

**MARSHALL.**



**2023  
MARSHALL FOOTBALL  
GAME NOTES**

**Marshall vs. UTSA**

# General Information

## Game 13

### UTSA (8-4, 7-1 C-USA) vs. Marshall (6-6, 3-5 SBC)

**Date:** Tuesday, Dec. 19

**Time:** 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT

**Location:** Frisco, Texas

**Venue:** Toyota Stadium (20,500)

**Television:** ESPN

**Radio:** Thundering Herd Sports Network

**Series:** Marshall leads 2-1

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## Online Resources

**HerdZone.com** - The official Marshall Athletics website. Rosters, record books, statistical information, etc., can be accessed here.

**SunBeltSports.org** - Statistics and online media guide are available here.

**CollegePressBox.com** - Game notes, statistics, quotes, media guides, etc., are available.

## 2023 Marshall Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 2	Albany	W, 21-17
Sept. 9	at East Carolina	W, 31-13
Sept. 23	Virginia Tech	W, 24-17
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>Old Dominion (Homecoming)</b>	<b>W, 41-35</b>
Oct. 7	at N.C. State	L, 48-41
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>at Georgia State</b>	<b>L, 41-24</b>
<b>Oct. 19 (Thu.)</b>	<b>James Madison</b>	<b>L, 20-9</b>
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>at Coastal Carolina</b>	<b>L, 34-6</b>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>at Appalachian State</b>	<b>L, 31-9</b>
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Georgia Southern</b>	<b>W, 38-33</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>at South Alabama</b>	<b>L, 28-0</b>
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>Arkansas State</b>	<b>W, 35-21</b>
<b>Dec. 19</b>	<b>UTSA (Frisco Bowl)</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>

**bold** = Sun Belt Conference game



# ESPN

Play-by-Play ..... Jorge Sedano  
Analyst..... Rocky Boiman  
Sideline..... Dawn Davenport



Pregame coverage along the West Virginia Lottery Thundering Herd Sports Network from Learfield begins two hours prior to the opening kickoff.

Play-by-Play ..... Steve Cotton (28th season)  
Host/Analyst..... Mark Martin (11th season)  
Studio Host ..... Jacob Munch (first season)  
Spotter/Statistician ..... Jim Woodrum (26th season)

## Marshall Football

Head Coach ..... Charles Huff  
Alma Mater ..... Hampton, 2005  
Record at Marshall ..... 22-16 (third season)  
Career Record ..... same

2023 Record..... 6-6  
2023 Conference Record ..... 3-5, Sun Belt East  
2023 Bowl Game..... Frisco Bowl (Marshall vs. UTSA)

Offense ..... Multiple  
Offensive Starters Returning/Lost ..... 8/3  
Defense ..... Multiple  
Defensive Starters Returning/Lost ..... 5/6

## Marshall University

Location ..... Huntington, W.Va. (population 46,139)  
Founded ..... 1837  
Enrollment ..... 10,835  
Colors..... Kelly Green (PMS 354) and White  
Nickname ..... Thundering Herd  
Mascot ..... Marco the bison  
Stadium..... Joan C. Edwards Stadium  
Capacity ..... 30,475  
Year Opened ..... 1991 (as Marshall University Stadium)  
Surface..... AstroTurf RootZone 3D3 Blend (installed 2022)  
Conference..... Sun Belt (East Division)  
President..... Brad Smith  
NCAA Faculty Representative ..... Dr. Karen McComas  
Athletic Director..... Christian Spears

# This Week's Game



**UTSA**  
**vs.**  
**Marshall**



Saturday's meeting at Joan C. Edwards Stadium will be the third overall meeting between the programs. Marshall leads 2-1 with both wins coming in Huntington.

## The Coaches

Marshall.....Charles Huff (Hampton, 2005)  
Career Record ..... 22-16 (3rd season)  
Record at Marshall ..... same

UTSA.....Jeff Traylor (Stephen F. Austin, 1989)  
Career Record ..... 38-14 (4th season)  
Record at Arkansas State ..... same

## 2023 Statistical Comparison

	Marshall	UTSA
Scoring Offense	23.2	31.7
Scoring Defense	28.2	24.7
Total Offense	357.8	424.6
Total Defense	375.8	369.2
Rushing Offense	134.2	174.8
Rushing Defense	157.2	137.7
Passing Offense	223.5	249.8
Passing Defense	218.5	231.6
Turnover Margin	-1.08	-0.25

## Going Bowling!

Marshall's appearance in the 2023 Scooter's Coffee Frisco Bowl will be the Thundering Herd's seventh consecutive appearance in a bowl.

That figure leads the Sun Belt Conference and is a Marshall football program record, surpassing the old mark of six consecutive years set from 1997 to 2002.

This will be Marshall's 2nd appearance in a bowl game in Texas - the 1st being the 2004 Fort Worth Bowl.

## Contrast of Bowl History

Marshall comes into the 2023 Scooter's Coffee Frisco Bowl boasting of the top bowl winning percentage in FBS among teams who have appeared in at least 10 bowl games or more.

The Herd has a 13-5 mark in NCAA-sanctioned bowl games, which is a .722 winning percentage. Of note, that does not include the 7-0 loss to Catawba in the 1947 Tangerine Bowl, which was not an NCAA-sanctioned bowl.

UTSA will be making its fifth appearance in a bowl game and the Roadrunners have yet to earn their first bowl victory.

One of UTSA's bowl losses came in the 2021 Frisco Bowl when they fell to San Diego State, 38-24.

The Roadrunners are also 0-2 in bowl games against Sun Belt Conference opponents, falling 18-12 to No. 24 Troy in the 2022 Cure Bowl and 31-24 to No. 19 Louisiana in the 2020 First Responder Bowl.

## Final Stand For Super Seniors!

Marshall has a group of super seniors who will be taking part in their final game for the Thundering Herd after playing for five years - some of which who have been with the program for six years due to redshirting.

Those players - Ethan Driskell, Owen Porter, Micah Abraham, Sam Burton, Dalton Tucker, Talik Keaton and Eli Neal - have advanced to a bowl in every season that they have suited up with the Thundering Herd.

The group's success is special considering they have been through COVID-19, coaching changes and conference realignment during their time with the Herd.



# Sun Belt Conference

## Standings

School	Conf.	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
<b>East Division</b>					
James Madison	7-1	.875	11-1	.917	W1
App State	6-2	.750	8-5	.615	L1
Coastal Carolina	5-3	.625	7-5	.583	L2
Old Dominion	5-3	.625	6-6	.500	W2
Georgia Southern	3-5	.375	6-6	.500	L4
Georgia State	3-5	.375	6-6	.500	L5
Marshall	3-5	.375	6-6	.500	W1
<b>West Division</b>					
Troy	7-1	.875	11-2	.846	W10
Texas State	4-4	.500	7-5	.583	W1
Arkansas State	4-4	.500	6-6	.500	L1
South Alabama	4-4	.500	6-6	.500	L1
Louisiana	3-5	.375	6-6	.500	W1
Southern Miss	2-6	.250	3-9	.250	L2
ULM	0-8	.000	2-10	.167	L10

## Sun Belt Preseason Poll (voting by coaches)

### East Division

1. James Madison – 78 Points (4)
2. App State – 75 Points (4)
3. Coastal Carolina – 71 Points (3)
4. Marshall – 68 Points (2)
5. Georgia Southern – 52 Points (1)
6. Georgia State – 31 Points
7. Old Dominion – 17 Points

### West Division

1. Troy – 92 Points (10)
2. South Alabama – 85 Points (4)
3. Louisiana – 64 Points
4. Southern Miss – 62 Points
5. Texas State – 36 Points
6. Arkansas State – 33 Points
7. ULM – 20 Points

## Bowl Schedule



### Dec. 16

#### Myrtle Beach Bowl

Georgia Southern vs. Ohio .....11 a.m.

#### R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl

Jacksonville State vs. Louisiana .....2:15 p.m.

#### Avocados From Mexico Cure Bowl

Miami (Ohio) vs. Appalachian State.....3:30 p.m.

### Dec. 18

#### Famous Toastery Bowl

Western Kentucky vs. Old Dominion.....2:30 p.m.

### Dec. 19

#### Scooter's Coffee Frisco Bowl

UTSA vs. Marshall .....9 p.m.

### Dec. 23

#### 76 Birmingham Bowl

Troy vs. Duke .....Noon

#### Camellia Bowl

Arkansas State vs. Northern Illinois .....Noon

#### Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl

James Madison vs. Air Force.....3:30 p.m.

#### Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

Georgia State vs. Utah State .....3:30 p.m.

#### 68 Ventures Bowl

South Alabama vs. Eastern Michigan.....7 p.m.

#### EasyPost Hawai'i Bowl

Coastal Carolina vs. San Jose State..... 10:30 p.m.

### Dec. 26

#### SERVPRO First Responder Bowl

Texas State vs. Rice.....5:30 p.m.

# Media Information

## Marshall Media Relations Staff



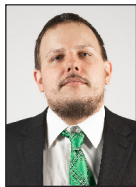
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### Game Credentials

All requests for working press and broadcast credentials for the 2023 Marshall football season should be made through **Grant Traylor**.

### Credential Distribution

Any credentials not picked up prior to game day will be at the Fans Assistance gate (located near Gate A) at Joan C. Edwards Stadium, starting two hours prior to kickoff.

### Parking

Parking will be accommodated on a space-available basis. The media parking lot is on 18th Street, two blocks west of Joan C. Edwards Stadium. To reach the 18th Street Lot, travel west along Third Avenue (a one-way street) and make your way to the left lane. There's a traffic light at 18th Street - turn left at that light. This puts you into the 18th Street Lot. **These spaces are normally used for handicap parking on the Marshall campus. This is not the case on game day - media members can park in these handicap spaces by displaying their parking pass on GAME DAY ONLY.** This same pass gives access to the Third Avenue Parking Garage, located across Third Avenue from the Cam Henderson Center (right lane as you travel along Third Avenue), if the 18th Street Lot fills up or if you simply prefer to park in the garage.

### Interview Availability

Monday - Coach Charles Huff and the other Sun Belt Conference head coaches will participate on a weekly news conference via Zoom, facilitated by the Sun Belt Conference. The entire news conference is scheduled to run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:08 p.m. eastern time, with Coach Huff's time slotted as 12:54 to 1:01 p.m.

Tuesday - Coach Charles Huff will hold an in-person interview session at noon on Tuesdays of game week in the Shewey Building Multipurpose Room (upper level). Marshall players are available for in-person interviews at 12:30 in the same room.

Thursday - Coach Charles Huff does his weekly radio show at the Giovanni's across Third Avenue from Joan C. Edwards Stadium, 7:05-8:00, on the West Virginia Lottery Thundering Herd Sports Network from Learfield.

### Post-Game Interviews

Coach Huff and Marshall players will be available for interviews after home games in the team meeting room, located in the lower level of the Shewey Building.

### Statistics

Updated statistics are always available at Marshall's athletic website, [HerdZone.com](http://HerdZone.com). You can find links on the football portion of the website for season statistics, players' career statistics, and the Marshall record book.

Live, in-game statistics are available via [StatBroadcast.com](http://StatBroadcast.com). Paper copies of statistics will be available in the press box after each quarter.

