 2 pm

THE COACHES: Bart Tatum is in his fourth season as head coach at Missouri Southern after spending 12 seasons as an assistant coach at Northwest Missouri State. In his three seasons at Southern, Tatum has led the Lions to a 18-24 record and two sixth place finishes in the MIAA.

Under Tatum, the Lions have produced one of the nation's best receivers in Colin Bado as Bado led Division II in receptions per game in 2006, racking up eight per contest. 2006 also saw the highest drafted Lion in program history as senior offensive tackle Allen Barbre went to the Green Bay Packers in the fourth round of the NFL Draft. In 2007, the Lions had the program's first winning record in ten years, finishing 6-5.

Last season, Jared Brawner led the MIAA in tackles and was an All-MIAA, All-Region and All-American selection. The Lions also led the MIAA in pass defense for the second-straight season.

While at Northwest, Tatum helped the Bearcats to seven MIAA titles, eight NCAA Division II postseason appearances, three NCAA-II national title game appearances and two national championships.

He coached the Northwest offensive line for 10 seasons and served as recruiting coordinator for five years. Tatum was promoted to assistant head coach prior to the 2002 season, and he added the titles of offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach prior to the 2004 campaign.

Kevin Verdugo is in his fifth season at Fort Hays State. He has an overall record of 14-39 and is 6-20 in his career in MIAA games. He is 1-2 against the Lions.

He has previously served as an assistant coach at Division I schools Southern Illinois, Akron and Southeast Missouri, while serving one season as the head coach at Fort Scott (Kan.) CC.

Lions on the Air: Each Missouri Southern football game can be heard on 1230 AM the Talker. Kevin Greim provides the play-by-play with Jon Tupper alongside for color commentary and Aaron Cox roaming the sidelines.

Southern broadcasts can also be heard on the internet. Click on www.mssu.edu/athletics and go to the link for Lions game broadcasts. To view each game live online go to www.b2tv.com.

- The MSSU Football Coaches Show airs each Sunday night at 10:15 p.m. on KODE-TV Channel 12. Andy Searcy will provide highlights and discuss, along with Lions head coach Bart Tatum, the most recent Southern football contest and the next MSSU opponent.

- On Sunday evenings at 7 p.m., campus television station KGCS (Cable One channel 22, will air a taped broadcast of the previous day's home game as part of Southern Sports Sunday.

- The weekly Bart Tatum Radio Show will air live from Chatters each Thursday night at 7 pm. Kevin Greim will serve as host, while coach Tatum and his assistants will discuss the previous and upcoming games, as well as field questions from the crowd. Fans can listen live on 1230 AM the Talker or click on the listen live link on the Missouri Southern web site.

- The weekly Missouri Southern football press conference is held each Wednesday at 12 noon in the Missouri Southern Sports Information & Marketing Office, Young Gymnasium, Room 104.

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2009 MIAA Standings

| | MIAA | Overall |
|--------------------------------------|------|---------|
| Northwest Missouri (3) [2] | 8-0 | 9-1 |
| Central Missouri (16)[6] | 6-2 | 8-2 |
| Missouri Western (21)[5] | 6-2 | 8-2 |
| Washburn (RV)[9] | 5-3 | 7-3 |
| Nebraska-Omaha | 5-3 | 6-4 |
| Missouri Southern | 3-5 | 3-6 |
| Fort Hays State | 3-5 | 5-5 |
| Pittsburg State | 3-5 | 5-5 |
| Emporia State | 1-7 | 2-8 |
| Truman State | 0-8 | 1-9 |

() = Rank in AFCA Division II poll
 [] = Rank in NCAA Super Region Four

Last Week's Results

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

*MWSU - 29 @ ESU (HC) - 6
 *PSU - 28 @ UNO - 31
 *TSU - 7 @ WU - 37
 *MSSU - 17 @ UCM - 27
 *NWMSU - 66 @ FHSU - 40

2009 MIAA Week 11 Schedule

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

*PSU @ TSU 1 P.M.
 *UCM @ NWMSU 1 P.M.
 *WU @ ESU 1 P.M.
 *UNO @ MWSU 1:30 P.M.
 *FHSU @ MSSU 2 P.M.

NCAA Division II Super Region 4 Rankings (11-2-09)

| | Overall | Division II |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Central Washington | 10-0 | 8-0 |
| 2. Northwest Missouri State | 9-1 | 9-1 |
| 3. Tarleton State | 9-1 | 9-1 |
| 4. Abilene Christian | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| 5. Missouri Western State | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| 6. Central Missouri | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| 7. Midwestern State | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| 8. Texas A&M Kingsville | 8-2 | 8-2 |
| 9. Washburn | 7-3 | 7-3 |
| 10. Angelo State | 6-4 | 6-3 |

THE SERIES: Missouri Southern holds the all-time series with an overall record of 12-9-1. The Lions have a 6-4 record at Hughes Stadium and are 6-5-1 at Lewis Field in Hays. The two teams renewed their series in 2006 for the first time since 1988, with the Tigers snapping a season-long losing streak with a 10-0 win over Southern. Last season, the Lions returned the favor with a 6-0 win at home. Prior to that, the last time for the two to meet was when both schools were a member of the NAIA Central States Intercollegiate Conference. Southern won that game 21-10. Southern has won eight of the last nine games against the Tigers, dating back to the 1983 season.

LIONS LAST TIME OUT: Nineteenth ranked Central Missouri scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and rebounded from an early 10-0 deficit to defeat the Lions 27-17 today in Warrensburg.

Last week, it was the Lions (3-6, 3-5 MIAA) scoring points in the fourth quarter to overcome a deficit, but the tables were turned today as the Mules (8-2, 6-2 MIAA) scored 20 points in the fourth to defeat the Lions and keep their playoff hopes alive.

Southern scored first as the Lions took advantage of a fumble from the Mules' DeMarco Cosby that was recovered by Jabbari Wesley and returned 11 yards to the Central Missouri 45-yard line. Roland Thompson completed two passes for for 16 yards and ran for another 13, before Andrew Gassen booted a 29-yard field goal to put Southern up on top, 3-0.

Central turned the ball over on its first two possessions as on the first drive of the game, Nick Teer sacked quarterback Eric Czerniewski and forced a fumble that Dominique Butler recovered.

The Lions took a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter after Johnny Johnson capped off a 12-play drive that took up 61 yards and 3:38 off the clock when Johnson found the end zone on a four-yard run. Thompson completed passes of 24, 10 and 14 on the drive.

The Mules answered back quickly and after the Lions had a three and out, Central took just two plays to score when Czerniewski found Bobby Guillory for a 47-yard catch to cut the Lions' lead to 10-7 heading into halftime.

Neither team scored in the third, but Central scored just two minutes into the fourth on a one-yard run from Czerniewski. Guillory made the score 20-10 when he scampered to the end zone on a 33-yard touchdown. Each team added a late score for the final tally.

The Lions were out-gained 480-337 today, but were close in most every other category with the Mules. Central held a 20-19 advantage on first downs, and time of possession was nearly identical. Both teams had three turnovers with the Lions throwing three interceptions, but picking up three of the five Central Missouri fumbles. The big stat where Central had an advantage was on punt and kickoff returns. The Mules averaged 21.3 yards per punt return as opposed to the Lions 5.5 and 11.7 yards on kickoffs to the Lions' 4.4.

Thompson was the Lions leading rusher with 44 yards and a touchdown score. He averaged 6.3 yards per carry. He also went 21-47 for 239 yards. Landon Zerkel had 94 yards on seven catches, while Johnson and Toderick Hunt each rushed for 12 and 14 carries, respectively.

Defensively, Dusty Bratzler led the Lions with eight tackles and a pass breakup. Jairius Jarvis had a sack to bring his season total to 9.5, just a half sack from tying the single-season record at Southern. Teer also had a sack, while Antwoine Brown, Wesley, and Butler picked up fumble recoveries.

All-Time Series Scores

Lions vs. FHSU

| Year | Result |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1970 | @ FHSU 36, Lions 29 |
| 1971 | FHSU 37, @ Lions 3 |
| 1972 | Lions 40, @ FHSU 15 |
| 1973 | FHSU 14, @ Lions 9 |
| 1974 | Lions 10, @ FHSU 9 |
| 1975 | FHSU 32, @ Lions 24 |
| 1976 | @ FHSU 21, Lions 20 |
| 1977 | @ FHSU 35, Lions 29 |
| 1978 | @ Lions 31, FHSU 14 |
| 1979 | @ Lions 17, FHSU 16 |
| 1980 | @ FHSU 34, Lions 12 |
| 1981 | FHSU 27, @ Lions 24 |
| 1982 | @ FHSU 28, Lions 28 |
| 1983 | @ Lions 42, FHSU 10 |
| 1984 | Lions 22, @ FHSU 15 |
| 1985 | @ Lions 22, FHSU 20 |
| 1986 | Lions 3, @ FHSU 0 |
| 1987 | @ Lions 38, FHSU 13 |
| 1988 | Lions 21, @ FHSU 10 |
| 2006 | @ FHSU 10, Lions 0 |
| 2007 | @ Lions 6, FHSU 0 |
| 2008 | Lions 28, @ FHSU 0 |

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Fort Hays' Statistical Leaders

| | | |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Rushing | James Walker..... | 183 carries, 793 yards, 4.3 per carry, 8 TD |
| | Mike Garrison..... | 75 carries, 306 yards, 4.1 per carry, 4 TD |
| | Jacobb Irvin..... | 62 carries, 265 yards, 4.3 per carry, 5 TD |
| Passing | Mike Garrison..... | 199-324, 2,409 yards, 17 TD, 8 INT |
| Receiving | James Walker..... | 41 rec., 269 yards, 6.6 per catch, 1 TD |
| | OJ Murdock..... | 33 rec., 689 yards, 20.9 per catch, 8 TD |
| | Cordarol Scales..... | 37 rec., 479 yards, 12.9 per catch, 2 TD |
| Tackles | Nick Dreitz..... | 78 tackles, 34 solo, 3.0 TFL, 1 Sack |
| | Seth Blackwell..... | 74 tackles, 38 solo, 5.0 TFL, 2 PBU, 1 FF |
| | Jacob Crossman..... | 37 tackles, 15 solo, 9.5 TFL, 4.5 Sacks |

THE DISH ON THE TIGERS: The Tigers have performed a one-year turnaround that saw the team win two games last season to five wins already this season. Fort Hays started the season with wins at Western State and at home against Colorado Mines. They have won against Truman and Emporia State in the league and picked up an exciting 31-20 win at home against Nebraska-Omaha that saw the Tigers score 28 unanswered points in the second half.

Quarterback Mike Harrison is the cog in the Tigers' offense. He has thrown for 2,409 yards and 17 touchdowns, and ran for 306 yards and four touchdowns. James Walker is the Tigers' leading rusher with 793 yards and eight touchdowns. OJ Murdock has caught 33 passes for 689 yards and eight scores, while Cordarol Scales has two touchdowns and nearly 13 yards per catch.

Defensively, the Tigers are led by 78 tackles from Nick Dreitz. Seth Blackwell has 74 of his own with five tackles for a loss, while Jacob Crossman leads the team with 9.5 tackles for a loss and 4.5 sacks.

Hays leads the conference and Division II in punt returns, averaging more than 32 yards per return.

LION TIDBITS

A VICTORY VS. HAYS WOULD: be the eighth in the last nine meetings of the schools for the Lions. The last three meetings have resulted in shutouts as the Tigers won 10-0 three years ago and the Lions winning the last two by the scores of 6-0 and 28-0.

NEW POSITION: Johnny Johnson is enjoying his new role as a slot back, splitting time at wideout and running back this season. He has been sharing the backfield with fellow senior Toderick Hunt and while Hunt leads the Lions with 532 yards on the ground, Johnson has rushed for 478 and leads the Lions with four rushing TD's.

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN: Every Southern football player will be wearing a No. 43 decal on their helmets in remembrance of running back Renard Johnson. The junior to be was killed in an auto accident last January on his way back to visit his family in Tulsa.

DOUBLE TROUBLE DT: Senior wide receiver Daniel Thompson caught a pass for a touchdown and also ran for a score in the Lions' opening game against the Harding Bisons. He duplicated the feat to a 'T' at Washburn and picked up another two scores against Emporia in week three, marking four games in a row with two touchdowns. Thompson had a score against Omaha and Pitt, before going without a trip to the endzone against Northwest, bringing his streak of consecutive games with a score to an end at seven. He found the end zone three times against Missouri Western and has had a touchdown in nine of the last 11 games.

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Missouri Southern Lions

General Information

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Location | Joplin, Mo. |
| Enrollment | 5,740 |
| Founded | 1937 (as Joplin Junior College) |
| Affiliation | NCAA-II |
| Conference | Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association |
| Nickname | Lions |
| Colors | Green & Gold |
| Stadium | Fred G. Hughes Stadium |
| Capacity/Surface | 7,000/Sprinturf |
| Press Box | 417-659-4384 |
| President | Dr. Bruce W. Speck |
| Athletics Director | Jared Bruggeman |
| Asst AD for Special Projects | Robert Corn |
| Asst. AD for External Operations | Kevin Greim |
| Asst. AD for Compliance | Julie Wengert |
| Sports Information Director | Justin Maskus (417-625-9359) |
| FAX | 417-625-9397 |
| E-Mail | maskus-j@mssu.edu |
| Web Site | www.mssu.edu/athletics |
| Head Trainer | Darin Moore |
| Strength & Conditioning Coordinator | Troy Jorgensen |

Coaching Staff

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Head Coach | Bart Tatum |
| Alma Mater, Year | Austin College, 1991 |
| Record at MSSU | 18-24, Fourth Year |
| Overall Record | 18-24, Fourth Year |
| Phone/Best time to call | 417-625-9317/Mornings |
| Assistant Coaches: | Daryl Daye (DC), Matt Karleskint (OC), Matt Plunket, Mike Mutz, John Tatum, Raleigh Jackson, Jared Elliott, DeVon Lockett, JR Tatum, Brandon Smith. |



Fort Hays State Tigers

General Information

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Location | Hays, Kansas |
| Enrollment | 9,000 |
| Founded | 1902 |
| Affiliation | NCAA Division II |
| Conference | MIAA |
| Nickname | Tigers |
| Colors | Black and Gold |
| Stadium | Lewis Field Stadium |
| Capacity/Surface | 6,362/Artificial Turf |
| President | Dr. Edward Hammond |
| Athletics Director | Curtis Hammeke |
| Sports Information Director | Ryan Prickett |
| Email | rprickett@fhsu.edu |
| Phone | (785) 628-4386 |
| Fax | (785) 628-5316 |
| On the Web | www.fhsuathletics.com |

Coaching Staff

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Head Coach: | Kevin Verdugo |
| Alma Mater, Year | Colorado State, 1991 |
| Record at FHSU | 14-39 (five years) |
| Career Record | Same |
| Office Phone | (785) 628-4399 |
| Best Time to Call | Mornings |
| Assistant Coaches: | Kyle Nystrom (OC), Greg Bryant (DC), Jeff Bryant, Connor Jostes, Ben Gaeth, Max Warner, Monte Spiller. |

DEFENSIVE INJURIES: Senior's Jared Brawner (leg) and Skyler Vandiver (neck), as well as sophomore Brandon Williams (back) and junior Corderial Collier (leg) have all been lost for the season with injuries. Linebacker Richard Williams, Brawner's replacement in the middle, is a game time decision this week against Fort Hays.

INJURIES CONT'D: Sophomore quarterback Collin Howard suffered a knee injury in the homecoming game against Nebraska-Omaha. He has been out the last four weeks and his prognosis is questionable for a return this season.

CONFERENCE RANKINGS: The Lions, as a team, lead the league in tackles for a loss with 7.11 per game. They rank third in sacks at 2.00 per game, while ranking seventh in rushing offense (153.1), rushing defense (147.8) and sacks allowed (2.0).

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS: Daniel Thompson is seventh in the MIAA in scoring overall (8.0 ppg) and fifth in scoring "touchdowns" (8.0 ppg). Toderick Hunt is ninth in rushing, while Johnny Johnson is 10th. Thompson and Landon Zerkel rank ninth and tenth in receiving yards per game.

