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GAME

at KENTUCKY

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Sept. 9, 2017
12 p.m. ET - SEC Network
Lexington, Ky.
Kroger Field (61,000)

2017 EKU Schedule/Results

DATE	RANK	OPPONENT	TV/NET	TIME
Sept. 2	RV/NR	at Western Kentucky	FloFootball	L, 17-31
Sept. 9		at Kentucky	SECN	12 p.m.
Sept. 16		OPEN		
Sept. 23		TENNESSEE TECH*	OVCN	6 p.m.
Sept. 30		at Southeast Missouri*	OVCN	7 p.m.
Oct. 7		TENNESSEE STATE*	OVCN	6 p.m.
Oct. 14		at Jacksonville State*	ESPN3	4 p.m.
Oct. 21		TENNESSEE-MARTIN*	OVCN	3 p.m.
Oct. 28		at Murray State*	OVCN	4 p.m.
Nov. 4		at Eastern Illinois*	OVCN	2 p.m.
Nov. 11		AUSTIN PEAY*	OVCN	1 p.m.
Nov. 18		SAINT FRANCIS*	OVCN	1 p.m.

EKU Ranking = STATS/Coaches. Home games appear in **ALL CAPITALS**. Times given are Eastern Time and subject to change.
* Denotes Ohio Valley Conference game.

2017 Kentucky Schedule/Results

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 2	at Southern Mississippi	W, 24-17
Sept. 9	EASTERN KENTUCKY	12 p.m.
Sept. 16	at South Carolina*	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	FLORIDA*	TBA
Sept. 30	EASTERN MICHIGAN	TBA
Oct. 7	MISSOURI*	TBA
Oct. 14	OPEN	
Oct. 21	at Mississippi State*	TBA
Oct. 28	TENNESSEE*	TBA
Nov. 4	MISSISSIPPI*	TBA
Nov. 11	at Vanderbilt*	TBA
Nov. 18	at Georgia*	TBA
Nov. 25	LOUISVILLE	TBA

Home games appear in **ALL CAPITALS**. Times given are Eastern Time. * Denotes Conference USA game.

On The Air

SEC Network
Taylor Zarzour, play-by-play
Andre Ware, analyst
Olivia Harlan, sideline reporter

WCYO 100.7 FM (Radio & Internet - www.EKUSports.com)
Greg Stotelmyer, play-by-play
Jim Tirey, analyst
Wes Chandler, sideline reporter

2017 **EKU** FOOTBALL

BREAKDOWN

EASTERN KENTUCKY COLONELS

Record: 0-1 (0-0 OVC, 0-1 away)
Ranking: RV (1), STATS FCS Top-25
NR, FCS Coaches Poll

Last Game: lost at Western Kentucky, 31-17
Sept. 2 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Head Coach: Mark Elder (Case Western, 2000)

Record: 3-9 (second season)
at EKU: 3-9 (second season)
vs. Kentucky: 0-0



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Record: 1-0 (0-0 SEC, 0-0 home)
Ranking: NR, Associated Press
NR, Coaches

Last Game: beat Southern Miss, 24-17
Sept. 2 at Hattiesburg, Miss.

Head Coach: Bob Stoops (Iowa, 1989)

Record: 20-30 (fifth season)
at UK: 20-30 (fifth season)
vs. Eastern Kentucky: 1-0