# Head Coach Charles Huff



**Hometown:** Denton, Maryland  
**High School:** North Carolina  
**Alma Mater:** Hampton (2005)  
**Year in Coaching:** 19th  
**Wife:** Jessica  
**Children:** BJ, Beau, and Blaze

An elite recruiter and developer of talent, Huff's proven track record bolstered head coach Nick Saban's Alabama staff for the 2019 and 2020 seasons, helping the Crimson Tide to the 2020 National Championship. He was named the 2020 National Recruiter of the Year by 247 Sports.

In his inaugural season in Tuscaloosa, Huff helped Najee Harris rush for a career-best 1,224 yards on 209 carries with 13 rushing touchdowns while catching 27 passes for 304 yards and seven more scores. Brian Robinson Jr. added 441 rushing yards and five scores while then-freshman Keilan Robinson added 254 yards and two touchdowns. In 2020, Harris was a consensus All-American who led the nation in total touchdowns (30), rushing touchdowns (26) and points (180). He also ranked third nationally in rushing yards (1,466) and holds the school record for total touchdowns (57), rushing touchdowns (46) and rushing yards (3,843).

Marshall head coach Charles Huff is in his third season in 2023.

In his first two seasons with the Thundering Herd, Huff led Marshall to a pair of winning seasons and bowl appearances, compiling a 16-10 record along the way.

Huff led Marshall to a 9-4 record in 2022, which included a 26-21 win on the road at No. 8 Notre Dame – the team's first win over a top-10 team since 2003. Huff also navigated the Thundering Herd to a five-game winning streak at the end of 2022. The 2022 season culminated with a 28-14 win over UConn in the Myrtle Beach Bowl.

In Huff's inaugural season in Huntington, Marshall finished 7-6 while going to its 17th bowl appearance since moving up to FBS in 1997.

Charles Huff was named Marshall's head football coach on January 17, 2021.

An elite recruiter and developer of talent, Huff's proven track record bolstered head coach Nick Saban's staff for the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

Huff arrived in Tuscaloosa after one season (2018) as the assistant head coach, run-game coordinator and running backs coach at Mississippi State.

The native of Denton, Maryland, boasts boasts 17 years of coaching experience on both the NFL and college levels with stops at Penn State (2014-17), Western Michigan (2013), the Buffalo Bills (2012), Vanderbilt (2011), Hampton (2010), Maryland (2009) and Tennessee State (2006-08).

Huff spent four seasons (2014-17) as Penn State's running backs coach and special teams coordinator. He recruited and developed one of the game's most electrifying players in running back Saquon Barkley, who in 2018 became the highest drafted NFL running back since Reggie Bush went No. 2 overall in 2006.

Barkley, who was called with the second overall pick by the New York Giants in the 2018 draft, produced a dynamic rookie season, rushing for 1,307 yards and 11 touchdowns. He added 91 receptions for 721 yards and four more scores to amass 2,028 yards from scrimmage on his way to Offensive Rookie of the Year honors at season's end.

Numerous records fell at the running back position and on special teams under Huff's guidance at Penn State. Barkley, a 2017 consensus All-American, became the first Big Ten running back in history to win Offensive Player of the Year honors twice. A Walter Camp National Player of the Year finalist, Barkley ranked second nationally in all-purpose yards in 2017 (2,329).

The 2016 campaign saw the Nittany Lions claim the Big Ten Championship and it was Huff who mentored two record-breakers. Barkley broke the Penn State sophomore record for rushing yards (1,496), all-purpose yards (1,972) and points scored (132), while junior kicker Tyler Davis collected All-Big Ten first-team honors after tying the league's single-season record for kicking points (128) and breaking the school record for field goals by a junior (22) and consecutive field goals made (18).

Huff recruited Barkley to Penn State, and his freshman season of 2015 was spectacular. The Freshman All-American broke the school's single-season freshman rushing record with 1,076 yards. He was named the Big Ten Network's Big Ten Freshman of the Year in the process.

Huff graduated in 2005 from Hampton University where he served as a team captain, starting 12 games at center as a senior in 2005. He also played guard, fullback and tight end in his career.

Huff resides in Huntington with his wife Jessica and their sons, BJ, Beau, and Blaze.

## Huff's Coaching History

Year	School	Position
2021-present	Marshall	Head Coach
2019-20	Alabama	Associate Head Coach/Running Backs
2018	Mississippi State	Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs
2014-17	Penn State	Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs
2013	Western Michigan	Running Backs
2012	Buffalo Bills	Assistant Running Backs
2011	Vanderbilt	Offensive Quality Control
2010	Hampton	Offensive Line
2009	Maryland	Assistant Offensive Line
2007-08	Tennessee State	Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
2006	Tennessee State	Offensive Line
2005	Hampton	Graduate Assistant

# Marshall Coaching Staff



**Johnathan Galante** (guh LAHN tay)  
Special Teams Coordinator  
7th year in coaching, 2nd year at Marshall

- » alma mater: Virginia Tech, 2017
  - » Linebacker at Virginia Tech.
  - » previous coaching stops: Alabama, Virginia Tech
- Gameday location: field



**Chevis Jackson** (SHEV us)  
Cornerbacks  
7th year in coaching, 2nd year at Marshall

- » alma mater: Louisiana State, 2012
  - » Defensive back at LSU, third-round draft pick of Atlanta Falcons; played three seasons in the NFL.
  - » previous coaching stops: Kansas, Ball State, LSU, South Alabama
- Gameday location: field



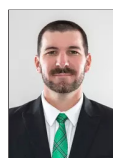
**Telly Lockette** (LOCK it)  
Run Game Coordinator/Running Backs  
21st year in coaching, 3rd year at Marshall

- » alma mater: Idaho State, 1998
  - » Two-time All-American linebacker at Idaho State; member of the Idaho State Hall of Fame.
  - » previous coaching stops: Miami, Florida State, Oregon State, South Florida
- Gameday location: field



**Jason Semore**  
Defensive Coordinator  
16th year in coaching, 1st year at Marshall

- » alma mater: Adams State, 2005
  - » Played linebacker at Adams State (Colorado).
  - » previous coaching stops: Georgia Tech, Valdosta State, Temple, Montana, Colorado School of Mines, Oklahoma State, Adams State
- Gameday location: field



**Derek Shay**  
Tight Ends  
10th year in coaching, 1st year at Marshall

- » alma mater: Eastern Illinois, 2013
  - » Played offensive line at Western Illinois.
  - » Missouri, Louisiana State, McNeese State, Bowling Green, Eastern Illinois
- Gameday location: field



**Ralph Street**  
Defensive Line  
22nd year in coaching, 3rd year at Marshall

- » alma mater: Marshall, 2001
  - » Team captain and first-team ALL-MAC defensive end at Marshall; played on three MAC championship teams and won four bowl games.
  - » previous coaching stops: Florida A&M, Prairie View, U.S. Air Force Prep
- Gameday location: field