DEFENSE REIGNS SUPREME: The Lions have four players in the top 21 in the MIAA in tackles. Dusty Bratzler ranks fourth (9.1), while Antwoine Brown is 7th (7.9). Justin Cowper (7.0) and David Benham (6.2) rank 15th and 21st, respectively. Jairius Jarvis leads the MIAA in tackles for a loss (1.50), while Dusty Bratzler (0.89) is seventh.

THE BALL STOPS HERE: Jairius Jarvis had one sack in the game last week against Central Missouri and has 9.5 on the season and ranks first in the MIAA and fifth in Division II. The 9.5 sacks rank him second all-time in a single season at MSSU behind Kent Shorten's 1995 total of 10.

PICK'A'LICIOUS: Terrance Scott ranks ninth in the MIAA in interceptions, while Scott and Justin Cowper are fourth in the league in passes defended (break ups + interceptions).

CHART TOPPERS: Senior wide receiver Isaac Norman now ranks seventh in receiving yardage, fourth in receiving touchdowns and is tied for third in pass receptions in a career. Daniel Thompson is tied for 10th in single-season scoring, as well.

THE DT TOUCHDOWN EXPRESS: Daniel Thompson caught three touchdown passes in the Lions win at 12th ranked Missouri Western. He was named the MIAA's Player of the Week for the effort. Thompson now has 10 touchdown catches on the season. He is just the second Lion ever to catch double-digit touchdown passes in the same year, joining Hall of Famer Rod Smith in that category. Smith caught 15 in 1991 and 14 in 1993.

SENIOR DAY: Today is senior day for ten Lions seniors. Terrance Scott, Kenton Stephens, Chris Norris, Isaac Norman, Toderick Hunt, David Benham, Rudy Mascaro, Jairius Jarvis, Johnny Johnson and Daniel Thompson will be playing their last game as a Lion.



Last Year's Game



Lions 28 - @ Fort Hays 0

Hays, Kan. - The Missouri Southern defense pitched its second straight shutout of Fort Hays State in as many years, as the Lions defeated the Tigers 28-0 today in front of just over 1,900 fans at Lewis Field Stadium.

Southern (4-3, 2-3 MIAA) won its second road MIAA game of the year for the first time since the 2004 season when the Lions defeated Missouri-Rolla, Truman and Southwest Baptist all on the road. It is the third straight shutout in the series with Fort Hays (2-5, 1-4 MIAA) as the Tigers blanked Southern 10-0 two years ago and the Lions have won the last two (6-0 and 28-0).

The Lions' defense helped put Southern on the board first when Justin Cowper intercepted an Anthony Smith pass and returned it to the Hays' 33 yard line. Adam Hinspeter hooked up with Mark Henderson on the first play from scrimmage and found the receiver at the three yard line. Henderson stayed on his feet and fought his way to the goal line for a 33 yard touchdown.

Southern forced Hays' second turnover of the day when long snapper Brian Borgard popped the Tigers' CJ Lovett on a punt return and forced the fumble, while tight end Chris Bingham came up with the recovery, giving the Lions the ball on the Fort Hays 31 yard line. The Lions couldn't take advantage of the good field position, but an Adam Hinspeter punt put the Tigers at their own four yard line.

The Lions defense forced their third turnover of the half when Jared Brawner recovered a fumble at the Tigers' 15 yard line. Southern took advantage and Colin Howard ran a fake reverse, handed off to Daniel Thompson and Thompson ran 15 yards for the touchdown, putting Southern up 14-0, heading into the locker room.

The Lions picked up their third touchdown of the game when Collin Howard ran for his fourth rushing TD of the season, a 30 yard scamper in the third quarter. Hinspeter and Henderson hooked up again early in the fourth quarter on a 15-yard score to give the Lions a 28-0 lead. Howard stayed in for the next Lions' drive and led the Lions from their own 15 yard line to the Tigers' two, before the Lions took a knee with 21 seconds to go, giving Hays the ball back at the three. The Tigers ran one play as the clock ran out.

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score | |
|-------------------|---|----|---|---|-------|-------------------|
| Missouri Southern | 0 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 28 | Record: (4-3,2-3) |
| Fort Hays State | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Record: (2-5,1-4) |

Scoring Summary:

| | | | |
|-----|-------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2nd | 13:34 | MSSU | Henderson,Mark 33 yd pass from Hinspeter,Adam (Malette,Brian kick), 1-33 0:07, MSSU 7 - FHSU 0 |
| | 01:55 | MSSU | Thompson,Daniel 15 yd run (Malette,Brian kick), 1-15 0:08, MSSU 14 - FHSU 0 |
| 3rd | 00:32 | MSSU | Howard,Collin 30 yd run (Malette,Brian kick), 4-52 1:29, MSSU 21 - FHSU 0 |
| 4th | 11:16 | MSSU | Henderson,Mark 15 yd pass from Hinspeter,Adam (Malette,Brian kick), 4-39 2:02, MSSU 28 - FHSU 0 |

| | MSSU | FHSU |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 15 | 11 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 42-176 | 53-152 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 111 | 43 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 21-8-0 | 15-5-1 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 63-287 | 68-195 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 3-23 | 2-5 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 1-18 | 4-91 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 1-18 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 8-37.1 | 7-41.7 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-1 | 4-2 |
| Penalties-Yards | 4-40 | 5-43 |
| Possession Time | 30:16 | 29:44 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 7 of 17 | 3 of 16 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 1 | 0 of 5 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 2-3 | 0-0 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 0-0 | 1-5 |

RUSHING: Missouri Southern-Howard,Collin 8-77; Hunt,Toderick 18-51; Johnson,Renard 9-33; Thompson,Daniel 1-15; Newman,Ronnell 1-2; Hinspeter,Adam 3-2; TEAM 2-minus 4. Fort Hays State-Smith,Anthony 22-90; Irvin,Jacobb 16-38; Glenn,Justin 8-36; Dickson,Anthony 6-minus 6; Willis,A.J. 1-minus 6.

PASSING: Missouri Southern-Hinspeter,Adam 8-21-0-111. Fort Hays State-Smith,Anthony 5-14-1-43; Elder,Tyler 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Missouri Southern-Henderson,Mark 5-93; Johnson,Johnny 1-10; Norman,Isaac 1-6; Johnson,Renard 1-2. Fort Hays State-Dickson,Anthony 2-21; Gadwood,Beau 2-9; Irvin,Jacobb 1-13.

INTERCEPTIONS: Missouri Southern-Cowper,Justin 1-18. Fort Hays State-None.

FUMBLES: Missouri Southern-Johnson,Renard 1-1. Fort Hays State-Smith,Anthony 2-0; Willis,A.J. 1-1; Lovett,C.J. 1-1.

Stadium: Lewis Field Stadium **Attendance:** 1904

Kickoff time: 2:00 pm **End of Game:** 4:48 **Total elapsed time:** 2:48

Officials: Referee: Tom Svehla; Umpire: Tom Bruno; Linesman: Jeff Holloway; Line judge: John Kilmer; Back judge: Gene Millentree; Field judge: Chris Tallent; Side judge: Ben Tenpenny; Scorer: Ryan Prickett;

Temperature: 66 **Wind:** Calm **Weather:** Overcast

Missouri Southern/Fort Hays Comparison

Missouri Southern Among MIAA/National Rankings

| Category | National Rank | Actual Total | Conference Rank |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Rushing Offense | 60 | 153.11 | 7 |
| Passing Offense | 76 | 197.78 | 8 |
| Total Offense | 77 | 350.89 | 8 |
| Scoring Offense | 99 | 23.00 | 8 |
| Rushing Defense | 90 | 147.89 | 7 |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 134 | 144.61 | 10 |
| Total Defense | 140 | 449.00 | 9 |
| Scoring Defense | 110 | 30.89 | 7 |
| Net Punting | 123 | 28.64 | 9 |
| Punt Returns | 126 | 5.15 | 9 |
| Kickoff Returns | 130 | 16.86 | 10 |
| Turnover Margin | 137 | -1.11 | 10 |
| Pass Defense | 147 | 301.11 | 10 |
| Passing Efficiency | 103 | 110.59 | 8 |
| Sacks | T-70 | 2.00 | 3 |
| Tackles For Loss | 51 | 7.11 | 1 |
| Sacks Allowed | 77 | 2.00 | 7 |

Fort Hays State Among MIAA/National Rankings

| Category | National Rank | Actual Total | Conference Rank |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Rushing Offense | 85 | 138.60 | 9 |
| Passing Offense | 43 | 240.70 | 6 |
| Total Offense | 59 | 379.30 | 7 |
| Scoring Offense | 36 | 31.70 | 6 |
| Rushing Defense | 124 | 193.10 | 9 |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 133 | 144.58 | 9 |
| Total Defense | 142 | 456.10 | 10 |
| Scoring Defense | 132 | 36.80 | 10 |
| Net Punting | 77 | 31.52 | 5 |
| Punt Returns | 1 | 32.08 | 1 |
| Kickoff Returns | 49 | 21.13 | 6 |
| Turnover Margin | 111 | -.50 | 8 |
| Pass Defense | 135 | 263.00 | 9 |
| Passing Efficiency | 44 | 136.05 | 7 |
| Sacks | 110 | 1.50 | 8 |
| Tackles For Loss | 116 | 5.50 | 6 |
| Sacks Allowed | 106 | 2.50 | 10 |

AFCA Division II Top 25 (11/2/09)

D2Football.Com Top 25 (11/3/09)

| Rank | School (1st votes) | Rec. | Pts. | Prev. | Rank | Team | Record | Prev. |
|------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. | North Alabama (25) | 10-0 | 625 | 1 | 1 | North Alabama | 10-0 | 1 |
| 2. | Central Washington | 10-0 | 596 | 2 | 2 | Central Washington | 10-0 | 2 |
| 3. | Northwest Missouri St. | 9-1 | 569 | 3 | 3 | Northwest Missouri | 9-1 | 3 |
| 4. | Minnesota St.-Mankato | 10-0 | 546 | 4 | 4 | Minnesota State | 10-0 | 4 |
| 5. | Grand Valley St. (Mich.) | 9-1 | 526 | 5 | 5 | Minnesota-Duluth | 9-1 | 5 |
| 6. | Minnesota-Duluth | 9-1 | 511 | 6 | 6 | Grand Valley | 9-1 | 6 |
| 7. | Tarleton St. (Texas) | 9-1 | 475 | 7 | 7 | Tarleton State | 9-1 | 7 |
| 8. | Nebraska-Kearney | 9-1 | 449 | 8 | 8 | Nebraska-Kearney | 9-1 | 8 |
| 9. | Midwestern St. (Texas) | 8-2 | 364 | 13 | 9 | Carson-Newman | 8-2 | 11 |
| 10. | North Carolina-Pembroke | 8-1 | 348 | 11 | 10 | Saginaw Valley | 8-2 | 12 |
| 11. | West Liberty (W.Va.) | 9-1 | 342 | 12 | 11 | Abilene Christian | 8-2 | 13 |
| 12. | Abilene Christian (Texas) | 8-2 | 335 | 15 | 12 | California | 8-2 | 14 |
| 13. | Albany St. (Ga.) | 8-1 | 329 | 14 | 13 | Albany State | 8-1 | 16 |
| 14. | Carson-Newman (Tenn.) | 8-2 | 280 | 18 | 14 | Midwestern State | 8-2 | 20 |
| 15. | Tuskegee (Ala.) | 7-2 | 253 | 16 | 15 | Missouri Western | 8-2 | 17 |
| 16. | Central Missouri | 8-2 | 240 | 19 | 16 | Tuskegee | 7-2 | 15 |
| 17. | Texas A&M-Kingsville | 8-2 | 226 | 9 | 17 | Central Missouri | 8-2 | 18 |
| 18. | California (Pa.) | 8-2 | 201 | 20 | 18 | West Liberty | 9-1 | 22 |
| 19. | Bloomsburg (Pa.) | 8-2 | 190 | 10 | 19 | UNC Pembroke | 8-1 | 21 |
| 20. | Hillsdale (Mich.) | 8-2 | 171 | 22 | 20 | Texas A&M-Kingsville | 8-2 | 9 |
| 21. | Missouri Western St. | 8-2 | 154 | 23 | 21 | Hillsdale | 8-2 | 23 |
| 22. | Saginaw Valley St. (Mich.) | 8-2 | 125 | 24 | 22 | Bloomsburg | 8-2 | 10 |
| 23. | Shippensburg (Pa.) | 8-2 | 76 | NR | 23 | Washburn | 7-3 | 24 |
| 24. | Bentley (Mass.) | 8-1 | 73 | 25 | 24 | Shippensburg | 8-2 | NR |
| 25. | Charleston (W.Va.) | 8-2 | 35 | 17 | 25 | Bentley | 8-1 | NR |

Others Receiving Votes: Washburn (Kan.), 27; Arkansas Tech, 21; Shaw (N.C.), 14; West Texas A&M, 13; Findlay (Ohio), 10; Fayetteville St. (N.C.), 1.

2009 Southern Football Scoring Drives

vs. Harding

9, plays, 60 yards, 3:19 (TDr)
11 plays, 82 yards, 2:46 (TDp)

vs. Washburn

14 plays, 53 yards, 5:13 (FG)
13 plays, 75 yards, 5:35 (TDr)
1 play, 40 yards, 0:08 (TDp)
9 plays, 61 yards, 3:30 (TDp)
10 plays, 69 yards, 4:31 (TDr)

vs. Emporia State

3 plays, 51 yards, 1:04 (TDp)
8 plays, 55 yards, 3:39 (TDr)
7 plays, 47 yards, 2:36 (TDp)
5 plays, 46 yards, 1:45 (TDp)
10 plays, 64 yards, 3:57 (TDp)

vs. Nebraska-Omaha

6 plays, 73 yards, 1:23 (TDp)
2 plays, 33 yards, 0:38 (TDr)
6 plays, 68 yards, 2:23 (TDp)
6 plays, 83 yards, 2:02 (TDp)

vs. Pittsburg State

12, plays, 55 yards, 3:03 (TDr)
6 plays, 65 yards, 1:05 (TDp)

vs. Northwest Missouri

8 plays, 66 yards, 2:07 (TDr)

vs. Truman State

10 plays, 53 yards, 2:46 (FG)
10 plays, 74 yards, 3:49 (TDp)
9 plays, 32 yards, 3:33 (FG)
6 plays, 79 yards, 1:55 (TDp)

vs. Missouri Western

4 plays, 71 yards, 1:27, (TDr)
4 plays, 65 yards, 2:07, (TDp)
3 plays, 60 yards, 0:29, (TDp)
5 plays, 24 yards, 1:07, (TDp)
12 plays, 71 yards, 2:01, (TDp)

vs. Central Missouri

8 plays, 33 yards, 2:30 (FG)
12 plays, 61 yards, 3:38 (TDr)
12 plays, 75 yards, 3:05 (TDr)

Game 1 – @ Harding 17, Lions 15 • August 29, 2009

Searcy, Ark.. - An 11-yard touchdown pass from Josh Powell to Tyler Quinn with 18 seconds left gave Harding University a 17-15 win over Missouri Southern in the Lions' season opener tonight.

Southern (0-1) had two scores from senior Daniel Thompson, one through the air and another on the ground, and out gained the Bisons, 377-363, but it was in the air where Harding (1-0) made its presence felt.

After a fumble from Collin Howard, Harding took the ball to the four yard line and settled for a 21 yard field goal from Adin Menkin.

The Lions answered back on the very next drive as Thompson ran the perfect reverse and scampered for the 14-yard score. Southern added a safety when David Benham sacked Powell to make the score 9-3, Lions going into the half.

Harding picked up its first touchdown of the day with 13 seconds left in the third when Powell connected with Kurt Adams for a 33 yard touchdown. The Bisons missed the extra point, but Southern was flagged for offsides and gave the Bisons another chance. After a false start pushed Harding back five yards, the Bisons converted on the two point conversion to go up 11-9.

Howard hooked up with Thompson to give the Lions back the lead on their very next possession, but the two point conversion failed, making the score 15-9.

Harding took the ball with 2:20 left in the game and drove 56 yards before Powell hit Quinn with the game-winner.

Thompson had both the Lions' scores, while Toderick Hunt had 20 carries for 88 yards. Howard had 64 yards on 18 carries. The Lions out-gained Harding 216-65 on the ground, but were out gained 298-161 in the air.

Benham led the Lions with 13 tackles, one forced fumble and a sack. Jarius Jarvis had a sack and a half, while Nick Teer and Dominique Buttler had a sack each. Jared Brawner had a half a sack and 12 total tackles as the Lions racked up five sacks in the game.