QUICK NOTES

- Tim Boyle became the first EKU quarterback to eclipse the 300-yard mark in their first game as a Colonel. The redshirt senior completed 63 percent of his passes (29-of-46) for 320 yards and tossed two touchdown passes at Western Kentucky.
- Eastern Kentucky trailed FBS Western Kentucky by just 17 at halftime and closed within 10 points twice in the second half before falling by 14, 31-17. The Colonels drove the ball to the WKU six yard line as time expired in the game, just missing a chance to set the final margin at seven.
- EKU has played well against FBS teams in recent years. In addition to beating Miami (Ohio) in 2014, the Colonels have lost close games at Indiana, Louisville, Kansas State and at Kentucky in overtime. Last season, Eastern trailed Purdue by just 10 points in the fourth quarter.
- Punter Keith Wrzusczzak (ROO-sack) was chosen as the OVC Co-Specialist of the Week on Sept. 3.
- Senior wide receiver Ryan Markush totaled a career-best 107 yards at Western Kentucky.
- The Colonels limited a WKU offense that averaged 46 points and 523 yards in 2016 to 31 points and 364 yards in the season opener.
- EKU registered four sacks against Western Kentucky while allowing just one.
- The Colonels did not turn the ball over in their season-opener at Western Kentucky.
- The 2017 roster includes 62 new players. Of the 115 players on the roster, 65 are either freshmen or redshirt freshmen.
- Punter Keith Wrzusczzak (ROO-sack) was chosen as a second team preseason All-American by STATS.
- Linebacker Jeffrey Canady was chosen as a second team preseason All-American by TyrantScouting.com.
- Mark Elder is entering his second season as Head Coach at EKU. Elder and his staff have engineered back-to-back top-25 rated recruiting classes.
- Aaron Patrick (DE) and Keith Wrzusczzak (ROO-sack) were chosen to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Team as selected by head coaches and media relations contacts.
- Eastern returns five starters on offense and seven on defense from last season's team.
- Last season, defensive end Aaron Patrick was chosen to the Hero Sports 2016 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Sophomore All-America Team.

INSIDE THE SERIES

Kentucky leads the all-time series 4-0. The two teams did not meet for the first time until 1998. UK won that game 52-7. The last time the two teams met, on Oct. 3, 2015, a 15-yard touchdown catch over the middle by Devin Borders gave Eastern Kentucky a 14-point lead with 7:39 left in the game, but the Wildcats scored two late fourth quarter touchdowns and won 34-27 in overtime. EKU out-rushed UK 180-55 and averaged 3.5 yards per carry. Eastern running back Ethan Thomas ran for 84 yards in that game. Safety Kobie Grace totaled nine tackles, one tackle for a loss and returned a fumble 24 yards. Linebacker Jeffrey Canady recorded five tackles.

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GAME-WEEK FOOTBALL SCHEDULE						
MONDAY - 4	TUESDAY - 5	WEDNESDAY - 6	THURSDAY - 7	FRIDAY - 8	SATURDAY - 9	SUNDAY - 10
Practice Off	OVC Teleconference 11:07 a.m. Press Conference, 1:25 p.m. Moberly Building - 212 Practice 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Coach Elder Radio Show Gillum's 7 p.m.	Practice 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. Roy Kidd Stadium	Practice Off No Availability Coach Elder Luncheon Golden Corral 12 p.m.	Practice 4 - 5:10 p.m. Roy Kidd Stadium	Eastern Kentucky at Kentucky 12 p.m. ET (SEC Network) Kroger Field (61,000)	Practice 9:10 - 10:30 p.m. Roy Kidd Stadium

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MEDIA SERVICES

CREDENTIALS

Credentials are issued to members of the working media only. Requests for credentials should be made to Kevin Britton.

PLAYER/COACHES INTERVIEWS

All interviews with players, head coach Mark Elder and all assistant coaches must be arranged through the EKUSports Communications office at least 24 hours in advance. Please contact Kevin Britton to arrange all interviews.

PRACTICE

EKU football practices are generally open to the media. Please contact Kevin Britton in the EKUSports Communications office for schedule, times and location.

POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

For home games, coach Elder and selected EKU players will be available outside the locker room after a brief cooling off period, generally 10 minutes after the game. For road games, coach Elder and selected players will be available outside the team's locker room, following the cooling off period. Please direct post-game interview requests to Kevin Britton.
Locker Room - The EKU locker room is closed to the media for all home and road games.

PRESS ROW SERVICE

Complete individual and team statistics and play-by-play will be available to the media following the game. One hour prior to tip-off, media packets containing a game program, flipcard, updated stats and game notes will be available in the media working area. Wireless internet access is available in Roy Kidd Stadium.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

Head coach Mark Elder and select players meets with the media each game week. The weekly press conference will be on Tuesday at 1:25 p.m. in room 212 on the second floor of the Moberly Building.