# 2023 Marshall Roster

## Alphabetical

6	Abraham, Micah	DB
22	Ali, Rasheen	RB
2	Alston, Elijah	DL
25	Anderson, J'Coryan	LB
58	Barlow, Altrique	OL
20	Bell, Myles	DB
40	Blankenship, Beau	TE
47	Bosset, Matthew	LS
74	Bradberry, Chris	OL
44	Brown, KeSean	LB
0	Burton, Sam	DL
18	Campbell, Gerald	WR
98	Clark, Alec	P
26	Clark-Glover, Caleb	DB
77	Clary, Isaac	OL
63	Conley, Ayden	OL
83	Conley, Cade	TE
7	Coombs, Caleb	WR
36	Davis, C.J.	DB
14	Dix Jr., Stephen	LB
50	Dotson, Caden	OL
52	Driskell, Ethan	OL
19	Fancher, Cam	QB
29	Fazio, C.J.	RB
41	Foster, Ahmere	DB
42	Foster, Ian	DB
53	Frale, Trent	OL
99	Gibson, Isaiah	DL
15	Green, Mike	DL
4	Green-McKnight, Jadarius	DB
12	Grubbs, Gabriel	DB
32	Haggerty, Jason	DB
23	Haggerty, Justin	WR
48	Hall, Jayven	LB
4	Harris, DeMarcus	WR
11	Harrison, Chase	QB
2	Harrison, Jayden	WR
17	Hart Jr., Leon	LB
34	Haygood, Mathis	LB
10	Henderson, Jacobie	DB
19	Hill, Dyon	DB
55	Holler, Trent	OL
21	Hopkins, Jabarek	DL
29	Horton, Caleb	DB
41	Howell, Logan	ST
3	Ibraheem, Ishmael	DB
93	Ishmael, Jabari	DL
45	Jeter, TaShawn	DB
67	Johnson, Caden	OL
38	Jones, K.J.	WR
1	Keaton, Talik	WR
48	Konopka, Dominic	LS
98	Lake, Kameron	K
5	Leggs, TyQaze	DL
8	Mac Bright, Tah	LB
35	Marshall, Jackson	LB
22	Martin, Kerion	DB
84	Mays, Antwaan	WR
45	McConnell, John	P
54	McCracken, Kylan	DL
88	McElroy, Brandon	DL
26	McElroy, DeMarcus	RB
18	McGhee, A.G.	DB
13	McMahon, T.J.	QB
5	McMillan, Caleb	WR
31	McTier, Josh	DB
57	Meeks, Eric	OL
39	Mitchell, Mason	DB
10	Montgomery, Chuck	WR
76	Montgomery, Tarik	OL
1	Moten, Josh	DB
86	Mottillo, Chris	TE
40	Murray, Joe	DL
24	Neal, Eli	LB
73	Obobi, C.K.	OL
65	Osburn, Logan	OL
8	Parachek, Colin	QB
28	Payne, Ethan	RB
81	Payne, Toby	TE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	High School/Previous College
0	Cam Pedro	WR	5-11	171	R-Fr.	Suwanee, Ga.	Collins Hill
0	Sam Burton	DL	6-0	253	R-Sr.	Boca Raton, Fla.	Spanish River
1	Josh Moten	DB	6-1	171	So.	Waldorf, Md.	National Christian Academy/Texas A&M
1	Talik Keaton	WR	6-0	190	R-Sr.	Sarasota, Fla.	Booker
2	Jayden Harrison	WR	5-11	195	R-Jr.	Antioch, Tenn.	Pearl Cohn/Vanderbilt
2	Elijah Alston	DL	6-2	256	R-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Oscar Smith
3	Mason Pierce	WR	5-6	163	Jr.	Pearland, Texas	Dawson/McNeese State
3	Ishmael Ibraheem	DB	6-1	178	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Kimball/University of Texas
4	Jadarius Green-McKnight	DB	5-11	203	So.	Fort Myers, Fla.	Dunbar/Florida State
4	DeMarcus Harris	WR	6-1	184	Jr.	Vero Beach, Fla.	Vero Beach/Kentucky
5	Caleb McMillan	WR	6-1	200	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	Bishop Moore
5	TyQaze Leggs	DL	6-2	300	R-Jr.	La Vergne, Tenn.	Cane Ridge/Austin Peay
6	Micah Abraham	DB	5-11	185	R-Sr.	Tampa, Fla.	East Lake
6	Darryle Simmons	WR	6-3	211	Grad.	Philadelphia, Pa.	St. Joseph's/Stephen F. Austin
7	Chris Thomas	DL	6-6	308	R-So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Fort Myers Dunbar/University of Florida
7	Caleb Coombs	WR	5-11	189	R-So.	Leesburg, Va.	St. John's College
8	Colin Parachek	QB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Dexter, Mich.	Myrtle Beach Collegiate/Morehead State
8	Tah Mac Bright	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Westside/University of the Incarnate Word
9	Bryan Robinson	WR	6-1	205	R-So.	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Palm Beach Central
9	Landyn Watson	LB	6-1	232	R-So.	Round Rock, Texas	Hutto/Texas Christian University
10	Jacobie Henderson	S	5-10	194	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Catawba Ridge
10	Chuck Montgomery	WR	5-10	190	R-So.	Seffner, Fla.	Armwood
11	J.J. Roberts	DB	5-11	190	R-Jr.	Ona, W.Va.	Cabell Midland/Wake Forest
11	Chase Harrison	QB	6-2	192	R-Fr.	Centerville, Ohio	Centerville
12	Gabriel Grubbs	S	6-0	192	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Dallas Christian
12	Cole Pennington	QB	6-3	212	R-Fr.	Versailles, Ky.	Sayre
13	T.J. McMahon	QB	5-11	195	Grad.	Anaheim, Calif.	Servite/Rice University
13	Daytione Smith	DB	6-0	186	R-So.	East Highland Park, Va.	Highland Springs
14	Cam Fancher	QB	6-1	201	R-So.	Huber Heights, Ohio	Wayne
14	Stephen Dix, Jr.	LB	6-1	237	R-So.	Orlando, Fla.	Dr. Phillips/Florida State
15	Mike Green	DL	6-4	241	R-Fr.	Williamsburg, Va.	Lafayette/University of Virginia
15	Antonio Robinson	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Melissa, Texas	Melissa
16	Ishmael Roy	WR	5-11	184	R-Sr.	Williamsburg, Va.	Lafayette/Old Dominion
16	Elijah Russell	DL	6-6	228	R-Fr.	Ocala, Fla.	Trinity Catholic
17	Jack Scheirholz	QB	6-3	211	Fr.	Summit County, Colo.	Summit County
17	Leon Hart, Jr.	LB	6-0	213	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Edison
18	Gerald Campbell	WR	6-0	169	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md.	DeMatha Catholic
18	A.G. McGhee	S	5-10	191	So.	Chipeley, Fla.	Chipeley
19	Sean Reese	WR	5-11	185	R-Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Mountain View
19	Dyoni Hill	DB	6-0	172	So.	Gainesville, Fla.	Gainesville
20	Myles Bell	CB	6-0	182	R-Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas/UConn
21	Jabarrek Hopkins	DL	6-3	297	R-Fr.	Madison, Fla.	Madison County/Independence C.C.
21	Antwan Roberts	RB	6-1	207	R-So.	Nashville, Tenn.	Pope John Paul II/Independence C.C.
22	Rasheen Ali	RB	6-0	209	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio	Shaker Heights
22	Kerion Martin	S	6-1	209	R-Jr.	Charleston, W.Va.	Capital
23	Justin Haggerty	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	Welch, W.Va.	Mount View
23	Jahsen Wint	DB	5-10	200	Grad.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Erasmus Hall/Ohio State
24	Eli Neal	LB	6-0	226	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	White Station
24	Randy Young	RB	5-10	186	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Roger C. Sullivan/College of DuPage
25	J'Coryan Anderson	LB	6-2	237	R-Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn.	Fulton
25	A.J. Turner	RB	6-0	190	So.	Hampton, Va.	Life Christian
26	Caleb Clark-Glover	DB	5-9	180	Fr.	Springdale, Ohio	Princeton
26	DeMarcus McElroy	RB	5-9	187	R-Fr.	Youngstown, Ohio	Ursuline
27	Marc Viechec	LB	5-11	226	Jr.	Naples, Fla.	Naples/Southeastern University
28	Ethan Payne	RB	6-0	214	Jr.	Poca, W.Va.	Poca
28	Ryan Sissel	LB	5-11	221	Fr.	Portsmouth, Ohio	Portsmouth West
28	Joshua Valdez-Alaniz	DL	6-4	271	Jr.	Manteca, Calif.	Sierra/Modesto J.C.
29	Caleb Horton	DB	6-0	188	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
29	C.J. Fazio	RB	5-9	205	Fr.	Easton, Pa.	Wilson Area
30	Jaden Yates	LB	6-1	222	Fr.	Columbus, Ohio	Gahanna
30	Antonio Turner	WR	5-9	161	Fr.	Auburndale, Fla.	Bonneville Academy
31	Josh McTier	DB	5-11	171	R-So.	Washington, D.C.	Friendship Collegiate Academy
32	Jason Haggerty	CB	5-10	165	Fr.	Welch, W.Va.	Mount View
34	Mathis Haygood	LB	6-3	212	Fr.	Fayetteville, Ga.	Sandy Creek
35	Jackson Marshall	LB	6-2	217	R-Fr.	Lexington, Ky.	Sayre
36	C.J. Davis	CB	5-10	174	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Bishop Dwenger
37	Jacob Pinkney	S	5-11	192	Fr.	Leonardtown, Md.	St. Mary's Ryken
38	K.J. Jones	WR	5-11	183	Fr.	Beckley, W.Va.	Woodrow Wilson
39	Mason Mitchell	S	5-6	177	Fr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Hebron Christian
40	Joe Murray	DL	6-3	214	R-Jr.	Huntingtown, Md.	Huntingtown
40	Beau Blankenship	TE	6-4	236	R-Fr.	Hillsboro, Ohio	Paint Valley
41	Logan Howell	ST	5-5	207	Fr.	Winfield, W.Va.	Winfield
41	Ahmere Foster	CB	5-9	163	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Christopher Columbus
42	Ian Foster	CB	6-0	183	Fr.	Brundidge, Ala.	Pike County
42	Harschan Sachdeva	DL	6-4	251	Jr.	Bakersfield, Calif.	Stockdale/University of New Mexico
43	Will Petit	ST	6-2	204	Fr.	Milton, Ga.	Cambridge
44	KeSean Brown	LB	6-1	221	Sr.	Columbia, S.C.	Bamberg-Ehrhardt/Appalachian State
45	John McConnell	P	6-4	197	R-So.	Morgantown, W.Va.	Morgantown
45	TaShawn Jeter	CB	6-1	182	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.	R.J. Reynolds



# 2023 Marshall Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	High School/Previous College	
47	Matthew Bosset	LS	6-2	224	R-Fr.	Ormond Beach, Fla.	Seabreeze	0 Pedro, Cam..... WR
48	Dominic Konopka	LS	6-0	231	R-Fr.	Sharon Center, Ohio	Highland/Bowling Green	12 Pennington, Cole..... QB
48	Jayven Hall	LB	5-9	227	Fr.	Roswell, Ga.	Roswell	97 Peery, Marco..... P
49	Drew Petit	ST	5-9	203	Fr.	Milton, Ga.	Cambridge	43 Petit, Will..... ST
50	Caden Dotson	OL	6-1	265	Fr.	Charleston, W.Va.	Riverside	49 Petit, Drew..... ST
50	Beni Tshita	DL	6-3	291	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Dupont Manual	3 Pierce, Mason..... WR
51	Lloyd Willis	OL	6-7	305	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	Killian/Florida State	37 Pinkney, Jacob..... DB
52	Ethan Driskell	OL	6-9	329	R-Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	Holy Cross	55 Porter, Owen..... DL
52	Mikailin Warren	DL	6-2	399	Fr.	Baltimore, Md.	Sandy Creek	19 Reese, Sean..... WR
53	Trent Fraley	OL	6-2	300	R-Fr.	Moon Township, Pa.	Moon	98 Rivera-Harvey, Jalil..... DL
54	Shawn Rouse	OL	6-3	267	Fr.	Milton, W.Va.	Cabell Midland	21 Roberts, Antwan..... RB
54	Kylen McCracken	DL	6-3	306	Grad.	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	Cleveland Heights/Ohio University	11 Roberts, J.J..... DB
55	Trent Holler	OL	6-2	306	R-Fr.	Latrobe, Pa.	Greater Latrobe/East Carolina	15 Robinson, Antonio..... WR
55	Owen Porter	DL	6-3	237	R-Sr.	Huntington, W.Va.	Spring Valley	9 Robinson, Bryan..... WR
57	Eric Meeks	OL	6-3	303	R-Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Penn	54 Rouse, Shawn..... OL
58	Braydin Ward	DL	6-6	234	Fr.	Montgomery, W.Va.	Riverside	16 Roy, Ishmael..... WR
62	Charlie Veltri	OL	6-1	285	R-Fr.	Fort Mill, S.C.	Fort Mill	16 Russell, Elijah..... DL
63	Ayden Conley	OL	6-2	283	Fr.	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg	43 Sachdeva, Harshan..... DL
65	Logan Osburn	OL	6-3	305	R-Jr.	Ona, W.Va.	Cabell Midland	82 Sallis, Sean..... TE
66	Gauge Samson	OL	6-2	319	Fr.	Zanesville, Ohio	Maysville	66 Samson, Gauge..... OL
67	Caden Johnson	OL	6-3	288	R-Fr.	Hurricane, W.Va.	Hurricane	17 Scheirholz, Jack..... QB
68	Dalton Tucker	OL	6-7	319	R-Sr.	Paris, Ky.	Bourbon County	6 Simmons, Darryle..... WR
70	Jalen Slappy	OL	6-4	303	R-Fr.	Columbus, Ohio	Eastmoor Academy	28 Sissel, Ryan..... LB
73	Chinazo "CK" Obobi	OL	6-5	308	So.	London, England, UK	Laney College	70 Slappy, Jalen..... OL
74	Chris Bradberry	OL	6-6	286	Grad.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.	Etiwanda/Indiana University	13 Smith, Daytione..... DB
76	Tariq Montgomery	OL	6-5	301	R-Fr.	Akron, Ohio	St. Vincent-St. Mary	88 Smith, Rahmod..... TE
77	Isaac Clary	OL	6-7	322	Fr.	Gallipolis, Ohio	Gallia Academy	80 Soto, Luke..... TE
80	Luke Soto	TE	6-5	250	Grad.	Tehachapi, Calif.	Tehachapi/UTEP	85 Stephens, Tracy..... TE
81	Toby Payne	TE	6-4	234	So.	Poca, W.Va.	Poca	7 Thomas, Chris..... DL
82	Sean Sallis	TE	6-5	229	R-Fr.	Carrollton, Texas	Creekview	93 Totten, Nathan..... K
83	Cade Conley	TE	6-4	239	R-So.	Williamston, Mich.	Williamston/Central Michigan	50 Tshita, Beni..... DL
84	Antwaan Mays	WR	6-2	192	Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Gulliver Prep	68 Tucker, Dalton..... OL
85	Tracy Stephens	TE	6-4	262	Fr.	Columbia, S.C.	Ridge View	25 Turner, A.J..... RB
86	Chris Mottillo	TE	6-5	255	Grad.	Fairview, Pa.	Mercyhurst Prep/South Florida	30 Turner, Antonio..... WR
88	Rahmod Smith	TE	6-5	240	R-So.	Florida City, Fla.	Homestead/Florida Atlantic	28 Valdez-Alaniz, Joshua..... DL
88	Brandon McElroy	DL	6-5	301	R-Jr.	Pasadena, Calif.	John Muir/Arizona State	89 Velez, Marcus..... TE
89	Marcus Velez	TE	6-6	270	R-So.	East Setauket, N.Y.	Ward Melville/Nassau C.C.	62 Veltri, Charlie..... OL
90	Rece Verhoff	K	5-11	182	So.	Columbus Grove, Ohio	Columbus Grove	90 Verhoff, Rece..... K
93	Nathan Totten	K	6-1	207	Fr.	Ashland, Ky.	Russell	27 Viechec, Marc..... LB
93	Jabari Ishmael	DL	6-5	257	R-So.	Miami, Fla.	Christopher Columbus/Miami	58 Ward, Braydin..... DL
97	Marco Peery	P	5-9	166	Fr.	Norfolk, Va.	Granby	52 Warren, Mikailin..... DL
98	Alec Clark	P	6-1	174	Fr.	Swan View, Australia	Howard Scholars Academy	9 Watson, Landyn..... LB
98	Jalil Rivera-Harvey	DL	6-2	317	Jr.	Buffalo, N.Y.	Cedar Hill/Arizona State	51 Willis, Lloyd..... OL
99	Kameron Lake	K	6-2	189	R-Jr.	Lawrence, Kan.	Free State/Washburn	23 Wint, Jahsen..... DB
99	Isaiah Gibson	DL	6-4	312	R-Jr.	Springfield, Ohio	Springfield/Kentucky	30 Yates, Jaden..... LB
								24 Young, Randy..... RB

## Pronunciation Guide

You can hear players pronounce their own names by clicking the ear icon on the team roster at [HerdZone.com](https://www.herdzone.com).