Box Score (Final)
Missouri Southern vs Harding (Aug 29, 2009 at Searcy, Ark.)

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score | |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|---------------|
| Missouri Southern... | 7 | 2 | 0 | 6 | - 15 | Record: (0-1) |
| Harding..... | 3 | 0 | 8 | 6 | - 17 | Record: (1-0) |

Scoring Summary:

1st 09:57 HU - Adin Menkin 22 yd field goal, 9-56 3:59, MSSU 0 - HU 3
 06:38 MSSU - Thompson, Daniel 14 yd run (Gassen, Andrew kick), 9-60 3:19, MSSU 7 - HU 3
 2nd 14:36 MSSU - TEAM safety, , MSSU 9 - HU 3
 3rd 00:13 HU - Kurt Adams 33 yd pass from Josh Powell (Zac Ross rush), 9-75 3:16, MSSU 9 - HU 11
 4th 12:21 MSSU - Thompson, Daniel 13 yd pass from Howard, Collin, 11-82 2:46, MSSU 15 - HU 11
 00:18 HU - Tyler O'Quin 11 yd pass from Josh Powell (Adin Menkin kick failed), 8-44 2:02, MSSU 15 - HU 17

| | MSSU | HU |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 22 | 16 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 50-141 | 34-65 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 161 | 298 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 35-23-0 | 45-32-1 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS..... | 85-377 | 79-363 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 1-6 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 3-10 | 3-16 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 4-74 | 3-68 |
| Interception Returns-Yards..... | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 7-36.7 | 6-40.5 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 6-3 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 8-46 | 7-60 |
| Possession Time..... | 32:48 | 27:12 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 10 of 19 | 4 of 17 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 0 of 2 | 3 of 5 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 2-2 | 2-3 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 5-25 | 2-1 |

RUSHING: Missouri Southern-Hunt, Toderick 20-88; Howard, Collin 18-64; Johnson, Johnny 9-40; Thompson, Daniel 2-23; Sumpter, Steven 1-1. Harding-Dominic Blood 11-39; Jeremy Holt 8-34; Kyle Young 1-2; Kale Gelles 1-0; Zac Ross 4-minus 3; Josh Powell 9-minus 7.

PASSING: Missouri Southern-Howard, Collin 23-35-0-161. Harding-Josh Powell 32-45-1-298; Zac Ross 0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: Missouri Southern-Johnson, Johnny 10-63; Norman, Isaac 5-36; Zerkel, Landon 4-44; Thompson, Daniel 3-17; Hunt, Toderick 1-1. Harding-Zac Ross 7-40; Kurt Adams 6-81; Jeremy Holt 5-43; Tyler O'Quin 3-32; Jordan Watson 2-40; Kyle Young 2-29; Kale Gelles 2-15; Cade Caton 2-7; Dominic Blood 2-5; Terrence Davis 1-6.

INTERCEPTIONS: Missouri Southern-Johnson, Charles 1-0. Harding-None.

FUMBLES: Missouri Southern-Howard, Collin 2-2; Johnson, Johnny 2-0; Cox, Kellen 1-0; Hunt, Toderick 1-1. Harding-Jeremy Holt 1-0; Zac Ross 1-1.

Stadium: First Security Attendance: 3276
 Kickoff time: 6 p.m. End of Game: 9:01 Total elapsed time: 3:01
 Officials: Referee: Bob Dubham; Umpire: Karle Nobles; Linesman: Gil Whitmore;
 Line judge: Mike Boles; Back judge: Alex Barinaga; Field judge: Dale Simmons;
 Side judge: Kirk Walker; Scorer: HU Sports Info;
 Temperature: 82 Wind: 7 mph N Weather: Sunny

Game 2 – @ Washburn 54, Lions 31 • Sept. 12, 2009

Topeka, Kan. - Washburn University scored 38 unanswered points after a Missouri Southern opening drive field goal, en route to a 54-31 win over the Lions tonight at Yager Stadium in Topeka.

The Lions (0-2, 0-1 MIAA) scored first in the game as sophomore kicker Andrew Gassen connected on a 40 yard field goal to cap a 14, play 53 yard drive that lasted 5:13 to start the game.

Washburn (3-0, 1-0 MIAA), however, answered on their next drive and drove 72 yards in 6:25 with a 1 yard run from Justin Cooper to go ahead 7-3. The Ichabods then scored touchdowns on their first three drives of the second quarter to go up 28-3. Southern was driving late in the second quarter, but a pass from Collin Howard was intercepted by Zach Watkins at the Washburn 12 yard line. Watkins then ran the ball back to the 50 yard line before Toderick Hunt forced a fumble by Watkins and the Lions' Isaac Norman recovered at the Southern 34. The Lions, however, then fumbled two plays later and Washburn capitalized with a one yard rush from quarterback Dane Simoneau to make the score 35-3 at the half.

Washburn opened up the second half with a 33 yard field goal from Steve Ivanisevic, before the Lions' Johnny Johnson scored on a two-yard run to make the score 38-9. Ivanisevic added two more field goals before Howard and Landon Zerkel hooked up for a 40-yard scoring pass. Ivanisevic added his fourth field goal of the game, this time a 24-yarder, to tie a Washburn record for field goals in a game.

Daniel Thompson added two late scores to make the final tally, 54-31.

Freshman David Snell led the Lions in rushing with 55 yards on nine carries for an average of 6.1 per touch. Howard was 18-29 with two touchdowns, one to Zerkel and another to Thompson.

Defensively, Kenny Smith and Josh Woodard led the Lions with eight tackles each, while Jarius Jarvis picked up a sack.

Box Score (Final)
Missouri Southern vs Washburn (Sep 12, 2009 at Topeka, Kan.)

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score | |
|----------------------|---|----|---|----|-------|--------------------|
| Missouri Southern... | 3 | 0 | 6 | 22 | - 31 | Record: (0-2, 0-1) |
| Washburn..... | 7 | 28 | 6 | 13 | - 54 | Record: (3-0, 1-0) |

Scoring Summary:

1st 09:47 MSSU - Gassen, Andrew 40 yd field goal, 14-53 5:13, MSSU 3 - WU 0
 03:15 WU - Cooper, Justin 1 yd run (Ivanisevic, Stev kick), 14-72 6:25, MSSU 3 - WU 7
 2nd 13:36 WU - Cole, Brad 7 yd pass from Simoneau, Dane (Ivanisevic, Stev kick), 11-67 3:18, MSSU 3 - WU 14
 09:45 WU - Knox, Cameron 2 yd pass from Simoneau, Dane (Ivanisevic, Stev kick), 5-19 1:50, MSSU 3 - WU 21
 07:57 WU - Cole, Brad 48 yd pass from Simoneau, Dane (Ivanisevic, Stev kick), 1-48 0:06, MSSU 3 - WU 28
 00:16 WU - Simoneau, Dane 1 yd run (Ivanisevic, Stev kick), 8-53 2:52, MSSU 3 - WU 35
 3rd 10:35 WU - Ivanisevic, Stev 33 yd field goal, 5-27 1:11, MSSU 3 - WU 38
 04:56 MSSU - Johnson, Johnny 2 yd run (Gassen, Andrew kick failed), 13-75 5:35, MSSU 9 - WU 38
 02:25 WU - Ivanisevic, Stev 27 yd field goal, 7-63 2:27, MSSU 9 - WU 41
 4th 13:45 WU - Ivanisevic, Stev 31 yd field goal, 5-28 1:09, MSSU 9 - WU 44
 13:29 MSSU - Zerkel, Landon 40 yd pass from Howard, Collin (Gassen, Andrew kick), 1-40 0:08, MSSU 16 - WU 44
 11:25 WU - Ivanisevic, Stev 24 yd field goal, 6-56 1:59, MSSU 16 - WU 47
 07:49 MSSU - Thompson, Daniel 15 yd pass from Howard, Collin (Schultz, Jordan pass from Thompson, Roland), 9-61 3:30, MSSU 24 - WU 49
 05:54 WU - Schoenberg, Greg 19 yd run (Ivanisevic, Stev kick), 4-46 1:54, MSSU 24 - WU 54
 01:20 MSSU - Thompson, Daniel 3 yd run (Gassen, Andrew kick), 10-69 4:31, MSSU 31 - WU 54

| | MSSU | WU |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 23 | 23 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 50-141 | 39-165 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 236 | 334 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 29-18-2 | 29-21-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS..... | 79-377 | 68-499 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 3-60 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 11-193 | 5-75 |
| Interception Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 2-114 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 4-35.2 | 1-37.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 6-50 | 12-99 |
| Possession Time..... | 33:19 | 26:41 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 4 of 15 | 3 of 11 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 2 of 4 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 3-4 | 9-9 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 1-8 | 5-33 |

RUSHING: Missouri Southern-Snell, David 9-55; Johnson, Johnny 12-36; Hunt, Toderick 7-23; Howard, Collin 16-14; Sumpter, Steven 4-8; Thompson, Daniel 1-3; Brown, Antwaine 1-2. Washburn-Moore, Vernon 12-54; Lowe, Terrence 6-49; Cooper, Justin 11-41; Schoenberg, Greg 1-19; Bean, Dante 2-3; Connell, Kyler 1-2; Haug, Brad 1-0; Simoneau, Dane 5-minus 3.

PASSING: Missouri Southern-Howard, Collin 18-29-2-236. Washburn-Simoneau, Dane 20-27-0-306; Kasel, Cameron 1-2-0-28.

RECEIVING: Missouri Southern-Thompson, Daniel 8-91; Zerkel, Landon 3-80; Clipp, Scott 3-18; Threat, Ne'Ronte 2-24; Poston, Stephen 1-12; Sumpter, Steven 1-11. Washburn-Cole, Brad 5-86; Powers, Drameago 4-56; Moore, Vernon 3-53; Haug, Brad 3-52; Mosby, Travis 3-36; Knox, Cameron 2-43; Cooper, Justin 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS: Missouri Southern-None. Washburn-Curran, Casey 1-60; Watkins, Zach 1-54.

Game 3 – @ Lions 34, Emporia State 13 • September 19, 2009

Joplin, Mo. - The Missouri Southern defense nearly tied a school record for interceptions in a game, but did force Emporia State to their own record for picks thrown in a game as the Lions defense picked off six passes en route to a 34-13 home opening win in front of more than 4,200 fans at Fred G. Hughes Stadium tonight in Joplin.

Southern (1-2, 1-1 MIAA) forced seven turnovers tonight (six interceptions and one fumble recovery) and two touchdowns came directly after a Lions forced turnover. Collin Howard was 14-26 with 204 yards and four touchdowns. Freshman receiver Landon Zerkel caught six passes for 135 yards and an impressive 22 yards per catch. He had two scores. Daniel Thompson caught two touchdown passes, as both of his receptions resulted in scores. It marks the fourth-straight game that Thompson has had two touchdowns or more.

Toderick Hunt rushed 18 times for 108 yards and a score, while Johnny Johnson had 41 yards on 13 carries.

Neither team scored on their first three possessions, before Howard and Zerkel hooked up on a 40-yard pass to put the Lions up 7-0 with 1:43 left in the first. A Terrance Scott interception, his first of two in the game, led to the Lions' second score when Hunt ran for a four-yard touchdown, capping off an eight-play, 55 yard drive that ate up 3:39 and put the Lions up 14-0, just shortly into the second quarter.

After a 46-yard touchdown run from the Hornets' Kevin Smith made the score 14-6, another interception, this time one of Justin Cowper's two in the game, led to another Howard to Zerkel catch. The 22 yards pass and catch gave the Lions a 20-6 lead at the 10:42 minute mark of the third quarter. The Lions picked up their fourth touchdown of the game just as the fourth quarter started. Howard scrambled to all sides of the field avoiding multiple tackles before he found a wide-open Thompson just short of the end zone for a score.

Southern had 170 yards on the ground and 204 yards in the air. The Lions out-gained Emporia 374-315, but the huge difference were the turnovers the Southern defense forced on the night.

Teer led the Lions with 10 tackles and a sack on the night. Cowper and Scott both had two interceptions, with Cowper running his back for 31 yards. Both added pass breakups as well. Josh Woodard had seven tackles, a sack and an interception, while Richard Williams picked up an interception of his own.

The Lions had six tackles for a loss of 31 yards on the night, with one forced fumble and recovery, six interceptions, seven pass breakups, three sacks and three quarterback hurries.

Box Score (Final)
Emporia State vs Missouri Southern (Sep 19, 2009 at Joplin, Mo.)

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Emporia State..... | 0 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 13 |
| Missouri Southern.... | 7 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 34 |

Record: (1-3,0-2)
Record: (1-2,1-1)

Scoring Summary:

1st 01:43 MSSU - Zerkel,Landon 40 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick), 3-51 1:04, ESU 0 - MSSU 7
 2nd 12:21 MSSU - Hunt,Toderick 4 yd run (Gassen,Andrew kick), 8-55 3:39, ESU 0 - MSSU 14
 07:44 ESU - Smart,Kevin 46 yd run (Maxwell,Will kick failed), 1-46 0:09, ESU 6 - MSSU 14
 3rd 10:42 MSSU - Zerkel,Landon 22 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick failed), 7-47 2:36, ESU 6 - MSSU 20
 4th 14:25 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 46 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick), 5-56 1:45, ESU 6 - MSSU 27
 11:57 ESU - McEvoy,Danny 4 yd pass from SloanEl,Andre (Maxwell,Will kick), 9-80 2:24, ESU 13 - MSSU 27
 07:49 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 5 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick), 10-64 3:57, ESU 13 - MSSU 34

| | ESU | MSSU |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 18 | 17 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 32-171 | 49-170 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 144 | 204 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 47-19-6 | 26-14-2 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.... | 79-315 | 75-374 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 5-21 | 2-11 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 5-114 | 3-43 |
| Interception Returns-Yards.... | 2-0 | 6-41 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 5-37.0 | 6-41.2 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 6-55 | 7-65 |
| Possession Time..... | 27:56 | 32:04 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 5 of 17 | 6 of 16 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 1 of 4 | 1 of 2 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 1-3 | 2-3 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 2-10 | 2-10 |

RUSHING: Emporia State-SloanEl,Andre 12-56; Smart,Kevin 4-56; Abner,Adrian 11-35; Woods,Chris 1-13; Eckenrode,Tyler 1-6; Page,La'Darrian 3-5. Missouri Southern-Hunt,Toderick 18-108; Johnson,Johnny 13-41; Snell,David 4-14; Howard,Collin 10-12; Thompson,Daniel 2-5; TEAM 2-minus 10.

PASSING: Emporia State-SloanEl,Andre 16-42-5-103; Eckenrode,Tyler 3-5-1-41. Missouri Southern-Howard,Collin 14-26-2-204.

RECEIVING: Emporia State-McEvoy,Danny 7-74; Coursen,Matt 2-17; Richardson,Shja 2-10; Abner,Adrian 2-minus 10; Hageman,Tracy 1-27; Mirocke,Dominic 1-9; Smart,Kevin 1-6; Schiltz,Adam 1-5; Jones,Andre 1-4; Page,La'Darrian 1-2. Missouri Southern-Zerkel,Landon 6-135; Thompson,Daniel 2-51; Poston,Stephen 2-6; Threat,Ne'Ronte 1-5; Norman,Isaac 1-5; Clipp,Scott 1-3; Hunt,Toderick 1-minus 1.

INTERCEPTIONS: Emporia State-Lee,Travis 1-0; Linsey,Nathan 1-0. Missouri Southern-Cowper,Justin 2-31; Scott,Terrance 2-0; Williams,Richard 1-10; Woodard,Josh 1-0.

FUMBLES: Emporia State-Abner,Adrian 1-1. Missouri Southern-Cox,Kellen 1-1.