OVC TELECONFERENCE

The Ohio Valley Conference holds a coaches teleconference weekly during the season. The teleconferences begin at 10:55 a.m. ET. EKU Head Coach Mark Elder will be on the teleconference at 11:07 a.m. ET. For the teleconference phone number and pass code, please contact Kevin Britton.

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FIRST 300-YARD PASSER IN DEBUT

Tim Boyle became the first EKU quarterback to eclipse the 300-yard mark in their first game as a Colonel. The redshirt senior completed 63 percent of his passes (29-of-46) for 320 yards at Western Kentucky (Sept. 2). He also tossed two touchdown passes.

FBS SUCCESS

Eastern has played well against FBS teams in recent years. In addition to beating Miami (Ohio) 17-10 in 2014, the Colonels have lost close games at Indiana (19-13), Louisville (23-13), Kansas State (10-7) and at Kentucky (34-27 OT). Last season, EKU trailed Purdue by just 10 points in the fourth quarter. In the season-opener this year at Western Kentucky, EKU closed to within 10 twice in the second half and drove to the WKU six yard line as time expired in the fourth quarter of a 14-point loss.

CO-SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK

Punter Keith Wrzuszczak was chosen as the OVC Co-Specialist of the Week on Sept. 3. He was charged with keeping the nation's No. 2 rated punt return team at bay in the season opener at Western Kentucky. WKU led Conference USA and was second in the country with an average of 17.93 yards per punt return in 2016. Wrzuszczak punted four times, and only one was returned – for just two yards. He averaged 40.5 yards per punt while keeping the ball out of the hands of the dangerous Hilltopper returners. Wrzuszczak had a long of 46 and placed one inside the 20 yard line.

CAREER HIGH FOR MARKUSH

Senior wide receiver Ryan Markush totaled a career-best 107 yards at Western Kentucky (Sept. 2). He tied his career-high with seven catches. His previous career-high was 104 yards at Ball State and Tennessee Tech in 2016. After catching three touchdown passes in 2016, Markush had two in the season-opener.

GETTING DEFENSIVE

The Colonels limited a WKU offense that averaged 45.5 points and 523 yards of offense in 2016 to 31 points and 364 yards in the season opener on Sept. 2.

GETTING TO THE QB

EKU registered four sacks against Western Kentucky

(Sept. 2) while allowing just one. Luder Jean Louis (1.5), Taquan Evans (1.5) and Aaron Patrick (1.0) all recorded sacks against the Hilltoppers.

NO TURNOVERS -- NONE, ZERO, ZILCH

The Colonels did not turn the ball over in their season-opener at Western Kentucky. Last season EKU was plagued by turnovers, finishing with an OVC-most 31. That number also tied for the most in all of FCS football.

BIG RETURN

After Luder Jean Louis sacked WKU quarterback Mike White and forced a fumble, safety Eric Reed scooped it up and returned it 44 yards.

A LOOK AT THE RANKINGS

Despite opening the season against an FBS opponent, Eastern Kentucky ranks first in the OVC and 27th in the nation in kickoff returns (24.33 ypr), first in the OVC and 11th in the nation in passing offense (320 ypg), second in the OVC and 14th in the nation in third down conversion percentage (53.5 percent), second in the OVC and 35th in the nation with 22 first downs, second in the OVC and eighth in the nation with four sacks, and third in the league and 20th nationally with just four tackles for a loss allowed.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN PUNTER

Punter Keith Wrzuszczak was chosen as a second team preseason All-American by STATS.

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN LINEBACKER

Senior linebacker Jeffrey Canady was chosen as a second team preseason All-American by TyrantScouting.com.