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|---|--|
| 0 - Cam Pedro (PAY droh)                | 31 - Josh McTier (mick TEER)                     |
| 1 - Talik Keaton (tuh LEEK)             | 41 - Ahmere Foster (ah MEER)                     |
| 5 - TyQaze Leggs (ty kwez)              | 43 - Harshan Sachdeva (HAR shahn sack DEE vuh)   |
| 6 - Darryle Simmons (Darrell)           | 44 - KeSean Brown (KEY shawn)                    |
| 8 - Tah Mac Bright (TAH mack BRIGHT)    | 45 - TaShawn Jeter (TAY shawn)                   |
| 13 - T.J. McMahon (mick MAN)            | 47 - Matthew Bosset (BOSS it)                    |
| 13 - Daytione Smith (DAY twan)          | 52 - Ethan Driskell (DRISS kul)                  |
| 17 - Jack Scheirholz (SHEER holtz)      | 58 - Altrique Barlow (al TREEK)                  |
| 18 - A.G. McGhee (muh GEE)              | 62 - Charlie Veltri (VELL tree)                  |
| 19 - Dyonni Hill (dee ON ee)            | 73 - C.K. Obobi (oh BO bee)                      |
| 22 - Rasheen Ali (RAH SHEEN ah LEE)     | 76 - Tariq Montgomery (tuh REEK)                 |
| 22 - Kerion Martin (CARE ee on)         | 82 - Sean Sallis (SAL iss - SAL rhymes with PAL) |
| 23 - Jahsen Wint (JAH sen - not Jason)  | 86 - Chris Mottillo (mo TILL oh)                 |
| 25 - J'Coryan Anderson (juh CORE ee un) | 88 - Rahmod Smith (ruh MAHD)                     |
| 27 - Marc Viechec (VEE check)           | 90 - Rece Verhoff (REESE VEER hoff)              |

### coaches

- Jovon Bouknight (juh VAHN BO night)
- Chevis Jackson (SHEV us)
- Telly Lockette (LOCK it)

# Marshall Depth Chart

(Based on previous game)

## Offense

	No.	Name	Class	Height	Weight
LT	<b>52</b>	<b>Ethan Driskell</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>6-9</b>	<b>329</b>
	76	Tariq Montgomery	R-Fr.	6-5	301
LG	<b>70</b>	<b>Jalen Slappy</b>	<b>R-Sr.</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>319</b>
	57	Eric Meeks	R-Fr.	6-3	303
C	<b>65</b>	<b>Logan Osburn</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>305</b>
	53	Trent Fraley	R-Fr.	6-2	300
RG	<b>68</b>	<b>Dalton Tucker</b>	<b>R-Sr.</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>319</b>
	57	Eric Meeks	R-Fr.	6-3	303
RT	<b>51</b>	<b>Lloyd Willis</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>305</b>
	68	Dalton Tucker	R-Sr.	6-7	319
WR	<b>4</b>	<b>DeMarcus Harris</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>184</b>
	9	Bryan Robinson	R-So.	6-1	205
WR	<b>2</b>	<b>Jayden Harrison</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>195</b>
	1	Talik Keaton	R-Sr.	6-0	190
TE	<b>86</b>	<b>Chris Mottillo</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>255</b>
	80	Luke Soto	Grad	6-5	250
WR	<b>6</b>	<b>Darryle Simmons</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>211</b>
	5	Caleb McMillan	R-Jr.	6-1	200
QB	<b>12</b>	<b>Cole Pennington</b>	<b>R-Fr.</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>212</b>
	14	Cam Fancher	R-So.	6-1	201
RB	<b>22</b>	<b>Rasheen Ali</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>209</b>
	28	Ethan Payne	Jr.	6-0	214

## Defense

	No.	Name	Class	Height	Weight
DL	<b>2</b>	<b>Elijah Alston</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>256</b>
	0	Sam Burton	R-Sr.	6-0	253
DL	<b>99</b>	<b>Isaiah Gibson</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>312</b>
	7	Chris Thomas	R-So.	6-6	308
DL	<b>5</b>	<b>TyQaze Leggs</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>300</b>
	88	Brandon McElroy	R-Jr.	6-5	301
DL	<b>55</b>	<b>Owen Porter</b>	<b>R-Sr.</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>237</b>
	15	Mike Green	R-Fr.	6-4	241
LB	<b>24</b>	<b>Eli Neal</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>226</b>
	44	KeSean Brown	Sr.	6-1	221
LB	<b>14</b>	<b>Stephen Dix, Jr.</b>	<b>R-So.</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>237</b>
	25	J'Coryan Anderson	R-Jr.	6-2	237
Nickel	<b>1</b>	<b>Josh Moten</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>171</b>
	11	J.J. Roberts	R-Jr.	5-11	190
DB	<b>6</b>	<b>Micah Abraham</b>	<b>R-Sr.</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>185</b>
	3	Ishmael Ibraheem	R-Fr.	6-1	178
DB	<b>18</b>	<b>A.G. McGhee</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>191</b>
	11	J.J. Roberts	R-Jr.	5-11	190
DB	<b>41</b>	<b>Ahmere Foster</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>163</b>
	23	Jahsen Wint	Grad.	5-10	200
DB	<b>19</b>	<b>Dyoni Hill</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>172</b>
	10	Jacobie Henderson	R-Fr.	5-10	194

## Special Teams

Kickoffs	<b>90</b>	<b>Rece Verhoff</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>182</b>	Holder	<b>45</b>	<b>John McConnell</b>	<b>R-So.</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>197</b>
	99	Kameron Lake	R-Jr.	6-2	189		13	T.J. McMahon	Grad.	5-11	195
Field Goals	<b>90</b>	<b>Rece Verhoff</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>182</b>	Kickoff Returns	<b>2</b>	<b>Jayden Harrison</b>	<b>R-Jr.</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>195</b>
	99	Kameron Lake	R-Jr.	6-2	189		28	Ethan Payne	Jr.	6-0	214
Punter	<b>45</b>	<b>John McConnell</b>	<b>R-So.</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>197</b>	Punt Returns	<b>1</b>	<b>Talik Keaton</b>	<b>R-Sr.</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>190</b>
	90	Rece Verhoff	So.	5-11	182		3	Mason Pierce	Jr.	5-6	163
Longsnapper	<b>47</b>	<b>Matthew Bosset</b>	<b>R-Fr.</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>224</b>	Shortsnapper	<b>47</b>	<b>Matthew Bosset</b>	<b>R-Fr.</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>224</b>
	48	Dominic Konopka	R-Fr.	6-0	231		48	Dominic Konopka	R-Fr.	6-0	231

# Marshall Lineups

## 2023 Starting Lineups - Offense

Opponent	WR	WR	WR/TE	TE	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB
Albany	Robinson	Montgomery	Harris	Conley	Driskell	Barlow	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Fancher	Ali
East Carolina	McMillan	Montgomery	Harris	Conley	Driskell	Barlow	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Fancher	Ali
Virginia Tech	McMillan	Coombs	Harris	Conley	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Fancher	Ali
Old Dominion	McMillan	Coombs	Harris	Conley	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Fancher	Ali
at N.C. State	McMillan	Coombs	Simmons	Mottillo	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Fancher	Ali
at Georgia State	Harrison	Coombs	Simmons	Mottillo	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Fancher	Ali
James Madison	Harrison	Simmons	Conley	Mottillo	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Fancher	Payne
at Coastal Carolina	Harris	Simmons	Coombs	Conley	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Slappy	Tucker	Fancher	Ali
at App State	Harris	McMillan	Coombs	Mottillo	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Slappy	Tucker	Fancher	Ali
Georgia Southern	Simmons	Coombs	Soto	Mottillo	Driskell	Barlow	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Pennington	Ali
at South Alabama	Simmons	Harris	Sallis	Mottillo	Driskell	Holler	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Pennington	Ali
Arkansas State	Simmons	McMillan	Keaton	Mottillo	Driskell	Slappy	Osburn	Tucker	Willis	Fancher	Ali

## 2023 Starting Lineups - Defense

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB/N	CB	S	S	CB
Albany	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Anderson	Moten(N)	Abraham	Roberts	Smith	Henderson
East Carolina	Burton	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Anderson	Moten(N)	Abraham	Roberts	Smith	Henderson
Virginia Tech	Burton	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Anderson	Moten(N)	Abraham	Roberts	Martin	Henderson
Old Dominion	Alston	McElroy	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Anderson	Moten(N)	Abraham	Roberts	Martin	Henderson
at N.C. State	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Anderson	Moten(N)	Abraham	Roberts	Martin	Hill
at Georgia State	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Anderson	Moten(N)	Abraham	Roberts	McGhee	Hill
James Madison	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Dix, Jr.	Brown	Foster	Abraham	Roberts	Martin	Hill
at Coastal Carolina	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Green	Neal	Dix, Jr.	Foster	Abraham	McGhee	Martin	Hill
at App State	Alston	Thomas	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Dix, Jr.	Roberts	Abraham	McGhee	Martin	Hill
Georgia Southern	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Dix, Jr.	Henderson	Abraham	McGhee	Roberts	Hill
at South Alabama	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Dix, Jr.	Foster	Abraham	McGhee	Roberts	Hill
Arkansas State	Alston	Gibson	Leggs	Porter	Neal	Dix, Jr.	Moten	Abraham	McGhee	Foster	Hill