Stadium: Fred G. Hughes Attendance: 4219
 Kickoff time: 6 pm End of Game: 9:02 Total elapsed time: 3:02
 Officials: Referee: Dave Thomas; Umpire: Dale Heckehorn; Linesman: Jerod Phillips;
 Line judge: Brian Moore; Back judge: Jeff Pasold; Field judge: Kurt McAfee;

Game 4 – UNO 44, @ Lions 36 • September 26, 2008

Joplin, Mo.. - The Missouri Southern football team had its highest point output of the season and Collin Howard threw for three touchdowns, but the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks had a school record 44 rushing attempts from true freshman Levi Terrell in his first collegiate game and the Mavs defeated the Lions 44-36 in front of a Homecoming crowd of 6,127 fans at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Southern (1-3, 1-2 MIAA) was led offensively from Johnny Johnson as the senior had 117 yards on seven carries and a touchdown Johnson also picked up a receiving touchdown, as well. Howard went 12-31 for three touchdowns and Landon Zerkel caught three passes for 65 yards and a score. Daniel Thompson had two catches for 47 yards and a score, while Toderick Hunt had 55 yards on 11 carries.

UNO (3-2, 2-1 MIAA) scored on its first play from scrimmage with a 41 yard pass from Greg Wunderlich to Brian Miller. The Mavs scored again midway through the first quarter as Wunderlich hooked up with Brett Bohuslavsky for a five yard score.

The Lions wouldn't wait very long for their first score as Johnson scored his first touchdown on the very next drive, a five yard pass from Howard. That play capped off a six play, 73 yard drive that took 1:23 off the clock. The Lions would then capitalize on poor special teams from the Mavs as a pooch kick from Andrew Gassen went un-touched and the Lions recovered on the UNO 33 yard line. Johnson then took over and ran 42 yards on the second play of the drive to tie the game at 14.

The Lions added a touchdown from Howard to Zerkel to go ahead momentarily 21-20, but another Zuerlein field goal, this time 23 yards, gave the Mavs a 23-21 halftime lead.

The two teams traded scores in the third quarter as the Lions got a 30 yard touchdown catch from Daniel Thompson, but two scores in the fourth from UNO put the game out of reach. A late fumble recovery and touchdown scamper from the Lions' Antoine Brown made the final score 44-36.

Southern was out-gained 570-370. It was the first time the Lions had given up 500 yards since Southern gave up 592 in last season's finale against Northwest Missouri. The Lions came into the game averaging over 33 minutes a game in time of possession, but Southern could only hold the ball for just under 19 minutes.

Box Score (Final)
Nebraska-Omaha vs Missouri Southern (Sep 26, 2009 at Joplin, Mo.)

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score |
|-----------------------|----|---|---|----|-------|
| Nebraska-Omaha..... | 17 | 6 | 7 | 14 | 44 |
| Missouri Southern.... | 14 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 36 |

Record: (3-2,2-1)
Record: (1-3,1-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st 14:03 UNO - Miller,Brian 41 yd pass from Wunderlich,Greg (Zuerlein,Greg kick), 1-41 0:08, UNO 7 - MSSU 0
 07:50 UNO - Bohuslavsky,Bre 5 yd pass from Wunderlich,Greg (Zuerlein,Greg kick), 8-30 4:28, UNO 14 - MSSU 0
 06:20 MSSU - Johnson,Johnny 5 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick), 6-73 1:23, UNO 14 - MSSU 7
 05:42 MSSU - Johnson,Johnny 42 yd run (Gassen,Andrew kick), 2-33 0:38, UNO 14 - MSSU 14
 01:51 UNO - Zuerlein,Greg 25 yd field goal, 9-67 3:47, UNO 17 - MSSU 14
 2nd 14:51 UNO - Zuerlein,Greg 42 yd field goal, 5-8 1:15, UNO 20 - MSSU 14
 12:23 MSSU - Zerkel,Landon 26 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick), 6-68 2:23, UNO 20 - MSSU 21
 06:48 UNO - Zuerlein,Greg 23 yd field goal, 14-69 5:29, UNO 23 - MSSU 21
 3rd 13:21 UNO - Higgins,Mike 60 yd pass from Wunderlich,Greg (Zuerlein,Greg kick), 3-69 1:39, UNO 30 - MSSU 21
 06:24 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 30 yd pass from Howard,Collin (Gassen,Andrew kick), 6-83 2:02, UNO 30 - MSSU 28
 4th 14:00 UNO - Oberembt,Tyler 16 yd pass from Wunderlich,Greg (Zuerlein,Greg kick), 1-16 0:07, UNO 37 - MSSU 28
 08:33 UNO - Terrell,Levi 9 yd run (Zuerlein,Greg kick), 7-50 3:45, UNO 44 - MSSU 28
 06:10 MSSU - Brown,Antoine 54 yd fumble recovery (Zerkel,Landon pass from Howard,Collin), , UNO 44 - MSSU 36

| | UNO | MSSU |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 26 | 14 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 56-201 | 29-179 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 369 | 191 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 29-21-1 | 31-12-1 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.... | 85-570 | 60-370 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 1-54 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 1-28 | 1-2 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 5-75 | 4-77 |
| Interception Returns-Yards.... | 1-2 | 1-8 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 3-30.3 | 8-34.9 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 1-1 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 3-25 | 6-51 |
| Possession Time..... | 41:07 | 18:53 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 6 of 17 | 4 of 15 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 1 of 2 | 0 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 6-8 | 1-1 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 4-29 | 1--2 |

RUSHING: Nebraska-Omaha-Terrell,Levi 44-192; Wesley,Robert 6-16; TEAM 1-minus 2; Wunderlich,Greg 5-minus 5. Missouri Southern-Johnson,Johnny 7-117; Hunt,Toderick 11-55; Snell,David 3-12; Howard,Collin 8-minus 5.

PASSING: Nebraska-Omaha-Wunderlich,Greg 21-29-1-369. Missouri Southern-Howard,Collin 12-31-1-191.

RECEIVING: Nebraska-Omaha-Miller,Brian 7-144; Coleman,Justin 3-40; Higgins,Mike 2-76; Overstreet,Adol 2-24; Wells,Austin 2-24; Oberembt,Tyler 2-19; Bohuslavsky,Bre 2-17; Wesley,Robert 1-25. Missouri Southern-Zerkel,Landon 3-65; Norman,Isaac 3-25; Thompson,Daniel 2-47; Poston,Stephen 2-29; Clipp,Scott 1-20; Johnson,Johnny 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS: Nebraska-Omaha-Zabka,Jason 1-2. Missouri Southern-Scott,Terrance 1-8.

FUMBLES: Nebraska-Omaha-Wunderlich,Greg 1-1. Missouri Southern-None.

Game 5 – Pittsburg State 21 @ Lions 13 • October 3, 2009

Joplin, Mo.. - Three costly interceptions led to all three Pittsburg State touchdowns as the Missouri Southern Football team fell to the Gorillas, 21-13 today in front of 7,738 fans at Fred G. Hughes Stadium in the Sonic Miners Bowl.

Southern (1-4, 1-3 MIAA) has now lost 16 games in a row to the Gorillas (3-3, 1-3 MIAA) with the Lions' last win coming in 1993 when Rod Smith and Southern captured the MIAA title.

Pitt just barely out-gained the Lions (372-365) as Southern rushed for 185 yards and passed for 180 in quarterback Roland Thompson's first collegiate start. Only one of Pitt's three scoring drives started in their own territory as favorable field position helped PSU throughout the game.

Johnny Johnson rushed for 72 yards, while Toderick Hunt had 63 and a score. Daniel Thompson had 73 yards receiving with a score, and 19 yards on two rushes on the ground. Roland Thompson went 16-34 for 180 yards and a score, and rushed for 41 yards, as well.

Dusty Bratzler led the Lions' defense with 14 tackles and 1.5 for a loss. Nick Teer had nine stops, while Justin Cowper and Richard Williams had eight each. The Lions had six pass breakups and one quarterback hurry.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, as both teams gained seven first downs and split the time of possession nearly down the middle. The Gorillas got on top first with a three yard run from Eric Love. The Lions answered right back and with good field position, capped off a 12 play, 55-yard drive that resulted in a Hunt touchdown run to tie the game at the half.

Pitt went ahead 14-7 after a three-yard run from Cardell Clemons and took a 21-7 lead late in the fourth quarter as quarterback Jeff Smith connected with Kendall Fisher for an 11-yard touchdown catch, the only scoring drive for PSU that started in its own territory.

The Lions cut the lead to 21-13 with 1:44 left in the game when Roland Thompson hit Daniel Thompson for a 13-yard score, but the extra point was missed to make the final tally 21-13.

Box Score (Final)**2009 Missouri Southern Football****Pittsburg State vs Missouri Southern (Oct 3, 2009 at Joplin, Mo.)**

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|-------|
| Pittsburg State | 0 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 21 |
| Missouri Southern | 0 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 13 |

Qtr Time Scoring play

2nd 07:39 PSU - Love, Eric 3 yd run (Witter, Jared kick), 6-41 3:08
00:44 MSSU - Hunt, Toderick 7 yd run (Poston, Stephen kick), 12-55 3:03
3rd 04:02 PSU - Clemons, Cardell 3 yd run (Witter, Jared kick), 10-65 4:43
4th 02:55 PSU - Fisher, Kendall 11 yd pass from Smith, Jeff (Witter, Jared kick), 12-89 5:28
01:44 MSSU - Thompson, Daniel 13 yd pass from Thompson, Roland (Poston, Stephen kick failed), 6-63 1:05

| | PSU | MSSU |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 23 | 25 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 47-98 | 36-185 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 274 | 180 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 30-19-0 | 34-16-3 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 77-372 | 70-365 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 1-16 | 4-64 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 3-6 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 4-44.8 | 4-29.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 6-46 | 4-50 |
| Possession Time | 35:56 | 24:04 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 11 of 18 | 4 of 11 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 1 of 3 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 3-4 | 2-3 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |

RUSHING: Pittsburg State-Love, Eric 18-46; Smith, Jeff 9-21; McCoy, John 7-20; Clemons, Cardell 8-19; Thomas, Jon 1-8; Team 4-minus 16. Missouri Southern-Johnson, Johnny 11-72; Hunt, Toderick 17-58; Thompson, Roland 6-36; Thompson, Daniel 2-19.

PASSING: Pittsburg State-Smith, Jeff 12-21-0-163; McCoy, John 7-9-0-111. Missouri Southern-Thompson, Roland 16-34-3-180.

RECEIVING: Pittsburg State-Thomas, Jon 6-97; Fisher, Kendall 4-56; Holt, Ryan 3-49; Dickey, Zac 2-46; Clemons, Cardell 2-7; Love, Eric 1-13; Sawyer, Aaron 1-6. Missouri Southern-Thompson, Daniel 5-73; Zerkel, Landon 5-47; Norman, Isaac 4-41; Poston, Stephen 1-16; Johnson, Johnny 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Pittsburg State-Snyder, Chadd 1-5; Kuhlman, Alex 1-1; Jackson, Jeremy 1-0. Missouri Southern-None.

FUMBLES: Pittsburg State-None. Missouri Southern-None.

Pittsburg State (3-3, 1-3) vs. Missouri Southern (1-4, 1-3)
Date: Oct 3, 2009 • Site: Joplin, Mo. • Stadium: Fred G. Hughes
Attendance: 7738

Kickoff time: 2 pm • End of Game: 4:36 • Total elapsed time: 2:36
Officials: Referee: Tom Svehla; Umpire: Tom Brundo; Linesman: Jeff Freeman;
Line Judge: John Kilmer; Back Judge: Gene Millentree; Field Judge: Chris Tallent;
Side Judge: TL Price; Scorer: Justin Maskus;
Temperature: 65 • Wind: West 5 • Weather: clear

Game 6 – @ #6 Northwest Missouri 52, Lions 6 • October 10, 2009

Maryville, Mo.. - In a game that was dominated by sixth ranked Northwest Missouri State, the Missouri Southern Lions fell 52-6 to the Bearcats today in a frigid Maryville where game time temperatures hovered around freezing.

Southern (1-5, 1-4 MIAA) gained 207 yards total on the afternoon with 128 coming on the ground. The Lions were led offensively by Johnny Johnson as the senior had 61 yards on the ground and a touchdown score. Toderick Hunt had 43 yards on the ground, while four different Lions had 12 or more yards through the air.

The Lions' defense was led by 13 tackles (nine solo) from Antwoine Brown. Justin Cowper and Dusty Bratzler had nine each, while Jaiurus Jarvis had five tackles and 1.5 sacks. Bratzler added a sack of his own, while Nick Teer got in on a sack with Jarvis.

Northwest (6-1, 5-1 MIAA) took the opening snap and drove the length of the field, but the Lions' defense stopped the high-powered Bearcat offense inside the ten and Northwest settled for a 24-yard field goal from Todd Adolf.

After a Lions turnover on downs, Northwest again drove the field and scored, this time a 27-yard pass from Blake Bolles to Jake Soy. A Lions interception led to another score from Bolles to Soy as the duo hooked up on three scores in the first half before Blake Christopher and Soy added another one as the half expired. Northwest scored on six of its seven drives in the first half to take a 38-0 lead into the break.

After the first two drives of the second half stalled for Northwest, the Bearcats picked up a score as Christopher hit Kyle Killgore for a 31-yard pass to make the score 45-0 Northwest.

The Lions then got the ball at their own 34 and drove the length of the field as Johnson capped off an eight-play, 66-yard scoring drive that lasted 2:07 with a three-yard touchdown run, Southern's only score of the day.

Northwest tacked on one more late touchdown as Kelvin Austin rushed for a 15-yard score to make the final tally 52-6.

Northwest had 574 total yards today with 453 through the air. Bolles went 17-22 for 278 yards and four touchdowns, while Christopher was 14-20 for 175 and two scores.

Box Score (Final)**2009 Missouri Southern Football****Missouri Southern vs #6 NW Missouri State (Oct 10, 2009 at Maryville, Mo.)**

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
|-------------------|----|----|---|---|-------|
| Missouri Southern | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| NW Missouri State | 17 | 21 | 7 | 7 | 52 |

Qtr Time Scoring play

1st 10:58 NWMSU - Adolf, Todd 24 yd field goal, 8-63 4:02
05:06 NWMSU - Rhodes, Nick 27 yd pass from Bolles, Blake (Adolf, Todd kick), 7-55 2:38
01:24 NWMSU - Soy, Jake 35 yd pass from Bolles, Blake (Adolf, Todd kick), 5-49 2:18
2nd 07:25 NWMSU - Soy, Jake 19 yd pass from Bolles, Blake (Adolf, Todd kick), 5-43 2:16
04:07 NWMSU - Soy, Jake 1 yd pass from Bolles, Blake (Adolf, Todd kick), 6-51 2:15
00:47 NWMSU - Soy, Jake 5 yd pass from Christopher, B. (Adolf, Todd kick), 6-46 2:08
3rd 02:09 NWMSU - Kilgore, Kyle 31 yd pass from Christopher, B. (Adolf, Todd kick), 3-47 0:46
4th 14:55 MSSU - Johnson, Johnny 3 yd run (Herndon, Dallas kick failed), 8-66 2:07
07:43 NWMSU - Austin, Kelvin 15 yd run (Adolf, Todd kick), 3-18 1:29

| | MSSU | NWMSU |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | 12 | 25 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET) | 36-118 | 36-121 |
| PASSING YDS (NET) | 89 | 453 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int | 23-12-2 | 42-31-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS | 59-207 | 78-574 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 2-12 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 8-143 | 3-73 |
| Interception Returns-Yards | 0-0 | 2-35 |
| Punts (Number-Avg) | 8-25.1 | 4-37.5 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-0 | 2-0 |
| Penalties-Yards | 3-25 | 8-75 |
| Possession Time | 24:51 | 35:09 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 4 of 13 | 9 of 16 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 1 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 1-1 | 5-6 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 3-24 | 0-0 |

RUSHING: Missouri Southern-Johnson, Johnny 15-52; Hunt, Toderick 15-43; Thompson, Roland 3-13; Snell, David 3-10. NW Missouri State-Council, LaRon 11-38; Austin, Kelvin 7-38; Christopher, B. 6-31; Creason, Billy 7-18; Simmons, Jordan 1-6; Bolles, Blake 4-minus 10.

PASSING: Missouri Southern-Thompson, Roland 12-23-2-89. NW Missouri State-Bolles, Blake 17-22-0-278; Christopher, B. 14-20-0-175.

RECEIVING: Missouri Southern-Clipp, Scott 2-17; Zerkel, Landon 2-14; Johnson, Johnny 2-5; Threat, Ne'Ronte 1-13; Aiono, Anthon 1-12; Thompson, Daniel 1-8; Poston, Stephen 1-8; Hunt, Toderick 1-7; Norman, Isaac 1-5. NW Missouri State-Rhodes, Nick 7-123; Soy, Jake 6-72; Hinchey, John 4-52; Kilgore, Kyle 3-48; Shaw, Tyler 3-28; Council, LaRon 2-42; Simmons, Jordan 2-40; Shannon, Brian 2-31; Kuhn, Mike 1-9; Warren, Tommy 1-8.