FCS Playoff Appearances

	Team	Trips	Last
1.	Montana	23	2015
2.	Eastern Kentucky	21	2014
3.	Appalachian State	20	2012
4.	Georgia Southern	19	2012
5.	Northern Iowa	18	2015
6.	Furman	16	2013
	Eastern Illinois	16	2015
	McNeese State	16	2015
9.	Delaware	15	2010
	New Hampshire	15	2016
11.	James Madison	13	2016

FCS Coaches Top 25

Sept. 4, 2017

Team	Points	Prev	Record
1. James Madison (25)	649	1	1-0
2. North Dakota State	622	2	1-0
3. Sam Houston State (1)	596	3	1-0
4. South Dakota State	525	6	1-0
5. Jacksonville State	514	5	1-0
T-6. Youngstown State	466	8	0-1
T-6. Eastern Washington	466	4	0-1
8. Villanova	447	9	1-0
9. Richmond	404	7	0-1
10. Wofford	363	11	1-0
11. North Dakota	355	10	0-1
12. New Hampshire	313	16	1-0
13. The Citadel	297	12	1-0
14. Chattanooga	286	13	0-1
15. Illinois State	279	18	1-0
16. Central Arkansas	239	15	0-1
17. Samford	219	19	1-0
18. Charleston Southern	203	14	0-1
19. Lehigh	182	17	0-1
20. Weber State	150	22	1-0
T-21. Northern Iowa	124	20	0-1
T-21. North Carolina A&T	124	25	1-0
23. Grambling State	83	21	0-1
24. Tennessee State	81	NR	1-0
25. Colgate	71	NR	1-0

Receiving votes: Western Ill. (55), Montana (48), Howard (35), South Dakota (35), Nicholls (32), Portland St. (23), Jackson St. (21), Eastern Ill. (21), N.C. Central (18), Delaware (17), Gal Poly (14), San Diego (11), Prairie View A&M (10), Harvard (8), Southeastern La. (7), William and Mary (6), Towson (6), McNeese (6), Fordham (5), Dayton (5), Northern Ariz. (4), Mercer (2), Albany (1), Saint Francis (1), Hampton (1).

STATS.com Top 25

Sept. 4, 2017

Team	Record	Points	Prev
1. James Madison (152)	1-0	4064	1
2. North Dakota State (8)	1-0	3872	2
3. Sam Houston State (2)	1-0	3721	3
4. South Dakota State (1)	1-0	3501	4
5. Jacksonville State	1-0	3388	6
6. Villanova	1-0	2969	10
7. Eastern Washington	0-1	2918	5
8. Youngstown State	0-1	2853	9
9. Richmond	0-1	2674	7
10. Wofford	1-0	2564	11
11. North Dakota	0-1	2563	8
12. New Hampshire	1-0	2145	13
13. Chattanooga	0-1	1789	12
14. Citadel	1-0	1751	16
15. Central Arkansas	0-1	1416	15
16. Charleston Southern	0-1	1340	14
17. Samford	1-0	1244	19
18. Illinois State	1-0	1166	20
19. Lehigh	0-1	1086	17
20. Liberty	1-0	898	NR
21. Northern Iowa	0-1	841	18
22. Western Illinois	1-0	678	25
23. Tennessee State	1-0	406	NR
24. Grambling State	0-1	385	21
25. Weber State	1-0	359	NR

Receiving votes: N.C. A&T (305), Howard (277), Montana (237), Fordham (199), San Diego (195), Albany (186), South Dakota (163), Northern Ariz. (117), Colgate (114), UT Martin (107), Nicholls (97), N.C. Central (67), Delaware (38), Saint Francis (34), Gal Poly (32), Stony Brook (29), Princeton (26), Kennesaw St. (26), McNeese (23), Harvard (20), Mercer (17), Southeastern La. (14), Maine (10), Rhode Island (9), Portland St. (9), Eastern Ill. (6), Southern Ill. (5), Penn (5), Southern (4), ETSU (3), Western Carolina (3), William & Mary (3), Eastern Ky. (1), Furman (1), Wagner (1), Hampton (1).

LOT OF NEW FACES

Eastern welcomes 62 new players to the team in 2017. Of the 115 players on the roster, 65 are either true freshmen or redshirt freshmen.

HEAD COACH

The 2016 season was the first for Mark Elder as head coach at ECU. He spent the previous three seasons as the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Tennessee. Over his final 11 seasons as an assistant, Elder helped his teams reach nine bowl games and win four conference championships. In 2015, he was ranked as one of the top-25 recruiters in college football. Elder is the 14th head coach in program history.