## Start Chart (at Marshall)

Offense				Defense				Specialists						
		2023	streak	career		2023	streak	career		2023	streak	career		
Rasheen Ali	RB	11	5	23	Micah Abraham	DB	12	36	46	Dominic Konopka	LS(P)	6	0	6
Altrique Barlow	OL	3	0	3	Elijah Alston	DL	10	9	17	Matthew Bosset	LS(FG)	12	12	12
Cade Conley	TE	6	0	6	J'Coryan Anderson	LB	6	0	6	John McConnell	P	12	18	23
Caleb Coombs	WR	7	0	7	KeSean Brown	LB	1	0	1	Rece Verhoff	KO/K	11	10	23
Ethan Driskell	OL	12	25	25	Sam Burton	DL	2	0	3	Kameron Lake	K	1	0	1
Cam Fancher	QB	10	1	17	Stephen Dix, Jr.	LB	6	6	6					
DeMarcus Harris	WR	6	0	6	Ahmere Foster	DB	4	2	4					
Jayden Harrison	WR	3	0	6	Isaiah Gibson	DL	10	3	16					
Trent Holler	OL	10	0	16	Mike Green	DL	1	0	1					
Talik Keaton	WR	1	1	25	Jacobie Henderson	DB	5	0	5					
Caleb McMillan	WR	6	1	9	Dyoni Hill	DB	8	8	8					
Chuck Montgomery	WR	2	0	12	TyQaze Leggs	DL	12	12	16					
Chris Mottillo	TE	7	7	7	Kerion Martin	DB	6	0	9					
Logan Osburn	OL	12	25	32	Brandon McElroy	DL	1	0	1					
Ethan Payne	RB	1	0	1	A.G. McGhee	DB	6	5	6					
Cole Pennington	QB	2	0	2	Josh Moten	NICK	7	1	7					
Bryan Robinson	WR	1	0	1	Eli Neal	LB	11	5	47					
Sean Sallis	TE	1	0	1	Owen Porter	DL	11	4	28					
Jalen Slappy	OL	3	1	3	J.J. Roberts	DB	9	0	9					
Luke Soto	TE	1	0	1	Daytione Smith	DB	2	0	4					
Darryle Simmons	WR	7	3	7	Chris Thomas	DL	1	0	1					
Dalton Tucker	OL	12	26	30										
Lloyd Willis	OL	8	3	8										

# That's Interesting ...

## 2023 Sun Belt Conference Accolades

### All-SBC First Team

CB Micah Abraham  
DE Owen Porter  
KR Jayden Harrison

### All-SBC Second Team

RB Rasheen Ali

### All-SBC Third Team

OL Ethan Driskell  
DL Elijah Alston  
LB Eli Neal  
P John McConnell

### All-SBC Honorable Mention

OL Dalton Tucker  
OL Logan Osburn  
DB J.J. Roberts  
DL Sam Burton

## Feeling The Pressure!!

Marshall defensive linemen Owen Porter, Sam Burton and Elijah Alston have been living in the opponents' backfield all season long.

Porter, who was named as an All-SBC First Team selection and Team MVP at the 2023 Football Banquet, leads Marshall with 15 tackles for loss and also has 5.0 sacks. He is top-10 all-time in Marshall history for sacks with 19.0 in his career.

Burton, who has played in 57 career games with the Herd, could join Porter in that top-10 with a big performance in the Frisco Bowl. Currently, Burton leads the Herd with 6.5 sacks on the year and is 13th in Marshall career history with 18.0 sacks, but is just one sack from top-10 status. He was an All-SBC Honorable Mention selection.

Alston has been one of the biggest impact players on the Thundering Herd defense this season, bursting onto the scene to put up big numbers at the end spot opposite Porter. Alston currently has 10.5 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks in 2023 and was named an All-SBC Third Team selection.

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## Career of Consistency!!

Marshall defensive back Micah Abraham leads the Thundering Herd with three interceptions and also has 13 pass breakups on the season.

Abraham's 16 passes defended rank him tied for 3rd in FBS in 2023 and it gives him three consecutive seasons with at least 15 passes defended.

The redshirt senior from Tampa, Fla., is the only current player in FBS to have three straight seasons with at least 15 passes defended.

Abraham is currently tied for No. 2 in Marshall history in pass breakups (41) and passes defended (52).

## Jayden The Jet!!

Marshall wide receiver Jayden Harrison was named as a 2023 Jet Award finalist and a CBS Sports / 247Sports All-America First Team nominee as a kick returner.

Harrison leads FBS in kick return average at 31.9 yards per return. The junior from Antioch, Tenn., has returned two kickoffs for touchdowns this season - a 94-yard return against James Madison and a 98-yard kickoff return in the win over Georgia Southern.





# Game Twelve - vs. Arkansas State

## Marshall 35, Arkansas State 21

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Arkansas State	0	7	7	7	21
Marshall	14	14	7	0	35

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	8:05	MAR	Chuck Montgomery 9-yd pass from Cam Fancher (Rece Verhoff kick)	(4 plays, 70 yards, 1:32)	7-0
1st	1:28	MAR	Montgomery 15-yd pass from Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(10 plays, 74 yards, 4:35)	14-0
2nd	11:31	MAR	Cam Fancher 7-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(4 plays, 99 yards, 1:31)	21-0
2nd	6:15	MAR	Caleb McMillan 21-yd pass from Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(6 plays, 33 yards, 3:23)	28-0
2nd	1:19	ASU	Ja'Quez Cross 3-yard run (Dominic Zvada kick)	(5 plays, 62 yards, 1:12)	28-7
3rd	6:58	MAR	Cam Fancher 3-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(2 plays, 67 yards, 0:35)	35-7
3rd	2:50	ASU	Courtney Jackson 60-yard punt return (Zvada kick)	(0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00)	35-14
4th	2:54	ASU	Courtney Jackson 2-yard pass from Jaylen Raynor (Zvada kick)	(1 play, 15 yards, 0:07)	35-21

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** – Marshall Football sent its 2023 seniors out in style, earning a 35-21 win over Arkansas State in front of 18,673 fans at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday.

With the win, Marshall becomes bowl eligible and moves to 6-6 on the season and 3-5 in the SBC. The Herd also finishes with a 5-1 mark at home while having four of its six wins on the season come over bowl-eligible teams.

“The seniors got a chance today to see how much this team appreciates them,” Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. “I think the team played really well and we started really fast early in the game.”

After missing the last two games, Marshall quarterback Cam Fancher returned to action in a big way, finishing with 314 all-purpose yards and five touchdowns accounted for.

Fancher finished the game 16 of 22 for 214 yards and three TDs while rushing for 100 yards and two more TDs.

Wide receiver Chuck Montgomery was the beneficiary of Fancher’s first two touchdown tosses, hauling in a 9-yard pass to get the scoring started before taking a pop pass and rushing around the left edge for a 15-yard score that gave the Herd a 14-0 lead after one quarter.

Marshall continued its success in the second quarter. Fancher took off for 63 yards, which set up his own 7-yard TD run. Fancher then connected with Caleb McMillan in the back of the end zone for a 21-yard score.

Fancher later added a 3-yard scoring run that came after

running back Ethan Payne ripped off a 64-yard run to get the Herd into the red zone.

Payne joined Fancher over 100 yards on the ground, finishing with a career-high 113 yards on 16 carries.

Defensively, Marshall turned Arkansas State into a one-dimensional offense, limiting the Red Wolves to just 51 yards on the ground while constantly pressuring Arkansas State quarterback Jalen Raynor.

Marshall’s defense got several standout defensive performances, including seven tackles and an interception from Ahmere Foster and four tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack by Mike Green.



# Game Eleven - at South Alabama

## South Alabama 28, Marshall 0

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marshall	0	0	0	0	0
South Alabama	14	7	0	7	28

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	10:37	USA	D. Guajardo 47-yard FG	(7 plays, 22 yards, 3:00)	3-0
1st	8:38	USA	D. Guajardo 43-yard FG	(4 plays, 6 yards, 1:22)	6-0
1st	5:02	USA	J. Pritchett 25 pass from C. Bradley (L. Webb pass from C. Bradley)	(4 plays, 51 yards, 1:49)	14-0
2nd	3:19	USA	L. Webb 8-yard pass from C. Bradley (Guajardo kick)	(6 plays, 50 yards, 3:04)	21-0
4th	10:15	USA	L. Webb 6-yard run (Guajardo kick)	(6 plays, 54 yards, 3:51)	28-0

**MOBILE, Ala.** – Marshall Football fell in its final road contest of the 2023 regular season, falling to South Alabama 28-0 at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile, Alabama.

With the loss, Marshall falls to 5-6 overall and 2-5 in the Sun Belt Conference.

“We got our butts kicked tonight,” Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. “We talked all week about not having the emotional hangover and how much emotion went into that game and that we had to recharge, but we didn’t. That starts with me, obviously, but we came out very low-mo and we got our butts kicked.”

Marshall linebacker Stephen Dix, Jr., finished with a career-high 14 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss.

That output from Dix matched that of linebacker Eli Neal, who also had 14 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss with two pass breakups.

Punter John McConnell also had a solid day for the Thundering Herd, averaging 42.7 yards per punt on seven punts with two punts inside the 20.

Quarterback Cole Pennington finished 22 of 36 for 159 yards and three interceptions. Running back Rasheen Ali finished with 55 rushing yards on 16 carries while also hauling in four passes for 41 yards.

Saturday marked the first time Marshall had been shut out on the road since Oct. 14, 2000 at Toledo (42-0).

Marshall returns home next week for Senior Day with a 3:30 p.m. contest against Arkansas State at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.



# Game Ten - vs. Ga. Southern

## Marshall 38, Georgia Southern 33

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Ga. Southern	3	17	6	7	33
Marshall	10	7	7	14	38

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	14:45	MAR	Jayden Harrison 98-yard KO return (Rece Verhoff kick)	(0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00)	7-0
1st	6:15	GS	M. Lantz 35-yard field goal	(4 plays, 3 yards, 1:26)	7-3
1st	2:49	MAR	Rece Verhoff 22-yard field goal	(6 plays, 71 yards, 3:26)	10-3
2nd	11:15	GS	J. Barden 9-yard pass from Davis Brin (M. Lantz kick)	(8 plays, 52 yards, 3:32)	10-10
2nd	5:32	MAR	Caleb McMillan 21-yard rush (Verhoff kick)	(10 plays, 74 yards, 5:39)	17-10
2nd	3:07	GS	D. Cobb 47-yard pass from Davis Brin (M. Lantz kick)	(4 plays, 75 yards, 2:25)	17-17
2nd	0:12	GS	M. Lantz 38-yard field goal	(7 plays, 26 yards, 0:59)	17-20
3rd	6:51	GS	M. Lantz 40-yard field goal	(9 plays, 39 yards, 2:56)	17-23
3rd	5:06	MAR	Rasheen Ali 2-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(4 plays, 70 yards, 1:45)	24-23
3rd	1:56	GS	M. Lantz 21-yard field goal	(6 plays, 72 yards, 3:10)	24-26
4th	10:51	MAR	Rasheen Ali 55-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(1 play, 55 yards, 0:09)	31-26
4th	2:41	MAR	Rasheen Ali 9-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(1 play, 9 yards, 0:06)	38-26
4th	0:50	GS	D. Burgess 2-yard pass from Davis Brin (M. Lantz kick)	(12 plays, 61 yards, 1:46)	38-33

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** – Marshall Football got the complete performance it has been looking for and 19,175 fans left Joan C. Edwards Stadium happy as the Thundering Herd earned a 38-33 win over Georgia Southern in the “We Are ... Playing for the ‘75” game on Saturday night.

In a game that featured five lead changes, Marshall got big plays in all three phases of the game to produce a win that snapped a skid and got the Herd within one win of bowl eligibility.

“I’m really proud of their competitive spirit and I’m really proud of their effort,” Marshall Football coach Charles Huff said. “Hopefully, the ‘75’ in Heaven are smiling today and I hope that tailgate for the ‘75’ Herd members was pleased with how we played.”

Marshall running back Rasheen Ali rushed for 165 yards and three touchdowns and wide receiver DeMarcus Harris finished with four catches for 147 yards, including 128 yards after contact, to help ease the pressure on redshirt freshman Cole Pennington, who was making his first career start.

Pennington settled into the game and got stronger as things continued, ending the game 15 of 20 for 201 yards while distributing the ball to nine different receivers in the win.