INTERCEPTIONS: Missouri Southern-None. NW Missouri State-Jones, Ryan 2-35.

FUMBLES: Missouri Southern-Hunt, Toderick 1-0; Thompson, Roland 1-0. NW Missouri State-Christopher, B. 1-0; Council, LaRon 1-0.

Missouri Southern (1-5, 1-4) vs. NW Missouri State (6-1, 5-0)
Date: Oct 10, 2009 • Site: Maryville, Mo. • Stadium: Bearcat Stadium
Attendance: 4872

Kickoff time: 1 pm • End of Game: 3:33 • Total elapsed time: 2:33
Officials: Referee: J. DeHart; Umpire: T. Taylor; Linesman: C. Goering;
Line Judge: D. Misel; Back Judge: M. Farris; Field Judge: T. Price;
Side Judge: L. Smith; Scorer: NWSID;
Temperature: 33 deg • Wind: 12 N • Weather: Cloudy

Game 7 – @ Lions 20, Truman 16 • October 17, 2009

Joplin, Mo.. - A 30-yard touchdown pass from Roland Thompson to Landon Zerkel with 11:31 left in the fourth quarter proved to be the game-winner as the Missouri Southern football team defeated visiting Truman State, 20-16 today at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Southern (2-5, 2-4 MIAA) was out gained 350-302 and was a minus four in the turnover battle, but the Lions defense came up strong when they needed to holding Truman scoreless for the final 13 and a half minutes of the game.

Thompson completed 13-23 for 182 yards and two touchdowns, but was 8-10 in the second half. Toderick Hunt had 64 yards on the ground, while Thompson had 41 of his own. Daniel Thompson caught three passes for 69 yards and a score and Zerkel had two catches for 38 yards and the game-winning catch.

Andrew Gassen, in his first game back after suffering a concussion in the homecoming game against Nebraska-Omaha, was 2-2 in field goals with distances of 30 and and a career-high 47 yards. He also had three punts for an average of 46.3 yards, including a long 74 yard boot, and averaged 64.2 yards on kickoffs.

After both teams went scoreless in the first quarter, Truman (1-7, 0-6 MIAA) opened up the scoring with a three-yard run from Vanness Emokpae with seven minutes left in the first half. Gassen's first field goal of the day made it 7-3, before a 30-yarder from Truman kicker Mickey Masucci gave the Bulldogs a 10-3 lead at the half.

The Lions tied the game at ten after a 33-yard pass from Roland Thompson to Daniel Thompson with 6:52 left in the third, before another field goal from Masucci, this time a 23-yarder gave the Bulldogs a 13-10 advantage. Gassen's 47-yarder made it 13 all before a 26-yarder from Masucci, again gave the Bulldogs a three-point advantage.

The Lions put away Truman, however, with 11:31 left in the ball game, when Thompson hooked up with Zerkel as the redshirt freshman caught the ball inside the five and lunged to the end zone for the score.

Justin Cowper and Dusty Bratzler each had 12 tackles today with Cowper having two stops behind the line and three pass breakups. David Benham had nine tackles, while Rudy Mascaro and Andwoine Brown had eight each. Jaiurus Jarvis had five tackles, and a pass breakup, but three of the stops were sacks for a loss of 18 yards. The Lions had eight tackles behind the line of scrimmage today, and seven pass break ups with three quarterback hurries.

Game 8 – Lions 35 @ #12 Missouri Western 34 • October 24, 2009

Joplin, Mo.. - The Missouri Southern football team scored 21 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown pass from Roland Thompson to Daniel Thompson with 12 seconds left and defeated 12th ranked Missouri Western, 35-34 in St. Joseph today.

The Lions (3-5, 3-4 MIAA) get their first win in St. Joseph since 1997 and their first win over a ranked opponent since 2001 when the Lions defeated 11th ranked Central Missouri 35-13 at home. Daniel Thompson caught a career-high 160 yards in the air and came down with a career-high three touchdowns in the win. Roland Thompson went 22-41 and 248 yards with four touchdown passes, all career-highs for the junior. Johnny Johnson had 72 yards on seven carries and Toderick Hunt had 68 yards on 18 carries.

Western (7-2, 5-2 MIAA) took just three plays to take an early lead as Drew Newhart evaded the Lion's defensive pressure in the back field and found a wide open Ferrell McGhee for a 91-yard touchdown pass.

The Lions answered right back and tied the game. Threat, again had a big part in the drive as he and Thompson hooked up for a 56 yard catch to the Western 15 yard line on the first play of the drive. Hunt capped off the drive with a three-yard touchdown run to tie the game at seven.

The Lions went ahead 14-7 after a 20-yard touchdown pass from Roland Thompson to Daniel Thompson. The score gives Daniel Thompson a touchdown in nine of his last ten games.

Western would tie the game late in the first when Newhart and McGhee hooked up again, this time for 32 yards. A 34-yard field goal from Western's Brad Beckwith gave the Griffons a 17-14 lead at the half.

The Griffons opened up the scoring in the second half when Beckwith nailed a 20-yard field goal to give the Griffons a 20-14 lead and after a Lion fumble on the ensuing possession, Michael Hill gave Western a 27-14 lead with a 24-yard scamper to the end zone. Newhart made the score 34-14 after a 20-yard pass to Adam Clausen.

Roland Thompson and Daniel Thompson hooked up on the first play of the fourth quarter for a 39-yard pass to make the score 34-21. The Lions' defense came up huge on the ensuing possession and after forcing a punting situation, the punt was dropped by Beckwith and the Lions Charles Johnson tackled him for a 17-yard loss. Southern capitalized on the mistake and Thompson threw a 13-yard touchdown pass to Landon Zerkel to make the score 34-28.

The Southern defense again, coming up strong in the fourth quarter, and forced a Griffon turnover when Rudy Mascaro sacked Newhart and forced a fumble that David Benham picked up to give the Lions the ball back. Both the Lions and the Griffons would punt on their next possessions, but the Lions took the ball on their own 29-yard line with just over two minutes left and began the final drive.

The drive featured a fourth down conversion on a run from Hunt, before Roland Thompson took over. Passes to Isaac Norman, a 12-yarder, and Daniel Thompson, a 15-yarder set up the game-winning score to Daniel Thompson with 12 seconds left on the clock.

Box Score (Final)
Truman State vs Missouri Southern (Oct 17, 2009 at Joplin, Mo.)

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score |
|----------------------|---|----|----|---|-------|
| Truman State..... | 0 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 16 |
| Missouri Southern... | 0 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 20 |

Record: (1-7,0-6)
Record: (2-5,2-4)

Scoring Summary:

2nd 07:12 TSU - Emokpae,Vanness 3 yd run (Masucci,Mickey kick), 6-26 2:35, TSU 7 - MSSU 0
04:20 MSSU - Gassen,Andrew 30 yd field goal, 10-53 2:46, TSU 7 - MSSU 3
01:38 TSU - Masucci,Mickey 30 yd field goal, 8-58 2:34, TSU 10 - MSSU 3
3rd 06:52 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 33 yd pass from Thompson,Roland (Gassen,Andrew kick), 10-74 3:49, TSU 10 - MSSU 10
04:38 TSU - Masucci,Mickey 23 yd field goal, 6-50 2:07, TSU 13 - MSSU 10
00:57 MSSU - Gassen,Andrew 47 yd field goal, 9-32 3:33, TSU 13 - MSSU 13
4th 13:34 TSU - Masucci,Mickey 26 yd field goal, 7-64 2:16, TSU 16 - MSSU 13
11:31 MSSU - Zerkel,Landon 30 yd pass from Thompson,Roland (Gassen,Andrew kick), 6-79 1:55, TSU 16 - MSSU 20

| | TSU | MSSU |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 15 | 18 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 47-228 | 43-120 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 122 | 182 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 26-12-0 | 23-13-2 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS..... | 73-350 | 66-302 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 1-11 | 3-25 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 5-118 | 5-103 |
| Interception Returns-Yards..... | 2-0 | 0-0 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 5-38.8 | 4-34.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 3-0 | 4-2 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 8-70 | 6-70 |
| Possession Time..... | 34:43 | 25:17 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 6 of 19 | 8 of 17 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 1 of 2 | 0 of 0 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 4-6 | 1-1 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 3-24 | 3-18 |

RUSHING: Truman State-Emokpae,Vanness 16-150; Harvey,Donald 7-59; Ayora,Harnish 3-14; Beranrd,Anton 4-9; Kenney,Phil 4-9; Team 1-minus 5; Mundwiller,Andy 12-minus 8. Missouri Southern-Hunt,Toderick 17-64; Thompson,Roland 11-41; Johnson,Johnny 11-19; Thompson,Daniel 1-minus 1; TEAM 3-minus 3.

PASSING: Truman State-Mundwiller,Andy 12-26-0-122. Missouri Southern-Thompson,Roland 13-23-2-182.

RECEIVING: Truman State-Brown,Anthony 3-38; Flint,Seth 3-19; Emokpae,Vanness 1-33; D'Antonio,Steve 1-10; Brunette,C. 1-7; Kenney,Phil 1-7; Beranrd,Anton 1-4; Flores,Jordan 1-4. Missouri Southern-Thompson,Daniel 3-69; Threat,Ne'Ronte 3-23; Zerkel,Landon 2-38; Johnson,Johnny 2-36; Clipp,Scott 1-7; Norman,Isaac 1-6; Aiono,Anthon 1-3.

Box Score (Final)
Missouri Southern vs #12 Missouri Western (Oct 24, 2009 at St. Joseph, Mo.)

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score |
|-----------------------|----|---|----|----|-------|
| Missouri Southern.... | 14 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 35 |
| Missouri Western.... | 14 | 3 | 17 | 0 | 34 |

Record: (3-5,3-4)
Record: (7-2,6-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st 11:57 MSSU - McGhee,Ferrell 91 yd pass from Newhart,Drew (Beckwith,Brad kick), 3-96 1:01, MSSU 0 - MWSU 7
10:24 MSSU - Hunt,Toderick 3 yd run (Gassen,Andrew kick), 4-71 1:27, MSSU 7 - MWSU 7
06:43 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 20 yd pass from Thompson,Roland (Gassen,Andrew kick), 4-65 2:07, MSSU 14 - MWSU 7
02:09 MSSU - McGhee,Ferrell 32 yd pass from Newhart,Drew (Beckwith,Brad kick), 4-74 1:47, MSSU 14 - MWSU 14
2nd 00:31 MSSU - Beckwith,Brad 34 yd field goal, 8-31 2:05, MSSU 14 - MWSU 17
3rd 04:24 MSSU - Beckwith,Brad 20 yd field goal, 12-76 5:18, MSSU 14 - MWSU 20
03:44 MSSU - Hill,Michael 24 yd run (Beckwith,Brad kick), 2-39 0:27, MSSU 14 - MWSU 27
00:25 MSSU - Clausen,Adam 20 yd pass from Newhart,Drew (Beckwith,Brad kick), 3-51 1:18, MSSU 14 - MWSU 34
4th 14:52 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 39 yd pass from Thompson,Roland (Gassen,Andrew kick), 3-60 0:29, MSSU 21 - MWSU 34
12:24 MSSU - Zerkel,Landon 13 yd pass from Thompson,Roland (Gassen,Andrew kick), 5-24 1:07, MSSU 28 - MWSU 34
00:12 MSSU - Thompson,Daniel 10 yd pass from Thompson,Roland (Gassen,Andrew kick), 12-71 2:01, MSSU 35 - MWSU 34

| | MSSU | MWSU |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 23 | 26 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 31-151 | 36-135 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 298 | 383 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 41-22-3 | 46-24-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS..... | 72-449 | 82-518 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 1-9 | 2-30 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 7-141 | 5-103 |
| Interception Returns-Yards..... | 0-0 | 3-31 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 5-30.8 | 6-27.8 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 6-43 | 9-62 |
| Possession Time..... | 23:31 | 36:29 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 6 of 13 | 6 of 17 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 1 of 2 | 0 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 3-4 | 2-3 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 2-15 | 1-10 |

RUSHING: Missouri Southern-Johnson,Johnny 7-72; Hunt,Toderick 18-68; Thompson,Roland 6-11. Missouri Western-Hill,Michael 28-143; Newhart,Drew 4-7; Crockum,Tyron 3-2; Beckwith,Brad 1-minus 17.

PASSING: Missouri Southern-Thompson,Roland 22-41-3-298. Missouri Western-Newhart,Drew 24-46-0-383.

RECEIVING: Missouri Southern-Thompson,Daniel 11-160; Zerkel,Landon 6-58; Norman,Isaac 2-17; Johnson,Johnny 2-7; Threat,Ne'Ronte 1-56. Missouri Western-McGhee,Ferrell 6-158; Clausen,Adam 6-76; Houston,Cedric 4-46; Crockum,Tyron 3-53; Hill,Michael 2-28; Peters,Kip 2-10; White,Justin 1-12.

INTERCEPTIONS: Missouri Southern-None. Missouri Western-Jackson,Ben 2-29; Thompson,Ian 1-2.

FUMBLES: Missouri Southern-Thompson,Roland 1-1. Missouri Western-Newhart,Drew 1-1; McGhee,Ferrell 1-0.

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Missouri Southern vs #12 Missouri Western (Oct 24, 2009 at St. Joseph, Mo.)

Game 9 – @ Central Missouri 27 - Lions 17 • October 31, 2009

Warrensburg, Mo. - Nineteenth ranked Central Missouri scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and rebounded from an early 10-0 deficit to defeat the Lions 27-17 today in Warrensburg.

Last week, it was the Lions (3-6, 3-5 MIAA) scoring points in the fourth quarter to overcome a deficit, but the tables were turned today as the Mules (8-2, 6-2 MIAA) scored 20 points in the fourth to defeat the Lions and keep their playoff hopes alive.

Southern scored first as the Lions took advantage of a fumble from the Mules' DeMarco Cosby that was recovered by Jabarri Wesley and returned 11 yards to the Central Missouri 45-yard line. Roland Thompson completed two passes for for 16 yards and ran for another 13, before Andrew Gassen booted a 29-yard field goal to put Southern up on top, 3-0.

The Lions took a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter after Johnny Johnson capped off a 12-play drive that took up 61 yards and 3:38 off the clock when Johnson found the end zone on a four-yard run. Thompson completed passes of 24, 10 and 14 on the drive.

The Mules answered back quickly and after the Lions had a three and out, Central took just two plays to score when Czerniewski found Bobby Guillory for a 47-yard catch to cut the Lions' lead to 10-7 heading into halftime.

Neither team scored in the third, but Central scored just two minutes into the fourth on a one-yard run from Czerniewski. Guillory made the score 20-10 when he scampered to the end zone on a 33-yard touchdown. Each team added a late score for the final tally.

The Lions were out-gained 480-337 today, but were close in most every other category with the Mules. Central held a 20-19 advantage on first downs, and time of possession was nearly identical. Both teams had three turnovers with the Lions throwing three interceptions, but picking up three of the five Central Missouri fumbles. The big stat where Central had an advantage was on punt and kickoff returns. The Mules averaged 21.3 yards per punt return as opposed to the Lions 5.5 and 11.7 yards on kickoffs to the Lions' 4.4.