TWO PICKED ALL-OVC BY COACHES

Two Colonels – defensive end Aaron Patrick and punter Keith Wrzuszczak – were chosen to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference Team by league coaches and media relations contacts.

NINE CHOSEN PRESEASON ALL-OVC

CollegeSportsMadness put nine Colonels on its preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference teams. Aaron Patrick (DL) and Keith Wrzuszczak (P) were first team selections. Ryan Markush (WR) and Cameron Kowalewski (OL) were second team choices. Chance Edwards (OL), Lucas Williams (K), Corey Glass (LB), Ben Bascom (DB) and Cornelius Floyd (DB) were chosen to the third team.

PRESEASON OVC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

CollegeSportsMadness chose quarterback Austin Scott as its Madness Preseason Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year. Scott redshirted last season.

RECRUITING SUCCESS

In his first 14 months as head coach, Mark Elder engineered back-to-back top-25 rated recruiting classes, re-stocking the Colonel roster with a talented young core. Despite having less than two months to put together his first recruiting class, after being hired in mid-December, Eastern's 2016 class was ranked as the 23rd best in the nation. With more time to spend scouting future Colonels, Elder's second recruiting class was rated as the 14th best in the country. This class featured 20 players that received all-state honors, including the No. 17 overall FCS recruit in the nation, Sean Cleasant.

STATUE OF THE KIDD

ECU will unveil a statue of College Football Hall of Fame coach Roy Kidd on Sept. 23. Kidd won 314 games, including two national championships, as the head coach of the Colonels from 1964 to 2002.

DOING GOOD WORKS

Senior Jeffrey Canady is a nominee for the 2017 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team.

Ohio Valley Conference

Standings

Team	OVC	Overall
Eastern Illinois	0-0 .000	1-0 1.000
Jacksonville State	0-0 .000	1-0 1.000
Murray State	0-0 .000	1-0 1.000
Tennessee State	0-0 .000	1-0 1.000
Tennessee-Martin	0-0 .000	1-0 1.000
Austin Peay	0-0 .000	0-1 .000
Eastern Kentucky	0-0 .000	0-1 .000
Southeast Missouri	0-0 .000	0-1 .000
Tennessee Tech	0-0 .000	0-1 .000

Preseason Poll (Coaches/SIDs)

Order of Finish	Points
1. Jacksonville State (16)	128
2. Tennessee-Martin (2)	107
3. Tennessee State	96
4. Eastern Illinois	81
5. Eastern Kentucky	68
6. Tennessee Tech	64
7. Southeast Missouri	42
8. Murray State	41
9. Austin Peay	21

Preseason Poll (Media)

Order of Finish	Points
1. Jacksonville State (13)	141
2. Tennessee-Martin (1)	120
3. Tennessee State (2)	112
4. Eastern Illinois	96
5. Tennessee Tech	70
6. Murray State	62
7. Eastern Kentucky	61
8. Southeast Missouri	33
9. Austin Peay	25

RETURNING STARTERS

Eastern Kentucky returns just five starters on offensive and seven defensive starters from last season's team. The returning offensive starters are Chance Edwards (RG), Cameron Fogle (SL), Cameron Kowalewski (RT), Ryan Markush (WR) and Ethan Thomas (RB). The returning defensive starters are Ben Bascom (NB), Nigel Bethel (CB), Jeffrey Canady (LB), Corey Glass (LB), Kobie Grace (S), Aaron Patrick (DE), and Jared Tucker (S).

NATIONAL PRESEASON POLLS

Eastern received two votes in the preseason STATS Poll.

AYE AYE CAPTAIN

Five Colonels -- Jeffrey Canady (LB), Kobie Grace (DB), Kagen Skidmore (C), Tim Boyle (QB) and LJ Scott (RB) will serve as permanent team captains throughout the 2017 season.

IN THE BOX

This season, offensive coordinator Angelo Mirando, tight ends coach Tommy Zagorski, defensive coordinator Kurt

Mattix and co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach Shannon Morrison will be in the coaches booth during games.