“This one feels great,” Pennington said. “I’m just really proud of this team. I’m proud of how we came out today and played to

the final whistle. They played their hearts out. We kept clawing and scratching the whole game.”

The game’s most important sequence belonged to special teams and the defense, however.

Marshall led 31-26 late, but Georgia Southern’s defense got a stop that forced the Herd to punt. Herd punter John McConnell came up big, dropping a punt at the Georgia Southern 2, forcing the Eagles to drive 98 yards for a go-ahead score.

The situation allowed Marshall’s defensive front to pressure Georgia Southern quarterback Davis Brin and the Herd was able to force a turnover on downs that gave the team possession inside the 10-yard line.

On the next play, Ali scored his third touchdown – a 9-yard run – that produced a two-score lead and all, but put the game away.

Georgia Southern led 26-24 going into the fourth quarter, but Ali changed that with 10:41 left when he took a direct snap and followed a huge block from tight end Luke Soto for a 55-yard touchdown run that gave the Herd the lead for good.

“I’m proud of our resolve because we came out today and fought,” Huff said.



# Game Nine - at App State

## App State 31, Marshall 9

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marshall	0	3	6	0	9
App State	0	21	7	3	31

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
2nd	14:15	MAR	Rece Verhoff 33-yard field goal	(7 plays, 59 yards, 3:04)	3-0
2nd	10:52	APP	K. Robinson 24-yard pass from J. Aguilar (Michael Hughes kick)	(7 plays, 75 yards, 3:19)	3-7
2nd	8:33	APP	M. Tucker 3-yard run (Hughes kick)	(3 plays, 17 yards, 1:25)	3-14
2nd	1:26	APP	M. Hetzel 16-yard pass from Aguilar (Hughes kick)	(9 plays, 74 yards, 5:15)	3-21
3rd	7:10	APP	M. Jackson 29-yard pass from Aguilar (Hughes kick)	(8 plays, 58 yards, 4:19)	3-28
3rd	3:13	MAR	Sean Sallis 10-yard pass from Cam Fancher (pass failed)	(7 plays, 80 yards, 3:57)	9-28
4th	4:01	APP	Hughes 32-yard field goal	(9 plays, 61 yards, 5:49)	9-31

**BOONE, N.C.** – Marshall Football fell to App State, 31-9, in Sun Belt Conference action on Saturday evening at Kidd Brewer Stadium in Boone, North Carolina.

With the loss, Marshall dropped to 4-5 overall and 1-4 in the SBC.

“We’re not playing really good complementary football and we’re not stringing enough consistent plays together,” Marshall Football coach Charles Huff said.

Marshall tight end Sean Sallis caught the first passes of his Thundering Herd career, including his first touchdown – a 10-yard pass from Cam Fancher in the third quarter.

Sallis’ touchdown was set up by Fancher’s 43-yard scramble in which he eluded pressure and broke free into App State territory.

In addition to Fancher’s run, Marshall also got a 43-yard run by Rasheen Ali in the first quarter that set up Rece Verhoff’s 32-yard field goal that gave Marshall a 3-0 lead at the 14:11 mark of the second quarter.

Fancher finished the game 13 of 24 for 137 yards with the touchdown pass to Sallis and three interceptions. Ali ended with 68 yards on 11 carries.

Marshall safety J.J. Roberts returned to the lineup after missing last week’s game and finished with 15 tackles to lead the Herd defense while Jalil Rivera-Harvey set his career-high with seven stops from his defensive tackle spot.

The Herd returns to Joan C. Edwards Stadium next weekend for its first Saturday home game since Sept. 30 when Georgia

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Southern comes to Huntington for a 7 p.m. game on Nov. 11 that will be shown by NFL Network.

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# Game Eight - at Coastal Carolina

## Coastal Carolina 34, Marshall 6

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marshall	0	6	0	0	6
Coastal Carolina	10	17	0	7	34

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	10:55	CCU	K. Hensley 36-yard field goal	(8 plays, 57 yards, 4:05)	3-0
1st	6:18	CCU	J. Brown 30-yard pass from J. Guest (Hensley kick)	(4 plays, 69 yards, 2:07)	10-0
2nd	12:40	CCU	Hensley 33-yard field goal	(11 plays, 66 yards, 6:06)	13-0
2nd	7:23	MAR	Rece Verhoff 23-yard field goal	(7 plays, 19 yards, 2:47)	13-3
2nd	5:00	CCU	J. Brown 59-yard pass from Guest (Hensley kick)	(7 plays, 87 yards, 2:23)	20-3
2nd	2:57	CCU	D. Coleman 27-yard pass from Guest (Hensley kick)	(2 plays, 27 yards, 0:11)	27-3
2nd	0:03	MAR	Verhoff 44-yard field goal	(9 plays, 49 yards, 2:54)	27-6
4th	9:49	CCU	R. White 1-yard run (Hensley kick)	(2 plays, 1 yard, 0:50)	34-6

**CONWAY, S.C.** – Marshall Football dropped a 34-6 contest against Coastal Carolina in front of a record crowd of 21,324 fans at Brooks Stadium on Saturday night.

With the loss, Marshall falls to 4-4 overall and 1-3 in Sun Belt Conference action.

“We didn’t execute well enough to beat a good team,” Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. “Hats off to Coastal, first off, because they made the plays, but way too many explosive plays given up in the pass game on defense.”

Coastal Carolina jumped out to an early lead and never looked back in the contest as Marshall turned the ball over four times, which contributed to the loss.

Marshall kicker Rece Verhoff connected on field goals of 23 and 44 yards to provide the lone points on the evening for the Thundering Herd.

One of Verhoff’s field goals came after a recovered punt fumble by linebacker Landyn Watson – the first fumble recovery of his Marshall career.

Marshall’s special teams also got a boost from Isaiah Gibson, who blocked a Coastal Carolina field goal in the second half, and punter John McConnell, who averaged 41.3 yards on his three punts with all landing inside the 20.

Marshall quarterback Cam Fancher finished the game 11 of 22 for 125 yards with two interceptions.

Freshman quarterback Cole Pennington also came in during the second half and finished 12 of 23 for 77 yards and two interceptions.

“We had a lot of drops, a lot of missed opportunities and a lot of poor throws,” Huff said. “They took us out of the run game a little bit because they got out ahead of us.”

Rasheen Ali returned to action after missing last week’s game and finished with 52 yards on the ground. Wide receiver DeMarcus Harris was the Herd’s leading receiver with five catches for 61 yards.



Defensively, A.G. McGhee had a career-high nine tackles and added an interception in the loss for the Herd, who returns to action at 6 p.m. on Saturday against App State in Boone, N.C.

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# Game Seven - vs. James Madison

## James Madison 20, Marshall 9

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
James Madison	0	3	10	7	20
Marshall	0	0	2	7	9

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
2nd	11:38	JMU	C. Wise 27-yard field goal	(7 plays, 65 yards, 3:53)	3-0
3rd	11:57	MAR	TyQaze Leggs TFL in end zone for Safety	(0 plays, 0 yards, n/a)	3-2
3rd	7:17	JMU	Wise 38-yard field goal	(6 plays, 79 yards, 3:00)	6-2
3rd	1:12	JMU	Jordan McCloud 6-yard run (Wise kick)	(10 plays, 62 yards, 4:55)	13-2
4th	14:08	JMU	R. Brown 28-yard pass from McCloud (Wise kick)	(5 plays, 37 yards, 1:17)	20-2
4th	13:55	MAR	Jayden Harrison 94-yard kickoff return (Rece Verhoff kick)	(0 plays, 0 yards, n/a)	20-9

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** – Marshall Football’s defense stayed tough throughout, but the Thundering Herd could not knock James Madison from the ranks of the unbeaten, falling 20-9 in front of 22,109 fans at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Thursday night.

With the loss, Marshall falls to 4-3 overall and 1-2 in Sun Belt play.

Despite the loss, Marshall head coach Charles Huff praised his team, which played without several starters, including starting running back Rasheen Ali.

“What we did see is when we - as a team – grit, grind and play to the level we’ve been accustomed to around here, we’ve got a chance,” Huff said. “That’s a really good football team. I told them that if we bottle what we did this week and get guys healthy, we’ll be fine.”

Field position played a huge part in a defensive affair as James Madison forced Marshall into a long field throughout the contest.

Of Marshall’s 13 drives, seven started inside their own 10-yard line.

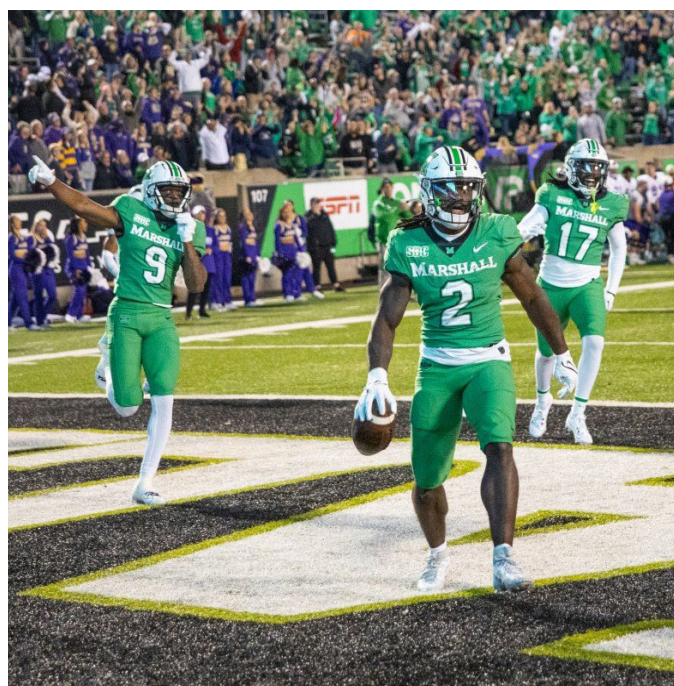
Huff was pleased with Marshall’s special teams, which bounced back from the Georgia State game with its best effort of the season.

Wide receiver Jayden Harrison returned a kickoff 94 yards for a TD in the fourth quarter and punter John McConnell averaged 48.9 yards on eight punts, including a career-long 74-yard punt in the first quarter.

“I thought John battled his tail off to give us as much as he could from a punting perspective,” Huff said. “I thought our defense battled, I thought our special teams, this week showed up. Last week, we were all over their tails, but they made plays this week. It just wasn’t enough to beat a good team.”

Marshall defensive back Dyon Hill set a career-high with 10 tackles and added two pass breakups while defensive tackle TyQaze Leggs accounted for the Herd’s first points of the game with a tackle for loss that resulted in a safety in the third quarter.

Leggs finished with two tackles for loss and defensive end Owen Porter added 1.5, including a half-sack that moved him into the top-10 in Marshall history with 19, tying Gary Thompson and Koby Cumberlander for 10th in the record books.



Quarterback Cam Fancher finished the game 17 of 30 for 173 yards with an interception.

Running back Ethan Payne ended the game with 62 yards on 20 carries and caught another four passes for 29 yards.

After playing three games in 12 days, Marshall takes a few days off before getting back to work in preparation for its Oct. 29 matchup at Coastal Carolina.