Thompson was the Lions leading rusher with 44 yards and a touchdown score. He averaged 6.3 yards per carry. He also went 21-47 for 239 yards. Landon Zerkel had 94 yards on seven catches, while Johnson and Toderick Hunt each rushed for 12 and 14 carries, respectively.

| Box Score (Final) | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----|-------|
| Missouri Southern vs #19 Central Missouri (Oct 31, 2009 at Warrensburg, Mo.) | | | | | |
| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score |
| Missouri Southern... | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | - 17 |
| Central Missouri.... | 0 | 7 | 0 | 20 | - 27 |

Record: (3-6, 3-5)

Record: (8-2, 6-2)

Scoring Summary:

1st 03:59 MSSU - Gassen,Andrew 29 yd field goal, 8-33 2:30, MSSU 3 - UCM 0
2nd 09:53 MSSU - Johnson,Johnny 4 yd run (Gassen,Andrew kick), 12-61 3:38, MSSU 10 - UCM 0
04:43 UCM - Guillory,Bobby 47 yd pass from Czerniewski,Eri (Jamieson,Aaron kick), 2-48 0:56, MSSU 10 - UCM 7
4th 12:59 UCM - Czerniewski,Eri 1 yd run (Jamieson,Aaron kick blocked), 9-62 3:56, MSSU 10 - UCM 13
04:15 UCM - Guillory,Bobby 33 yd run (Jamieson,Aaron kick), 3-90 1:23, MSSU 10 - UCM 20
01:04 MSSU - Thompson,Roland 1 yd run (Gassen,Andrew kick), 12-75 3:05, MSSU 17 - UCM 20
00:51 UCM - Stewart,Anthony 35 yd run (Jamieson,Aaron kick), 2-35 0:11, MSSU 17 - UCM 27

| | MSSU | UCM |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 19 | 20 |
| RUSHES-YARDS (NET)..... | 34-98 | 31-147 |
| PASSING YDS (NET)..... | 239 | 333 |
| Passes Att-Comp-Int..... | 48-21-3 | 40-23-0 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS.... | 82-337 | 71-480 |
| Fumble Returns-Yards..... | 3-22 | 0-0 |
| Punt Returns-Yards..... | 2-11 | 3-64 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards..... | 5-22 | 3-35 |
| Interception Returns-Yards.... | 0-0 | 3-12 |
| Punts (Number-Avg)..... | 7-34.7 | 5-37.4 |
| Fumbles-Lost..... | 0-0 | 5-3 |
| Penalties-Yards..... | 3-22 | 5-40 |
| Possession Time..... | 29:10 | 30:50 |
| Third-Down Conversions..... | 9 of 20 | 7 of 14 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions..... | 1 of 1 | 0 of 0 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances..... | 3-3 | 1-4 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards..... | 3-29 | 1-7 |

RUSHING: Missouri Southern-Thompson,Roland 7-44; Johnson,Johnny 12-29; Hunt,Toderick 14-25; Thompson,Daniel 1-0. Central Missouri-Stewart,Anthony 22-134; Guillory,Bobby 4-38; Gower,Zain 1-3; Czerniewski,Eri 4-minus 28.

PASSING: Missouri Southern-Thompson,Roland 21-47-3-239; TEAM 0-1-0-0. Central Missouri-Czerniewski,Eri 22-38-0-329; Corwin,Tommy 1-2-0-4.

RECEIVING: Missouri Southern-Zerkel,Landon 7-94; Thompson,Daniel 5-62; Johnson,Johnny 3-18; Poston,Stephen 2-22; Threat,Ne'Ronte 2-15; Norman,Isaac 1-24; Hunt,Toderick 1-4. Central Missouri-Stewart,Anthony 9-125; Cosby,DeMarco 6-88; Guillory,Bobby 3-64; Warren,Jamorris 2-29; Peterson,Tim 2-14; Mason,Seth 1-13.

INTERCEPTIONS: Missouri Southern-None. Central Missouri-Bangali,Joseph 1-10; Shepherd,Randy 1-2; Manson,Kor'Ree 1-0.

FUMBLES: Missouri Southern-None. Central Missouri-Czerniewski,Eri 2-1; Cosby,DeMarco 1-1; Guillory,Bobby 1-0; Stewart,Anthony 1-1.

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Missouri Southern vs #19 Central Missouri (Oct 31, 2009 at Warrensburg, Mo.)

SACKS (UA-A): Missouri Southern-Teer,Nick 1-0; Jarvis,Jairius 1-0. Central Missouri-Shepherd,Randy 1-0.

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Southern Two-Deep

OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVER

7-Landon Zerkel (6-3, 195, Fr.-R, Webb City, Mo.)
80-Daniel Thompson (5-11, 190, Sr., Carl Junction, Mo.)

LEFT TACKLE

68-Ian Saxton (6-4, 268, So., Joseph, Mo.)
73-Terry Cellars (6-6, 315, So., Wewoka, Okla.)

LEFT GUARD

69-Abdul Dione (6-3, 290, Jr., Bronx, NY)
71-Flint Whitehead (6-2, 250, So., Seneca, Mo.)

CENTER

75-Chris Norris (6-0, 280, Sr., Eureka, Mo.)
50-Colby Rossen (6-2, 250, Fr., Killgore, Texas)

RIGHT GUARD

74-Seth Hackney (6-2, 281, Fr.-R, Carl Junction, Mo.)
55-Kenton Stephens (6-3, 300, Sr., Owasso, Okla.)

RIGHT TACKLE

70-Sidney Spear (6-6, 325, Jr., Aurora, Colo.)
76-Ethan Powell (6-5, 248, Fr.-R, Bixby, Okla.)

TIGHT END

89-Scott Clipp (6-5, 242, So., Waynesville, Mo.)
82-Jordon Schultz (6-2, 215, So., Denver, Colo.)

WIDE RECEIVER

81-Issac Norman (5-5, 145, Jr., Jenks, Okla.)
22-Stephen Poston (6-2, 208, So., Carthage, Mo.)

QUARTERBACK

5-Roland Thompson (6-1, 215, Jr., New Orleans, La.)
14-Blake McDonald (6-3, 190, Fr.-R, Fayetteville, Ark.)

RUNNING BACK

21-Toderick Hunt (5-9, 215, Sr., Jasper, Texas)
2-Johnny Johnson (5-7, 186, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.)

FULLBACK

34-Anthon Aiono (5-11, 280, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.)
20-Brian Borgard (6-1, 235, So., Ozark, Mo.)

SPECIALISTS

KICKER

85-Andrew Gassen (6-4, 215, So., Clinton, Mo.)
39-Dallas Herndon (5-11, 165, Fr., Harrisonville, Mo.)

PUNTER

85-Andrew Gassen (6-4, 215, So., Clinton, Mo.)
26-Paul Kroll (5-9, 180, Jr., Loudon, Tenn.)

LONG SNAPPER

20-Brian Borgard (6-1, 235, So., Lake Ozark, Mo.)

HOLDER

5-Roland Thompson (6-1, 215, Jr., New Orleans, La.)

PUNT/KICK RETURNERS

17-Ne'Ronte Threat (5-9, 175, Fr., Texarkana, Texas)
2-Johnny Johnson (5-7, 186, Sr., St. Louis, Mo.)
13-Kellen Cox (5-10, 160, Fr.-R, Mount Vernon, Mo.)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

57-Nick Teer (6-1, 265, Jr., Waynesville, Mo.)
94-Brandon Dean (6-4, 233, Fr.-R., Independence, Mo.)

DEFENSIVE LINE

92-David Benham (6-5, 305, Sr., Okeene, Okla.)
99-Domenique Butler (6-1, 305, Jr., Hoover, Ala.)
91-Kenny Smith (6-0, 270, Fr.-R., Claremore, Okla.)

DEFENSIVE LINE

46-Jairius Jarvis (6-4, 245, Sr., Donaldsonville, La.)
88-Maurice Pearl (6-3, 247, So. Kansas City, Mo.)

WEAK SIDE LINEBACKER

36-Dusty Bratzler (6-3, 236, Jr., Bixby, Okla.)
12-Zach Schermer (6-0, 200, Fr., Ozark, Mo.)

STRONG SIDE LINEBACKER

3-Josh Woodard (6-2, 218, Jr., New Orleans, La.)
42-Rudy Mascaro (6-2, 190, Sr., Liberty, Mo.)

MIDDLE LINEBACKER

29-Richard Williams (6-0, 239, So., Port St. Lucie, Fla.)
15-Scott Reed (5-11, 205, Fr.-R, St. Louis, Mo.)

DEFENSIVE BACK

19-Antwoine Browne (5-9, 185, Fr.-R, Kansas City, Mo.)
32-Jabarri Wesley (5-11, 190, Fr., Hughes Springs, Texas)

DEFENSIVE BACK

28-Terrance Brady (6-1, 180, Fr., Mesquite, Texas)
40-Ishmael Underdown (5-10, 170, So, Oklahoma City, Okla.)

DEFENSIVE BACK

8-Terrance Scott (6-2, 190, Sr., Jasper, Texas)
16-Charles Johnson (5-9, 173, Fr.-R., Opelika, Ala.)

DEFENSIVE BACK

4-Justin Cowper (5-10, 170, Jr., Opelika, Ala.)
6-Chaz Russell (6-1, 195, Jr., Plantation, Fla.)

DEFENSIVE BACK

27-Eric Willis (5-11, 195, Fr., St. Louis, Mo.)
32-Jabarri Wesley (5-11, 190, Fr., Hughes Springs, Texas)

Fort Hays Two-Deep

OFFENSE

WIDE RECEIVER

4 Cordarol Scales (6-4, 220, JR)

7 Robert Mercer (6-5, 200, JR)

LEFT TACKLE

66 Wesley Yarbough (6-4, 310, SR)

73 Josh Reese (6-3, 235, RsFR)

LEFT GUARD

70 John "Hawk" Rose (6-2, 270, RsFR)

56 Tyrone Lewis (6-3, 285, SR)

CENTER

55 Paul Nelson (6-3, 300, JR)

70 John "Hawk" Rose (6-2, 270, RsFR)

RIGHT GUARD

74 Antwone Topps (6-5, 315, SR)

69 Matt Bruner (6-3, 285, JR)

RIGHT TACKLE

71 Colby McKinney (6-5, 315, JR)

73 Josh Reese (6-3, 235, RsFR)

TIGHT END

87 Beau Gadwood (6-3, 260, JR)

89 Adam Jones (6-3, 240, SR)

WIDE RECEIVER

84 O.J. Murdock (6-0, 195, JR)

2 Damian Maybery (6-2, 180, FR)

FULLBACK

47 Cody Palmer (5-10, 245, SO)

38 Daniel Capul (6-0, 240, FR)

TAILBACK

25 James Walker (5-10, 225, JR)

28 Jacobb Irvin (6-0, 200, SR)

QUARTERBACK

8 Mike Garrison (6-4, 215, JR)

11 Blake McAhren (6-4, 195, JR)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

65 Charlie Carr (6-2, 270, SR)

95 Macy Sexson (6-2, 260, SR)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

98 Reggie St. Pierre (6-1, 295, SR)

97 Ernesto Martinez (6-0, 280, JR)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

99 Jacob Crossman (6-3, 290, JR)

90 Aaron Kelly (5-11, 265, RsFR)

DEFENSIVE END

92 Garrett Nikkel (6-5, 270, JR)

91 Aaron Burton (6-4, 285, RsFR)

LINEBACKER

42 Layton Hickel (6-3, 210, RsFR)

43 Brock Einspahr (6-3, 215, SO)

LINEBACKER

41 Nick Dreitz (6-2, 220, SO)

46 Kyle Perry (6-4, 210, RsFR)

DEFENSIVE BACK

24 Wayne Shephard (6-2, 190, JR)

20 Timothy Parker (5-10, 180, FR)

CORNERBACK

10 C.J. Lovett (6-1, 195, SR)

20 Timothy Parker (5-10, 180, FR)

STRONG SAFETY

5 Seth Blackwell (6-2, 210, JR)

36 Taylor Bersuch (6-2, 180, RsFR)

FREE SAFETY

23 Michael Walker (6-1, 200, JR)

15 Cole Gottula (6-3, 185, SO)

CORNERBACK

21 Gordon Butler (6-1, 195, SR)

12 O'Neal Boatner (5-9, 165, JR)

SPECIALISTS

KICKER

27 Nathan Rausa (5-9, 170, SR)

32 Ethan Kosjer (6-2, 175, SO)

PUNTER

32 Ethan Kosjer (6-2, 175, SO)

HOLDER

32 Ethan Kosjer (6-2, 175, SO)

LONGSNAPPER

81 Drew Steffen (6-3, 205, JR)

RETURNERS

28 Jacobb Irvin (6-0, 200, SR)

10 C.J. Lovett (6-1, 195, SR)

Missouri Southern Lions (3-6, 3-5 MIAA)

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/Previous School |
|-----|---------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Korie Henry*** | TE | 6-4 | 248 | Sr. | Kansas City, Mo./Raytown HS |
| 2 | Johnny Johnson*** | WR | 5-7 | 186 | Sr. | St. Louis, Mo./Francis Howell HS |
| 3 | Josh Woodard** | LB | 6-2 | 205 | Jr.-R | New Orleans, La./East St. John HS |
| 4 | Justin Cowper** | DB | 5-10 | 170 | Jr.-R | Opelika, Ala./Opelika HS |
| 5 | Roland Thompson** | QB | 6-1 | 215 | Jr.-R | New Orleans, La./Brother Martin HS |
| 6 | Chaz Russell | DB | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | Plantation, Fla./West Virginia Univ. |
| 7 | Landon Zerkel | WR | 6-3 | 195 | Fr.-R | Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS |
| 8 | Terrance Scott*** | DB | 6-2 | 190 | Sr. | Jasper, Texas/Jasper HS |
| 10 | Corderial Collier** | DB | 5-11 | 215 | Jr.-R | Opelika, Ala./Opelika HS |
| 11 | Collin Howard* | QB | 6-3 | 202 | So.-R | Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS |
| 12 | Zach Schermer | LB | 6-0 | 200 | Fr. | Ozark, Mo./Ozark HS |
| 13 | Kellen Cox | WR | 5-10 | 160 | Fr.-R | Mount Vernon, Mo./Mount Vernon HS |
| 14 | Blake McDonald | QB | 6-3 | 190 | Fr.-R | Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville HS |
| 15 | Scott Reed | LB | 5-11 | 205 | Fr.-R | St. Louis, Mo./Oakville HS |
| 16 | Charles Johnson | DB | 5-9 | 173 | Fr.-R | Opelika, Ala./Opelika HS |
| 17 | Ne'Ronte Threat | WR | 5-9 | 175 | Fr. | Texarkana, Texas/Pleasant Grove HS |
| 18 | David Snell | RB | 6-0 | 190 | Fr. | Springfield, Mo./Springfield Central HS |
| 19 | Antwoine Brown | DB | 5-9 | 185 | Fr.-R | Kansas City, Mo./Liberty HS |
| 20 | Brian Borgard* | RB/LS | 6-1 | 235 | So. | Ozark, Mo./Ozark HS |
| 21 | Toderick Hunt*** | RB | 5-9 | 215 | Sr. | Jasper, Texas/Jasper HS |
| 22 | Stephen Poston* | WR | 6-2 | 208 | So. | Carthage, Mo./Carthage HS |
| 23 | D'Angelo Wood | WR | 6-2 | 185 | Fr.-R | St. Louis, Mo./Marquette HS |
| 24 | Steven Sumpter | RB | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | Edmond, Okla./Sante Fe HS |
| 25 | Cornell Geward | RB | 5-9 | 179 | Fr.-R | St. Martinville, La./St. Martinville HS |
| 26 | Paul Kroll | K/P | 5-9 | 180 | Jr. | Loudon, Tenn./Penn State Univ. |
| 27 | Eric Willis | WR | 5-11 | 195 | Fr. | St. Louis, Mo./McClure South HS |
| 28 | Terrance Brady | DB | 6-1 | 180 | Fr. | Mesquite, Texas/John Horn HS |
| 29 | Richard Williams* | LB | 6-0 | 239 | So. | Port St. Lucie, Fla./Fort Pierce Central HS |
| 30 | Zak Porath | P | 6-0 | 190 | Fr. | Carl Junction, Mo./Carl Junction HS |
| 31 | Demond Horsely | DB | 5-10 | 195 | Fr. | Atlanta, Texas/Atlanta HS |
| 32 | Jabarri Wesley | DB | 5-11 | 190 | Fr. | Hughes Springs, Texas/Hughes Springs HS |
| 33 | Elreo Smith** | RB | 5-11 | 215 | Jr.-R | Wynne, Ark./Wynne HS |
| 34 | John Aiono** | RB | 5-11 | 280 | Jr.-R | Kansas City, Mo./Park Hill HS |
| 35 | John Michael Bryant | LB | 6-3 | 230 | So. | Bartlett, Tenn./Univ. of Memphis |
| 36 | Dusty Bratzler** | LB | 6-3 | 236 | Jr.-R | Bixby, Okla./Bixby HS |
| 37 | Eric Thomason | RB | 6-0 | 240 | Fr.-R | Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS |
| 38 | Gavin Pace | FB | 5-11 | 267 | Fr. | Mayflower, Ark./Mayflower HS |
| 39 | Dallas Herndon | K/P | 5-11 | 165 | Fr. | Harrisonville, Mo./Harrisonville HS |
| 40 | Ishmael Underdown* | DB | 5-10 | 170 | So.-R | Oklahoma City, Okla./Northeast Academy |
| 41 | Drew Bristol | K | 6-2 | 215 | Fr. | Prosper, Texas/Prosper HS |
| 42 | Rudy Mascaro*** | LB | 6-2 | 190 | Sr. | Liberty, Mo./Liberty HS |
| 44 | Sterling Carter** | DL | 6-1 | 241 | Jr. | Arlington, Texas/Mansfield Summit HS |
| 45 | Zopon Williams* | DL | 6-2 | 230 | So. | Edmond, Okla./Santa Fe HS |
| 46 | Jairius Jarvis* | DB | 6-5 | 245 | Sr. | Donaldsonville, La./Nicholls State |
| 47 | Skyler Vandiver*** | DB | 5-9 | 190 | Sr. | Maryville, Mo./Benedictine College |
| 48 | Stuart Hollon | LB | 5-11 | 217 | Fr. | Mayflower, Ark./Mayflower HS |
| 49 | Aaron Young | WR | 6-3 | 210 | Fr. | Keller, Texas/Keller HS |
| 50 | Colby Rosen | OL | 6-2 | 250 | Fr. | Killgore, Texas/Killgore HS |
| 51 | Simo Atagi* | DL | 5-11 | 256 | So.-R | Independence, Mo./Fort Osage HS |
| 52 | Eric Marshall | LB | 5-10 | 235 | Fr.-R | Tulsa, Okla./Jenks HS |
| 53 | Trenton Henderson | OL | 6-2 | 298 | Fr.-R | Mount Vernon, Mo./Mount Vernon HS |
| 54 | Jared Brawner*** | LB | 6-1 | 237 | Sr. | Kirksville, Mo./Kirksville HS |
| 55 | Kenton Stephens*** | DL | 6-3 | 300 | Sr. | Owasso, Okla./Owasso HS |
| 57 | Nick Teer** | DL | 6-1 | 265 | Jr. | Waynesville, Mo./Waynesville HS |
| 58 | AJ Nebe | DE | 6-1 | 230 | Fr. | Mesquite, Texas/ John Horn HS |
| 64 | James Coleman | OL | 6-6 | 280 | Fr.-R | St. Louis, Mo./Marquette HS |
| 65 | Ty Elbert | OL | 6-0 | 280 | Fr.-R | Seneca, Mo./Seneca HS |
| 66 | Brandon Williams* | DL | 6-3 | 325 | So. | Kirkwood, Mo./Rockwood Summit HS |
| 67 | Bryant Newell | OL | 6-6 | 290 | Fr.-R | Springdale, Ark./Springdale Har-Ber HS |
| 68 | Ian Saxton* | OL | 6-4 | 268 | So.-R | St. Joseph, Mo./Benton HS |
| 69 | Abdul Dione | OL | 6-3 | 290 | Jr. | Bronx, NY/Grossmont (Calif.) College |
| 70 | Sidney Spear | OL | 6-6 | 325 | Jr. | Aurora, Colo./Fort Hays State Univ. |
| 71 | Flint Whitehead* | OL | 6-2 | 250 | So.-R | Seneca, Mo./Seneca HS |
| 73 | Terry Cellars* | OL | 6-6 | 315 | So.-R | Wewoka, Okla./Sasakwa HS |
| 74 | Seth Hackney | OL | 6-2 | 281 | Fr.-R | Carl Junction, Mo./Carl Junction HS |
| 75 | Chris Norris*** | OL | 6-0 | 288 | Sr. | Eureka, Mo./Eureka HS |
| 76 | Ethan Powell | OL | 6-5 | 248 | Fr.-R | Bixby, Okla./Bixby HS |
| 77 | Tommy White | OL | 6-5 | 270 | Fr. | Booneville, Mo./Booneville HS |
| 78 | Josh Linn | OL | 6-4 | 284 | Fr. | Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville HS |
| 80 | Daniel Thompson** | WR | 5-11 | 190 | Sr. | Carl Junction, Mo./Carl Junction HS |
| 81 | Isaac Norman*** | WR | 5-5 | 153 | Sr. | Jenks, Okla./Jenks HS |

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/Previous School |
|-----|------------------|------|-----|-----|-------|------------------------------------|
| 82 | Jordon Schultz* | TE | 6-2 | 215 | So.-R | Denver, Colo./George Washington HS |
| 83 | Tye Wright | WR | 6-0 | 195 | So. | Myrtle Beach, SC/Dodge City CC |
| 84 | Eric Botts* | WR | 6-1 | 185 | So. | Mount Vernon, Mo./Mount Vernon HS |
| 85 | Andrew Gassen* | K/P | 6-3 | 215 | So. | Clinton, Mo./Ohio State University |
| 87 | Austin Lepper | TE | 6-3 | 230 | Fr. | Webb City, Mo./Webb City HS |
| 88 | Maurice Pearl* | DL | 6-3 | 247 | So.-R | Kansas City, Mo./Fort Osage HS |
| 89 | Scott Clipp** | TE | 6-5 | 240 | Jr. | Waynesville, Mo./Waynesville HS |
| 91 | Kenny Smith | DL | 6-0 | 270 | Fr.-R | Claremore, Okla./Foyil HS |
| 92 | David Benham*** | DL | 6-5 | 286 | Sr. | Okeene, Okla./Okeene HS |
| 93 | Eric McCowan | DL | 6-3 | 260 | Fr. | Marshall, Texas/Marshall HS |
| 94 | Brandon Dean | DL | 6-4 | 233 | Fr.-R | Independence, Mo./Fort Osage HS |
| 96 | Mortez Jackson | FB | 5-7 | 192 | Fr.-R | St. Louis, Mo./Kentucky State |
| 97 | Titus Webster | DL | 6-2 | 280 | Fr. | Atlanta, Texas/Atlanta HS |
| 98 | Kyle Wiseman | DL | 6-3 | 260 | Fr. | Cayuga, Texas/Cayuga HS |
| 99 | Domenique Butler | DL | 6-1 | 305 | Jr.-R | Hoover, Ala./Highland CC |

* Indicates number of letters earned

Head Coach: Bart Tatum

Assistant Coaches:

Daryl Daye (Defensive Coordinator)

Matt Karleskint (Offensive Coordinator)

Mike Mutz (Defensive Backs)

Matt Plunkett (Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator)

John Tatum (Running Backs)

Jared Elliot (Wide Receivers)

Raleigh Jackson (Defensive Ends)

Troy Jorgensen (Strength and Conditioning)

JR Tatum (Tight Ends)

De'Von Lockett (Assistant Defensive Backs)

Brandon Smith (Offensive Assistant)



Pronunciation Guide

Anthon: AN - Thon

Aiono: EYE - oh - no

Atagi: uh - TAH - gee

Cowper: Cooper

Dione: DEE - ahn

Jarius: JARE - us

Nebe: NEE-bee

Vandiver: VAN - de - ver

Neronte: Na-RON-te

Threat: Threet...Rhymes with treat

Fort Hays State Tigers (5-5. 3-5 MIAA)

| No. Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1 E.J. James | RB | 5-10 | 225 | Jr | Kansas City, Kan. (Dodge City CC) |
| 2 Damian Mayberry | WR | 6-2 | 180 | Fr | Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton HS) |
| 4 Cordaroi Scales | WR | 6-4 | 220 | Jr | Van Nuys, Calif. (Los Angeles Valley College) |
| 5 Seth Blackwell | DB | 6-2 | 210 | Jr | Sand Springs, Okla. (Page HS) |
| 6 Jordan Ottley | RB | 5-9 | 170 | Fr | Victoria, Kan. (Victoria HS) |
| 7 Robert Mercer | WR | 6-5 | 200 | Jr | Cleveland, Ohio (Ohio University) |
| 8 Mike Garrison | QB | 6-4 | 215 | Sr | Overland Park, Kan. (Butler CC) |
| 9 Austin Hubert | DB | 6-4 | 190 | R-Fr | Garden Plain, Kan. (Garden Plain HS) |
| 10 C.J. Lovett | DB | 6-1 | 195 | Sr | Thornton, Colo. (Northern Colorado) |
| 11 Blake McAhren | QB | 6-4 | 195 | Jr | Fairfield, Calif. (Solano CC) |
| 12 O'Neal Boatner | DB | 5-9 | 165 | Jr | Compton, Calif. (Compton College) |
| 13 Ramone Bonner | DB | 6-0 | 175 | R-Fr | Tulsa, Okla. (Union HS) |
| 14 Craig Knoll | K | 5-10 | 150 | Fr | Fort Collins, Colo. (Fossil Ridge HS) |
| 15 Cole Gottula | DB | 6-3 | 185 | So | Franklin, Neb. (Franklin HS) |
| 16 Tanner Hageman | QB | 6-1 | 170 | Fr | Cheney, Kan. (Cheney HS) |
| 17 Anthony Smith | WR | 6-3 | 210 | Jr | Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston HS) |
| 18 Stephen Ike | WR | 5-10 | 160 | Fr | Frisco, Colo. (Summit HS) |
| 19 Kenny Kinard | WR | 5-11 | 180 | Jr | N Hollywood, Calif. (Los Angeles Valley C.) |
| 20 Timothy Parker | DB | 5-10 | 180 | Fr | Glendale, Ariz. (Ironwood HS) |
| 21 Gordon Butler | DB | 6-1 | 195 | Sr | Edmond, Okla. (Edmond Memorial HS) |
| 22 Cody Conner | WR | 5-11 | 170 | R-Fr | Amarillo, Texas (Amarillo HS) |
| 23 Michael Walker | DB | 6-1 | 200 | Jr | Broken Arrow, Okla. (Broken Arrow HS) |
| 24 Wayne Shephard | DB | 6-2 | 190 | Jr | Pacoima, Calif. (Los Angeles Valley College) |
| 25 James Walker | RB | 5-10 | 225 | Jr | Pacoima, Calif. (Los Angeles Valley College) |
| 26 Chris Copelan | DB | 6-2 | 210 | Jr | Hermosa Beach, Calif. (Ventura HS) |
| 27 Nathan Rausa | K | 5-9 | 170 | Sr | Waterloo, Iowa (University of Northern Iowa) |
| 28 Jacobb Irvin | RB | 6-0 | 200 | Sr | Oklahoma City, Okla. (Northwest Oklahoma) |
| 29 Bryce Mallette | DB | 6-1 | 195 | So | Phoenix, Ariz. (Dana College) |
| 30 Shaun Ohlde | RB | 5-11 | 175 | Fr | Palmer, Kan. (Linn HS) |
| 31 Dylan Demel | DB | 6-0 | 190 | R-Fr | Hoisington, Kan. (Hoisington HS) |
| 32 Ethan Kosjer | P/K | 6-2 | 175 | So | Douglass, Kan. (Douglass HS) |
| 33 Andy Brunner | LB | 6-1 | 230 | Jr | Silver Lake, Kan. (Highland CC) |
| 34 Jordan Webb | LB | 6-1 | 190 | Fr | Tescott, Kan. (Tescott HS) |
| 35 Stephen Marcotte | DB | 6-0 | 195 | Fr | Blackwell, Okla. (Blackwell HS) |
| 36 Taylor Bersuch | DB | 6-2 | 180 | R-Fr | McPherson, Kan. (McPherson High School) |
| 37 Drew Yarmer | WR | 6-2 | 175 | R-Fr | Downs, Kan. (Graceland University) |
| 38 Daniel Capul | FB | 6-0 | 240 | Fr | Garden Plain, Kan. (Garden Plain HS) |
| 39 Justin Glenn | DL | 6-1 | 245 | Jr | Enid, Okla. (Enid HS) |
| 40 Alex Whitehill | LB | 6-3 | 215 | So | McPherson, Kan. (McPherson HS) |
| 41 Nick Dreitz | LB | 6-2 | 220 | So | Brush, Colo. (Brush HS) |
| 42 Layton Hickel | LB | 6-3 | 210 | R-Fr | Clafflin, Kan. (Clafflin HS) |
| 43 Brock Einspahr | LB | 6-3 | 215 | So | Alma, Neb. (Southern Valley HS) |
| 44 A.J. Woodall | LB | 6-1 | 225 | Fr | Chandler, Okla. (Chandler HS) |
| 45 Brian Humphrey | LB | 6-1 | 225 | Jr | Tulsa, Okla. (Booker T. Washington HS) |
| 46 Kyle Perry | LB | 6-4 | 210 | R-Fr | Garden Plain, Kan. (Garden Plain HS) |
| 47 Cody Palmer | FB | 5-10 | 245 | So | Fountain, Colo. (Butler CC) |
| 48 Skyler Smith | LB | 6-1 | 250 | Fr | Guthrie, Okla. (Guthrie HS) |
| 54 Brandon Gallegos | OL | 6-0 | 275 | Fr | Thornton, Colo. (Mountain Range HS) |
| 55 Paul Nelson | OL | 6-3 | 300 | Jr | Dodge City, Kan. (Dodge City CC) |
| 56 Tyrone Lewis | OL | 6-3 | 285 | Sr | Denver, Colo. (Alameda HS) |
| 57 Jordan Itschner | OL | 5-11 | 250 | Fr | Salina, Kan. (Salina South HS) |
| 64 Matt Frantz | OL | 6-4 | 275 | Fr | Lawrence, Kan. (Lawrence Free State HS) |
| 65 Charlie Carr | DL | 6-2 | 270 | Sr | Elk City, Okla. (Elk City HS) |
| 66 Wesley Yarbough | OL | 6-4 | 310 | Sr | Missouri City, Texas (North Iowa Area CC) |
| 69 Matt Bruner | OL | 6-3 | 285 | Jr | Andover, Kan. (Butler CC) |
| 70 John "Hawk" Rouse | OL | 6-2 | 270 | R-Fr | Ardmore, Okla. (Dickson HS) |
| 71 Colby McKinney | OL | 6-5 | 315 | Jr | Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West HS) |
| 72 Nic Langford | OL | 6-4 | 255 | R-Fr | Kansas City, Kan. (J.C. Harmon HS) |
| 73 Josh Reese | OL | 6-3 | 235 | R-Fr | McPherson, Kan. (McPherson HS) |
| 74 Antwone Topps | OL | 6-5 | 315 | Sr | Chicago, Ill. (Arizona Western College) |
| 76 Thomas Rollins | OL | 6-3 | 300 | Fr | Noble, Okla. (Noble HS) |
| 78 Lamar Leon | OL | 6-2 | 300 | Jr | Tallahassee, Fla. (Georgia Military College) |
| 79 Vincent Shatwell | OL | 6-1 | 275 | Fr | Phoenix, Ariz. (Westview HS) |
| 80 Kent Herman | WR | 6-5 | 200 | Fr | Seibert, Colo. (Hi-Plains HS) |
| 81 Drew Steffen | WR | 6-3 | 205 | Jr | Hays, Kan. (Hays HS) |
| 82 Dajuan Mack | WR | 6-2 | 215 | Fr | Denver, Colo. (Bear Creek HS) |
| 83 Chris Williams | WR | 6-2 | 180 | Fr | Tulsa, Okla. (East Central HS) |
| 84 O.J. Murdock | WR | 6-0 | 195 | Jr | Tampa, Fla. (Pearl River CC) |
| 85 Andrew Allen | WR | 6-2 | 190 | Jr | Tampa, Fla. (Laney College) |
| 86 Grant Brown | TE | 6-4 | 240 | So | Beloit, Kan. (Beloit HS) |
| 87 Beau Gadwood | TE | 6-3 | 260 | Sr | Shawnee, Kan. (Butler CC) |
| 88 Chris Gaines | WR | 5-9 | 165 | Fr | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sierra HS) |
| 89 Adam Jones | TE | 6-3 | 240 | Sr | Woodbridge, Va. (Peabody-Burns HS) |
| 90 Aaron Kelly | DL | 5-11 | 265 | R-Fr | Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City HS) |
| 91 Aaron Burton | DL | 6-4 | 285 | R-Fr | Great Bend, Kan. (Great Bend HS) |

| No. Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|----------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------|
| 92 Garrett Nikkel | DL | 6-5 | 270 | Jr | Goddard, Kan. (Cheney HS) |
| 93 T.J. Wheelles | DL | 5-10 | 235 | Fr | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Wasson HS) |
| 95 Macy Sexson | DL | 6-2 | 260 | Sr | Weskan, Kan. (Weskan HS) |
| 97 Ernesto Martinez | DL | 6-0 | 280 | Jr | Tampa, Fla. (Florida Atlantic University) |
| 98 Reggie St. Pierre | DL | 6-1 | 295 | Sr | Miami, Fla. (North Iowa Area CC) |
| 99 Jacob Crossman | DL | 6-3 | 290 | Jr | Haysville, Kan. (Campus HS) |