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# Game Six - at Georgia State

## Georgia State 41, Marshall 24

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marshall	7	10	7	0	24
Georgia State	14	13	0	14	41

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	13:03	GSU	Darren Grainger 24-yard run (L. Rickman kick)	(6 plays, 75 yards, 1:57)	0-7
1st	10:30	MAR	Rasheen Ali 2-yard run (Rece Verhoff kick)	(6 plays, 70 yards, 2:33)	7-7
1st	6:50	GSU	Izaiah Guy 4-yard blocked punt return (Rickman kick)	(0 plays, 0 yards, 0:02)	7-14
2nd	13:17	GSU	Rickman 34-yard field goal	(12 plays, 64 yards, 6:32)	7-17
2nd	8:02	MAR	Verhoff 21-yard field goal	(10 plays, 71 yards, 5:15)	10-17
2nd	2:47	GSU	Rickman 39-yard field goal	(10 plays, 53 yards, 5:15)	10-20
2nd	1:19	GSU	Tailique Williams 74-yard pass from Grainger (Rickman kick)	(2 plays, 81 yards, 0:18)	10-27
2nd	0:23	MAR	Ali 2-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(9 plays, 75 yards, 0:56)	17-27
3rd	0:00	MAR	Ali 65-yard pass from Cam Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(3 plays, 71 yards, 1:20)	24-27
4th	11:02	GSU	Grainger 2-yard run (Rickman kick)	(8 plays, 75 yards, 3:58)	24-34
4th	1:42	GSU	Marcus Carroll 2-yard run (Rickman kick)	(13 plays, 83 yards, 6:17)	24-41

**ATLANTA, Ga.** – Marshall Football dropped a 41-24 decision to Georgia State on Saturday night at Center Parc Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia.

With the loss, Marshall drops to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in Sun Belt Conference play.

“We rode our way into this storm and we’ve got to ride our way out of it,” Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. “No one is feeling sorry for us. We’ve got to get ready to go on Thursday.”

Marshall running back Rasheen Ali scored three total touchdowns for the Thundering Herd, including a 64-yard reception from quarterback Cam Fancher that cut the Georgia State lead to 27-24 on the final play of the third quarter.

Ali finished with 174 all-purpose yards and his three touchdowns keeps him in the Top-5 in FBS in both scoring and rushing touchdowns.

Fancher also continued to be efficient in the throw game, finishing 27 of 34 for 301 yards while also completing 18 straight throws from the second quarter until the fourth. Fancher did not throw an incomplection in the second half.

“I thought he did a really good job managing the game,” Huff said. “He got the ball to a bunch of different receivers.”

Marshall fell behind 27-10 after Georgia State scored with just 1:19 before halftime, but the Herd drove 75 yards in less than one minute with Ali’s second touchdown run of the game cutting into the deficit.

J.J. Roberts finished with a career-high 15 tackles in the loss while Owen Porter added 10 tackles and a sack from his defensive end spot.

Marshall Football returns to action for a nationally-televised SBC



showdown with James Madison at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).

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# Game Five - at N.C. State

## N.C. State 48, Marshall 41

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marshall	14	10	10	7	41
N.C. State	7	14	14	13	48

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	11:14	MAR	Cam Fancher 7-yard run (Rece Verhoff kick)	(4 plays, 29 yards, 1:27)	7-0
1st	8:20	NCSU	KC Concepcion 17-yard pass from MJ Morris (Brayden Narveson kick)	(7 plays, 43 yards, 2:47)	7-7
1st	2:57	MAR	Josh Moten 27-yard Interception Return (Verhoff kick)	(0 plays, 0 yards, 0:27)	14-7
2nd	11:43	NCSU	Delbert Mimms III 18-yard run (Narveson kick)	(6 plays, 55 yards, 2:32)	14-4
2nd	9:45	NCSU	Trent Pennix 39-yard pass from Morris (Narveson kick)	(1 play, 39 yards, 0:07)	14-21
2nd	2:34	MAR	Verhoff 43 FG	(9 plays, 34 yards, 3:56)	17-21
2nd	0:31	MAR	Fancher 4-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(5 plays, 66 yards, 1:18)	24-21
3rd	9:03	NCSU	Michael Allen 37-yard run (Narveson kick)	(6 plays, 58 yards, 3:23)	24-28
3rd	7:31	MAR	Jayden Harrison 28-yard pass from Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(5 plays, 75 yards, 1:32)	31-28
3rd	6:43	NCSU	Pennix 62-yard pass from Morris *Narveson kick)	(2 plays, 68 yards, 0:43)	31-35
3rd	1:24	MAR	Verhoff 26 FG	(10 plays, 66 yards, 5:19)	34-35
4th	14:44	NCSU	Narveson 40-yard FG	(5 plays, 45 yards, 1:33)	34-38
4th	7:03	NCSU	Narveson 27-yard FG	(7 plays, 45 yards, 3:16)	34-41
4th	6:04	NCSU	Concepcion 8-yard pass from Morris (Narveson kick)	(2 plays, 9 yards, 0:47)	34-48
4th	1:29	MAR	Caleb Coombs 16-yard pass from Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(16 plays, 76 yards, 4:30)	41-48

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** – Marshall Football's rally to remain undefeated fell just short on Saturday as the Thundering Herd suffered its first loss of the season in a 48-41 loss to N.C. State in front of 56,919 fans at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, North Carolina.

With the loss, Marshall falls to 4-1 on the season and sees its nine-game winning streak come to an end.

"They battled and they played hard," Marshall football coach Charles Huff said. "That's a real ACC Power Five football team. We made way too many mistakes to beat that caliber of a team. You just can't do it."

Marshall quarterback Cam Fancher threw for a season-high 315 yards and totaled four touchdowns in the loss.

Fancher's 16-yard touchdown toss to Caleb Coombs with 1:29 left in the game cut N.C. State's lead to one possession and a Herd defensive stop gave Marshall a chance. However, the Herd was stopped on fourth down in its own territory as the Wolfpack survived another battle with Marshall.

Marshall's offense outgained N.C. State, 419-401, but turnovers and turnovers on downs proved costly.

In addition to Fancher's strong effort, wide receiver Darryle Simmons had his best effort in a Marshall uniform with eight catches for 87 yards.

"Everybody is really jelling as a team and as an offense, especially," Simmons said. "Coach Huff always preaches 'Next Man Up' and to be ready. I was just ready for my opportunity when it came."

Turnovers negated a defensive effort in which the Herd collected three interceptions, including one returned 27 yards for a touchdown by Josh Moten.

Dyoni Hill collected one of them early in the third quarter, adding to a career day for him as he also accounted for eight tackles, including a tackle for loss, in the game.

Marshall took a 24-21 lead into the locker room after the Thundering Herd scored 10

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points in the final 2:34 of the half.

After Marshall's Rece Verhoff hit a career-long 43-yard field goal to cut into the deficit, the defense forced a three-and-out to get the ball back.

Fancher executed beautifully, completing all four of his passes on the drive before capping it with a 4-yard touchdown run in which he extended for the pylon to give the Herd the halftime lead.

Prior to that, it had been Marshall's defense who set the tone for the offense, producing a pair of interceptions that directly led to 14 first-half points.

J.J. Roberts grabbed an interception on N.C. State's first drive to help set up a 7-yard Fancher touchdown to give Marshall the early lead before Moten's acrobatic snag and return increased the Herd advantage.

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# Game Four - vs. Old Dominion

## Marshall 41, Old Dominion 35

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Old Dominion	7	14	7	7	35
Marshall	3	14	21	3	41

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	14:03	ODU	Jack Shields 66-yard run (Ethan Sanchez kick)	(3 plays, 70 yards, 0:49)	7-0
1st	5:26	MAR	Rece Verhoff 42 FG	(6 plays, 23 yards, 1:40)	7-3
2nd	13:23	ODU	Jordan Bly 19 pass from Shields (Sanchez kick)	(1 play, 19 yards, 0:06)	14-3
2nd	11:17	ODU	Kadarius Calloway 70-yard run (Sanchez kick)	(1 play, 70 yards, 0:11)	21-3
2nd	9:11	MAR	Cade Conley 1-yard pass from Cam Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(4 plays, 57 yards, 2:00)	21-10
2nd	3:31	MAR	Caleb Coombs 22-yard pass from Fancher (Verhoff kick)	(7 plays, 60 yards, 3:03)	21-17
3rd	10:10	MAR	Rasheen Ali 1-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(9 plays, 94 yards, 4:42)	21-24
3rd	8:13	MAR	Elijah Alston 85-yard INT return (Verhoff kick)	(0 plays, 0 yards, n/a)	21-31
3rd	7:50	ODU	Calloway 69-yard run (Sanchez kick)	(2 plays, 73 yards, 0:23)	28-31
3rd	2:59	MAR	Ali 1-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(10 plays, 68 yards, 4:44)	28-38
4th	8:21	MAR	Verhoff 30-yard FG	(9 plays, 54 yards, 4:59)	28-41
4th	8:09	ODU	Calloway 75-yard run (Sanchez kick)	(1 play, 75 yards, 0:12)	35-41

HUNTINGTON, West Virginia - Marshall quarterback Cam Fancher accounted for 380 total yards of offense and the Thundering Herd got an interception return for a touchdown by defensive lineman Elijah Alston to secure a 41-35 win in front of 22,652 fans at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

With the win, Marshall moves to 4-0 on the season and has now won nine straight games, dating back to the middle of the 2022 campaign.

"Our guys battled," Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. "We knew it wasn't going to be a game where Rasheen (Ali) rushed for 260 yards, but we knew we could come out and move the ball as a team. That was the gameplan."

For the second time this season, Fancher achieved a completion percentage above 80 percent, completing 29 of 35 passes for 278 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 102 yards on 15 carries. The 380 all-purpose yards eclipsed his former career high of 337 total yards against Georgia Southern last season.

"Everybody dialed in on what they had to do - their job, their assignment," Fancher said. "Assignment, alignment, technique - that's what we say."

One of Fancher's biggest plays, however, came on the defensive end as he made a tackle following a turnover that kept ODU from a defensive touchdown.

That play was magnified seconds later as Marshall's defense made its biggest play of the game - an 85-yard interception return for a TD from Alston, a Chesapeake, Virginia, native who grew up just 12 minutes from Old Dominion's campus.

"He didn't really throw the ball (as hard) as I thought he was going to do to the running back," Alston said. "It floated a little bit and I was like, 'Oh, that's in the air for too long.' I did what I had to do go. I grabbed it and was down the sideline."

In all, Alston finished with six tackles, including a half-tackle for loss, the interception return for a touchdown, another pass breakup and three quarterback hurries.

Marshall fell behind 21-3 in the second quarter, but a big kickoff return by Jayden Harrison sparked the Herd offense, who got into the end zone on a 1-yard pass from Fancher to Cade Conley.

The Thundering Herd then cut the lead to 21-17 at the break as Fancher found Caleb



Coombs for a 22-yard touchdown. Coombs finished the game with career highs in receptions (8) and receiving yards (76) while scoring his first career touchdown for the Herd.

"We didn't panic," Fancher said. "We knew adversity was going to come at some point. It was just about how we handled it from that point on."

For the fourth straight week, running back Rasheen Ali found the end zone multiple times.

Ali's 1-yard touchdown to open the third quarter capped a nine-play, 94-yard drive to start the second half, which gave Marshall its first lead of the contest.

Later, Ali added a second 1-yard score that produced a 38-28 lead and gave him his ninth rushing touchdown this season. That touchdown run pushed him into No. 8 on the Marshall scoring charts with 36 career touchdowns.

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# Game Three - vs. Virginia Tech

## Marshall 24, Virginia Tech 17

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Virginia Tech	7	3	0	7	17
Marshall	0	17	7	0	24

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
1st	11:59	VT	Kyron Drones 31-yard run (John Love kick)	(6 plays, 75 yards, 3:01)	7-0
2nd	14:50	MAR	DeMarcus Harris 12-yard pass from Cam Fancher (Rece Verhoff kick)	(9 plays, 78 yards, 3:27)	7-7
2nd	11:47	VT	Love 21 FG	(8 plays, 70 yards, 2:58)	10-7
2nd	9:10	MAR	Rasheen Ali 56-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(6 plays, 75 yards, 2:37)	10-14
2nd	2:55	MAR	Verhoff 21 FG	(11 plays, 41 yards, 5:34)	10-17
3rd	7:22	MAR	Ali 1-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(7 play, 98 yards, 3:32)	10-24
4th	7:14	VT	Drones 16-yard run (Love kick)	(7 plays, 65 yards, 3:24)	17-24

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Marshall's Rasheen Ali rushed for 174 yards and two touchdowns and the Thundering Herd defense got a critical fourth-down stop late to solidify a 24-17 win over ACC foe Virginia Tech in front of 31,475 fans at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday.

With the win, Marshall moves to 3-0 on the season and notches its second consecutive season with a victory over a Power Five program.

"Our guys battled and found a way to win," said Marshall head coach Charles Huff, who moved to 2-0 against Power Five competition in his tenure. "I think our process helped us out toward the end there. We talked about discipline being really big and execution being really big. It showed up today in crucial moments."

With the game on the line, Marshall's defense stood tall and made plays when needed to earn the victory.

Virginia Tech faced a fourth-and-1 from the Marshall 31, but a false start penalty pushed the Hokies back five yards. Defensive back Josh Moten then broke up the fourth-down pass attempt – his second breakup of the final drive – as the Herd got off the field and into victory formation.

"That was a spitting image of the process to go out there for 60 minutes and play with max effort and play with an intensity that the other team can't match," said Marshall linebacker Eli Neal, who finished tied with a team-high nine tackles. "That's what we pride ourselves on, and being able to go into that fourth quarter and finish the game was big for us."

The win was Marshall's first over a Power Five opponent in Huntington since defeating Purdue, 41-31, on Sept. 6, 2015.

Marshall led 17-10 at halftime and extended that lead to 24-10 on Rasheen Ali's 1-yard touchdown run with 7:22 left in the third quarter, which came after Ali broke loose on a 61-yard run that put the Herd in the red zone.

That run capped a 7-play, 98-yard drive in which the Herd utilized a Virginia Tech penalty on third down to get out of the shadow of its own end zone.

Ali's first touchdown run – a 56-yard burst off the right side – gave Marshall the lead for good during a 17-point second quarter in which the offense found its rhythm.

Virginia Tech scored on its opening drive of the game on a 31-yard run by Kyron Drones, but Marshall knotted the game when quarterback Cam Fancher found wide receiver DeMarcus Harris for a 12-yard scoring pass just 10 seconds into the second quarter to tie the game.



Fancher finished 16 of 27 for 166 yards with the touchdown pass and two interceptions.

Defensively, Micah Abraham continued his strong play on the outside with three pass breakups while defensive back Kerion Martin also set a career-high with nine tackles in the win.

Marshall now sets its sights on its first Sun Belt contest of the season as Old Dominion visits Joan C. Edwards Stadium next Saturday at 3:30 p.m. for Homecoming 2023.

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# Game Two - at East Carolina

## Marshall 31, East Carolina 13

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Marshall	0	10	0	21	31
East Carolina	0	10	3	0	13

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
2nd	11:32	MAR	Rasheen Ali 1-yard run (Kameron Lake kick)	(12 plays, 79 yards, 4:42)	7-0
2nd	6:03	MAR	Lake 20 FG	(10 plays, 68 yards, 4:25)	10-0
2nd	3:53	ECU	A. Conrad 39 FG	(5 plays, 53 yards, 2:10)	10-3
2nd	2:22	ECU	S. Calhoun 2 pass from M. Garcia (Conrad kick)	(3 plays, 3 yards, 1:16)	10-10
3rd	6:04	ECU	Conrad 30 FG	(11 plays, 58 yards, 5:43)	10-13
4th	11:07	MAR	Caleb McMillan 75 pass from Chuck Montgomery (Lake kick)	(1 play, 75 yards, 0:11)	17-13
4th	7:16	MAR	Ali 56 run (Lake kick)	(5 plays, 77 yards, 2:17)	24-13
4th	6:13	MAR	Ali 14 run (Lake kick)	(2 plays, 23 yards, 0:53)	31-13

GREENVILLE, N.C. – Marshall scored 21 points in less than five minutes of the fourth quarter to overcome a deficit and earn a 31-13 win over East Carolina at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in a wild, rain-soaked evening on Saturday.

With the win, Marshall moves to 2-0 on the season and earned its first win in eight all-time tries against the Pirates in Greenville.

“This game means a lot to a lot of people connected to both these universities,” Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. “We talked to the team before the game. The way you honor someone is how you do something. I think they played with the right mentality. We still have a lot of things to clean up.”

Trailing 13-10 entering the final period, Marshall used a trick play to take the lead as Chuck Montgomery hit Caleb McMillan for a 75-yard touchdown that gave the Herd the lead for good.

That score came after ECU took possession in Marshall territory looking to add to its lead, but Marshall’s defense pushed the Pirates backward in a key juncture.

From there, Marshall running back Rasheen Ali took over, bouncing outside and outracing the East Carolina defense for a 56-yard score that made it a two-score lead.

That score came after Herd quarterback Cam Fancher connected with Jayden Harrison on a 29-yard pass on 3rd-and-16 that prolonged the Herd’s drive.

Leading 24-13, Marshall’s defense went to work, cementing the game as cornerback Micah Abraham stepped in front of a Mason Garcia pass, giving the Herd possession in ECU territory.

Ali made quick work of the opportunity, scoring on a 14-yard run with 6:13 left to set the final score.

The junior from Cleveland, Ohio, finished with 85 yards and three scores, but credited the defense for having the offense’s back, which put the team in position to win.

“That was huge for the defense,” Ali said. “The defense stepped up great today. I’m proud of them boys and I congratulated them every time they got off the sideline. I was super-excited to see them hold it down for us.”

Abraham later added a second interception of Garcia to put the game away. The interception also vaulted him into the top-10 in Marshall history.

“They just came out and battled,” Huff said. “We had to win the game, and that’s the mentality we have to have. Offensively, we have to feel like we have to go win the



game. Defensively, we’ve got to say we’ve got to go win the game. I think the leadership showed up tonight. There were times where we could’ve folded and we didn’t.”

Marshall’s big fourth quarter came after East Carolina took its first lead of the game with 6:04 left in the third quarter following a 30-yard field goal by Andrew Conrad that came after a near two-hour weather delay at halftime.

After a scoreless first quarter, Marshall drove 79 yards for the game’s first touchdown with Ali diving in on a 1-yard touchdown run to open the scoring with 11:32 left in the first half. Ali’s 15-yard run on third-and-9 kept the drive moving and preceded the touchdown run.

Marshall’s next drive ended with a 20-yard field goal by Kameron Lake – the first of his career – to increase the lead to 10-0 with 6:03 left before halftime. Both drives were sustained with each going over 10 plays and taking 4-plus minutes off the clock.

ECU came back with 10 straight points, including a touchdown aided by a Marshall fumble deep in its own territory, to tie the game before halftime.

As both teams got ready to come out for the second half, a lightning delay forced the teams back into the locker room. In all, the weather delay took 1 hour, 41 minutes before play resumed at 7:32 p.m.

Fancher finished 15 of 28 for 178 yards in the win. Eli Neal and J.J. Roberts led the Herd with seven tackles each.



# Game One - vs. Albany

## Marshall 21, Albany 17

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Albany	0	3	14	0	17
Marshall	0	0	14	7	21

### SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Team	Play	Drive	Score
2nd	0:06	ALB	John Opalko 46-yard field goal	(6 plays, 20 yards, 1:03)	0-3
3rd	9:35	ALB	Jackson Parker 19-yard pass from Reese Poffenbarger (Opalko kick)	(11 plays, 75 yards, 5:25)	0-10
3rd	6:50	MAR	Charles Montgomery 19 pass from Cam Fancher (Rece Verhoff kick)	(8 plays, 65 yards, 2:38)	7-10
3rd	3:31	ALB	Poffenbarger 54 run (Opalko kick)	(6 plays, 75 yards, 3:19)	7-17
3rd	2:22	MAR	Rasheen Ali 13-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(3 plays, 65 yards, 1:09)	14-17
4th	12:53	MAR	Ali 30-yard run (Verhoff kick)	(6 plays, 54 yards, 2:30)	21-17

**Huntington, West Virginia** - Marshall Football earned the 600th win in program history on Saturday as the Thundering Herd opened the 2023 season with a 21-17 win over Albany in front of 25,101 fans at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Marshall junior running back Rasheen Ali finished with 137 yards and two touchdowns – both in the second half – while senior defensive end Owen Porter finished with a career-high 12 tackles and the game-clinching sack of Albany quarterback Reese Poffenbarger as the Thundering Herd held off a tough challenge from the Great Danes.

“Honestly, it was the best thing that could’ve happened tonight,” Marshall head coach Charles Huff said. “We’ve got a lot to get cleaned up and hats off to Albany. It’s a good football team and that quarterback is a good quarterback.”

On an exciting day in which Marshall unveiled its new videoboard and several players made their Marshall debut, it was two of the Herd’s veteran players who made sure the Thundering Herd faithful went home happy.

Albany drove inside Marshall territory looking for the game-winning score, but defensive end Sam Burton got through the line and sacked Poffenbarger for a loss of 11 to force a long fourth-down attempt.

Porter then came and capped the victory, working his way around the edge and corraling Poffenbarger as he tried to work out of the pocket.

While Porter was thrilled to get out with the win, he was especially thrilled for Burton, who finished with a career-high 2.5 sacks on Saturday.

“There’s nobody I’m prouder of with everything that kid goes through – how many times he’s had to sit out for injury,” Porter said. “We came in together, so it just means a little more there and I couldn’t be prouder of him. I said it last year – if he doesn’t get hurt, he leads the team in sacks and probably the conference in sacks.”

The defense stood tall on Saturday, keeping Albany without a third-down conversion in their final seven tries of the game, continuing success from last season when the Thundering Herd led the nation in opponent third-down conversion percentage.

While the defense took care of business, Ali showed that he was back to full health, bursting through the Albany defense and notching a pair of touchdown runs that gave Marshall the lead for good.

Ali scored on a 13-yard run to cap a drive that took just 1:09 for the Herd to find the end zone, which got the crowd into it.



After Burton got a sack to force a punt and continue the momentum, Marshall took advantage of the short field and Ali found a crease off the right side for a 30-yard score that put the Herd up for good.

“It was exciting,” Ali said. “I just knew once I slowed down and trusted the big guys up front that it would eventually pop.”

Quarterback Cam Fancher finished 28 of 35 through the air for 268 yards with a touchdown – a 19-yard connection to Chuck Montgomery for a score that got Marshall on the board in the third quarter.

Montgomery caught a career-high six receptions for 81 yards. Tight end Cade Conley also caught seven passes for 79 yards in his first contest with the Thundering Herd.

Marshall returns to action at 4 p.m. on Saturday when the team travels to Greenville, North Carolina to take on East Carolina at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium in a nationally-televised broadcast on ESPN.

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