Kevin Verdugo-Head Coach

Kyle Nystrom-Defensive Coordinator

Greg Bryant-Defensive Line

Jeff Bryant-Offensive Line

Al McCray-Wide Receivers

Connor Jostes-Tight Ends

Ben Gaeth-Linebackers

Max Warner-Running Backs

Monte Spiller-Cornerbacks



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Missouri Southern Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 04, 2009) All games

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| RECORD: | OVERALL | HOME | AWAY | NEUTRAL |
| ALL GAMES..... | (3-6-0) | (2-2-0) | (1-4-0) | (0-0-0) |
| CONFERENCE..... | (3-5-0) | (2-2-0) | (1-3-0) | (0-0-0) |
| NON-CONFERENCE..... | (0-1-0) | (0-0-0) | (0-1-0) | (0-0-0) |

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | SCORE | ATTEND |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| Aug 29, 2009 | at Harding | L | 15-17 | 3276 |
| *Sep 12, 2009 | at Washburn | L | 31-54 | 5928 |
| *Sep 19, 2009 | EMPORIA STATE | W | 34-13 | 4219 |
| *Sep 26, 2009 | NEBRASKA-OMAHA | L | 36-44 | 6127 |
| *Oct 3, 2009 | PITTSBURG STATE | L | 13-21 | 7738 |
| *Oct 10, 2009 | at #6 NW Missouri State | L | 6-52 | 4872 |
| *Oct 17, 2009 | TRUMAN STATE | W | 20-16 | 1492 |
| *Oct 24, 2009 | at #12 Missouri Western | W | 35-34 | 2908 |
| *Oct 31, 2009 | at #19 Central Missouri | L | 17-27 | 4875 |

| RUSHING | GP | Att | Gain | Loss | Net | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|------|------|----|------|-------|
| Hunt,Toderick | 9 | 137 | 561 | 29 | 532 | 3.9 | 3 | 38 | 59.1 |
| Johnson,Johnny | 9 | 97 | 519 | 41 | 478 | 4.9 | 4 | 53 | 53.1 |
| Thompson,Roland | 6 | 33 | 192 | 47 | 145 | 4.4 | 1 | 16 | 24.2 |
| Snell,David | 8 | 19 | 95 | 4 | 91 | 4.8 | 0 | 33 | 11.4 |
| Howard,Collin | 4 | 52 | 173 | 88 | 85 | 1.6 | 0 | 16 | 21.2 |
| Thompson,Daniel | 9 | 9 | 51 | 2 | 49 | 5.4 | 2 | 14 | 5.4 |
| Sumpter,Steven | 3 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 1.8 | 0 | 3 | 3.0 |
| Brown,Antwoine | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| TEAM | 4 | 5 | 0 | 13 | -13 | -2.6 | 0 | 0 | -3.2 |
| Total..... | 9 | 358 | 1602 | 224 | 1378 | 3.8 | 10 | 53 | 153.1 |
| Opponents..... | 9 | 358 | 1626 | 295 | 1331 | 3.7 | 13 | 52 | 147.9 |

| PASSING | GP | Effic | Cmp-Att-Int | Pct | Yds | TD | Lng | Avg/G |
|-----------------|----|--------|-------------|------|------|----|-----|-------|
| Thompson,Roland | 6 | 97.67 | 84-168-13 | 50.0 | 988 | 7 | 56 | 164.7 |
| Howard,Collin | 4 | 129.36 | 67-121-5 | 55.4 | 792 | 10 | 46 | 198.0 |
| TEAM | 4 | 0.00 | 0-1-0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total..... | 9 | 110.56 | 151-290-18 | 52.1 | 1780 | 17 | 56 | 197.8 |
| Opponents..... | 9 | 144.59 | 202-334-8 | 60.5 | 2710 | 21 | 91 | 301.1 |

| RECEIVING | GP | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long | Avg/G |
|-----------------|----|-----|------|------|----|------|-------|
| Thompson,Daniel | 9 | 40 | 578 | 14.4 | 10 | 46 | 64.2 |
| Zerkel,Landon | 9 | 38 | 575 | 15.1 | 6 | 40 | 63.9 |
| Johnson,Johnny | 9 | 21 | 137 | 6.5 | 1 | 31 | 15.2 |
| Norman,Isaac | 9 | 18 | 159 | 8.8 | 0 | 24 | 17.7 |
| Threat,Ne'Ronte | 8 | 10 | 136 | 13.6 | 0 | 56 | 17.0 |
| Poston,Stephen | 8 | 9 | 93 | 10.3 | 0 | 26 | 11.6 |
| Clipp,Scott | 9 | 8 | 65 | 8.1 | 0 | 20 | 7.2 |
| Hunt,Toderick | 9 | 4 | 11 | 2.8 | 0 | 7 | 1.2 |
| Aiono,Anthon | 9 | 2 | 15 | 7.5 | 0 | 12 | 1.7 |
| Sumpter,Steven | 3 | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 0 | 11 | 3.7 |
| Total..... | 9 | 151 | 1780 | 11.8 | 17 | 56 | 197.8 |
| Opponents..... | 9 | 202 | 2710 | 13.4 | 21 | 91 | 301.1 |

| FIELD GOALS | FGM-FGA | Pct | 01-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-99 | Lg | Btk |
|----------------|---------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|-----|
| Gassen,Andrew | 4-7 | 57.1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 47 | 0 |
| Poston,Stephen | 0-1 | 0.0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |

| SCORING | TD | FGs | Kick | Rush | Rcv | Pass | DXP | Saf | Points |
|-----------------|----|-------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|--------|
| Thompson,Daniel | 12 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 72 |
| Zerkel,Landon | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 38 |
| Gassen,Andrew | 0 | 4-7 | 20-22 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Johnson,Johnny | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| Hunt,Toderick | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Brown,Antwoine | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Thompson,Roland | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Schultz,Jordon | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TEAM | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Poston,Stephen | 0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Herndon,Dallas | 0 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Howard,Collin | 0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1-1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 28 | 4-8 | 21-25 | 0-0 | 2 | 2-2 | 0 | 1 | 207 |
| Opponents..... | 34 | 14-21 | 30-33 | 1-1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 278 |

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Missouri Southern... | 48 | 33 | 29 | 97 | - 207 |
| Opponents..... | 58 | 88 | 55 | 77 | - 278 |

| TOTAL OFFENSE | G | Plays | Rush | Pass | Total | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Thompson,Roland | 6 | 201 | 145 | 988 | 1133 | 188.8 |
| Howard,Collin | 4 | 173 | 85 | 792 | 877 | 219.2 |
| Hunt,Toderick | 9 | 137 | 532 | 0 | 532 | 59.1 |
| Johnson,Johnny | 9 | 97 | 478 | 0 | 478 | 53.1 |
| Snell,David | 8 | 19 | 91 | 0 | 91 | 11.4 |
| Thompson,Daniel | 9 | 9 | 49 | 0 | 49 | 5.4 |
| Total..... | 9 | 648 | 1378 | 1780 | 3158 | 350.9 |

| TEAM STATISTICS | MSSU | OPP |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| FIRST DOWNS..... | 173 | 192 |
| Rushing..... | 72 | 61 |
| Passing..... | 83 | 115 |
| Penalty..... | 18 | 16 |
| RUSHING YARDAGE..... | 1378 | 1331 |
| Rushing Attempts..... | 358 | 358 |
| Average Per Rush..... | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| Average Per Game..... | 153.1 | 147.9 |
| TDs Rushing..... | 10 | 13 |
| PASSING YARDAGE..... | 1780 | 2710 |
| Comp-Att-Int..... | 151-290-18 | 202-334-8 |
| Average Per Pass..... | 6.1 | 8.1 |
| Average Per Catch..... | 11.8 | 13.4 |
| Average Per Game..... | 197.8 | 301.1 |
| TDs Passing..... | 17 | 21 |
| TOTAL OFFENSE..... | 3158 | 4041 |
| Average Per Play..... | 4.9 | 5.8 |
| Average Per Game..... | 350.9 | 449.0 |
| KICK RETURNS: #-Yards.... | 51-860 | 35-677 |
| PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards.... | 13-67 | 20-242 |
| INT RETURNS: #-Yards.... | 8-49 | 18-200 |
| FUMBLES-LOST..... | 15-8 | 17-8 |
| PENALTIES-Yards..... | 49-422 | 64-532 |
| PUNTS-AVG..... | 53-33.6 | 39-36.7 |
| TIME OF POSSESSION/Game.. | 27:06 | 32:54 |
| 3RD-DOWN Conversions..... | 55/139 | 57/146 |
| 4TH-DOWN Conversions..... | 6/14 | 9/19 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Scott,Terrance | 3 | 8 | 2.7 | 0 | 8 |
| Cowper,Justin | 2 | 31 | 15.5 | 0 | 18 |
| Johnson,Charles | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams,Richar | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 0 | 10 |
| Woodard,Josh | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 8 | 49 | 6.1 | 0 | 18 |
| Opponents..... | 18 | 200 | 11.1 | 0 | 60 |

| PUNTING | No. | Yds | Avg | Long | TB | FC | I20 | B1kd |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|------|----|----|-----|------|
| Gassen,Andrew | 25 | 953 | 38.1 | 74 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Kroll,Paul | 22 | 667 | 30.3 | 60 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Thompson,Roland | 5 | 160 | 32.0 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| TEAM | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total..... | 53 | 1780 | 33.6 | 74 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 1 |
| Opponents..... | 39 | 1433 | 36.7 | 51 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 1 |

| PUNT RETURNS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Cox,Kellen | 7 | 30 | 4.3 | 0 | 9 |
| Threat,Ne'Ronte | 5 | 28 | 5.6 | 0 | 14 |
| Zerkel,Landon | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total..... | 13 | 67 | 5.2 | 0 | 14 |
| Opponents..... | 20 | 242 | 12.1 | 0 | 48 |

| KICK RETURNS | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Threat,Ne'Ronte | 19 | 297 | 15.6 | 0 | 37 |
| Johnson,Johnny | 13 | 238 | 18.3 | 0 | 31 |
| Thompson,Daniel | 8 | 182 | 22.8 | 0 | 51 |
| Williams,Richar | 3 | 3 | 1.0 | 0 | 4 |
| Snell,David | 3 | 41 | 13.7 | 0 | 22 |
| Johnson,Charles | 2 | 30 | 15.0 | 0 | 17 |
| Wood,D'Angelo | 2 | 48 | 24.0 | 0 | 28 |
| Scott,Terrance | 1 | 21 | 21.0 | 0 | 21 |
| Total..... | 51 | 860 | 16.9 | 0 | 51 |
| Opponents..... | 35 | 677 | 19.3 | 0 | 32 |

| ALL PURPOSE | G | Rush | Rec | PR | KOR | IR | Tot | Avg/G |
|-----------------|---|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Johnson,Johnny | 9 | 478 | 137 | 0 | 238 | 0 | 853 | 94.8 |
| Thompson,Daniel | 9 | 49 | 578 | 0 | 182 | 0 | 809 | 89.9 |
| Zerkel,Landon | 9 | 0 | 575 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 584 | 64.9 |
| Hunt,Toderick | 9 | 532 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 543 | 60.3 |
| Threat,Ne'Ronte | 8 | 0 | 136 | 28 | 297 | 0 | 461 | 57.6 |
| Norman,Isaac | 9 | 0 | 159 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 159 | 17.7 |
| Total..... | 9 | 1378 | 1780 | 67 | 860 | 49 | 4134 | 459.3 |
| Opponents..... | 9 | 1331 | 2710 | 242 | 677 | 200 | 5160 | 573.3 |

| 2009 Missouri Southern Southern Football | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|-----|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|-----|---------|-----------|------|------|--|
| Missouri Southern Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Nov 04, 2009) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All games | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DEFENSIVE LEADERS | -----Tackles----- | | | | | -Sacks- | | ---Pass Def--- | | | -Fumbles- | | Blkd | |
| | GP | Solo | Ast | Total | TFL/Yds | No-Yds | Int-Yds | BrUp | QBH | Rcv-Yds | FF | Kick | Saf | |
| 36 Bratzler,Dusty | 9 | 36 | 47 | 83 | 8.0-24 | 3.0-8 | . | 1 | 3 | . | 2 | . | . | |
| 19 Brown,Antwoine | 9 | 31 | 40 | 71 | 4.0-17 | . | . | 1 | 1 | 2-53 | . | . | . | |
| 4 Cowper,Justin | 9 | 41 | 22 | 63 | 4.5-14 | . | 2-31 | 7 | 2 | . | . | 1 | . | |
| 92 Benham,David | 9 | 18 | 38 | 56 | 6.0-15 | 1.0-6 | . | . | 1 | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | |
| 46 Jarvis,Jairius | 9 | 27 | 26 | 53 | 13.5-77 | 9.5-70 | . | 4 | 3 | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | |
| 42 Mascaro,Rudy | 9 | 26 | 18 | 44 | 2.5-13 | 1.0-11 | . | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 91 Smith,Kenny | 9 | 18 | 23 | 41 | 6.0-22 | . | . | 3 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 57 Teer,Nick | 8 | 15 | 24 | 39 | 7.0-25 | 2.0-11 | . | 1 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | |
| 29 Williams,Richar | 8 | 15 | 23 | 38 | 0.5-0 | . | 1-10 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | |
| 16 Johnson,Charles | 8 | 22 | 16 | 38 | 1.0-17 | . | 1-0 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 3 Woodard,Josh | 9 | 22 | 12 | 34 | 3.0-13 | 1.0-9 | 1-0 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 28 Brady,Terrance | 9 | 14 | 18 | 32 | . | . | . | 3 | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 8 Scott,Terrance | 9 | 20 | 10 | 30 | 1.0-9 | . | 3-8 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 32 Wesley,Jabarri | 7 | 15 | 9 | 24 | 1.0-2 | . | . | . | . | 1-11 | . | . | . | |
| 99 Butler,Domeniq | 8 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 3.0-6 | 1.0-3 | . | 1 | . | 1-12 | . | . | . | |
| 54 Brawner,Jared | 2 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 1.5-4 | 0.5-3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 10 Collier,Corderi | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1-0 | 1 | . | . | |
| 88 Pearl,Maurice | 9 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 2.5-5 | . | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 40 Underdown,Ishma | 8 | 7 | 1 | 8 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 17 Threat,Ne'Ronte | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 51 Atagi,Simo | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 27 Willis,Eric | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 22 Poston,Stephen | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 12 Schermer,Zach | 4 | . | 4 | 4 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 7 Zerkel,Landon | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | |
| 18 Snell,David | 8 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 26 Kroll,Paul | 7 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 80 Thompson,Daniel | 9 | 3 | . | 3 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 21 Hunt,Toderick | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | |
| 2 Johnson,Johnny | 9 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 45 Williams,Zopon | 2 | . | 2 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 85 Gassen,Andrew | 7 | 2 | . | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 20 Borgard,Brian | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 15 Reed,Scott | 3 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 48 Hollon,Stuart | 2 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 6 Russell,Chaz | 3 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 38 Bembry,Maurlon | 2 | . | 1 | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 69 Dione,Abdul | 9 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 5 Thompson,Roland | 6 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 68 Saxton,Ian | 9 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| TM TEAM | 4 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | |
| 13 Cox,Kellen | 7 | 1 | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | |
| 81 Norman,Isaac | 9 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1-0 | . | . | . | |
| Total..... | 9 | 383 | 374 | 757 | 65-263 | 20-127 | 8-49 | 42 | 15 | 8-76 | 12 | 2 | 1 | |
| Opponents..... | 9 | 329 | 387 | 716 | 54-208 | 18-114 | 18-200 | 28 | 14 | 8-6 | 11 | 2 | . | |