ALL-COMMONWEALTH TEAM

Keith Wrzusczyk (P), Jeffrey Canady (LB) and Kobie Grace (DB) were chosen to the Community Trust Bank 2017 Kentucky's Collegiate All-Commonwealth Team presented by the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame.

HONORING THE PAST

The football team that started the championship tradition at Eastern Kentucky University -- the 1967 Grantland Rice Bowl Champions -- will be honored at the Col-

onels' first home game of the season on Sept. 23 against Tennessee Tech.

IN THE LEAGUE

Three former Colonels could make NFL teams this year. Noah Spence (2015) had an outstanding season as a rookie defensive lineman for Tampa last season. Punter Jordan Berry (2009-13) is in his third season as the punter for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tight end Matt Lengel (2010-14) helped the Patriots win Super Bowl LI last year, but was recently cut from the team.

WELCOME TO THE HALL

Two former Colonel football players and the 1982 national championship team are among the group of nine to be inducted into the Eastern Kentucky University Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 7. The two players are Elroy Harris (1985-88) and Jessie Small (1985-89).

TYING THE RECORD FOR POINTS

The Colonels scored 67 points at Austin Peay last year, tying the program record set in 1925 against Morehead State. It was the first time EKU scored 60 or more points in a game since beating Glenville State, 60-7, on Oct. 6, 2001.

SOPHOMORE ALL-AMERICA

Defensive end Aaron Patrick was chosen to the Hero Sports Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Sophomore All-America Team last season. He was the only OVC player chosen to the first team. He finished the 2016 campaign with seven sacks, a total of 10 tackles for a loss and 53 total tackles.

POSTSEASON OVC HONORS

Two current Colonels earned postseason Ohio Valley Conference honors in 2016. Defensive end Aaron Patrick was chosen first team all-conference. Punter Keith Wrzusczyk earned second team honors.

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Jeffrey Canady was chosen to the 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-District® Football Team for district two. In the classroom, Canady has a 3.63 grade-point-average while majoring in environmental health science.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

Six of Eastern's eight OVC opponents in 2016 were ranked or received votes in the national polls at some point during the season. Jacksonville State (No. 2), Tennessee State (RV) and UT Martin (RV) were ranked or receiving votes at the time they faced EKU. Tennessee Tech, Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois were ranked or received votes at some point during the season.

TOP-RANKED PUNTING UNIT

Eastern led the OVC in net punting (41.19 yards per punt) and in punt return defense (2.50 yards per punt) in 2016.

2017 Honors/Awards

2017 Kentucky Collegiate All-Commonwealth Team
 Keith Wrzusczyk June 23
 Jeffrey Canady June 23
 Kobie Grace June 23

Allstate Good Works Team Nominee
 Jeffrey Canady July 13

Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference
 Aaron Patrick (DE) July 24
 Keith Wrzusczyk (P) July 24

Preseason All-America by STATS
 Keith Wrzusczyk (2nd team) July 31

Preseason All-America by TyrantScouting.com
 Jeffrey Canady (2nd team) August 16

Preseason All-OVC by CollegeSportsMadness
 Aaron Patrick (DE, 1st team) August 7
 Keith Wrzusczyk (P, 1st team) August 7
 Ryan Markush (WR, 2nd team) August 7
 Cameron Kowalewski (OL, 2nd team) ... August 7
 Chance Edwards (OL, 3rd team) August 7
 Lucas Williams (K, 3rd team) August 7
 Corey Glass (LB, 3rd team) August 7
 Ben Bascom (DB, 3rd team) August 7
 Cornelius Floyd (DB, 3rd team) August 7

Preseason OVC Freshman of the Year by CollegeSportsMadness
 Austin Scott (QB) August 7

Ohio Valley Conference Specialist of the Week
 Keith Wrzusczyk (Co-) Sept. 3

Eastern Kentucky Quick Facts

THE UNIVERSITY

Location (Enrollment): Richmond, Ky. (16,959)
 Founded: 1906
 Colors: Maroon (PMS 209) & White
 Nickname: Colonels
 National Affiliation: NCAA Division FCS
 Conference: Ohio Valley (Founding Member 1948)
 President: Dr. Michael Benson
 Director of Athletics: Stephen Lochmueller
 Senior Woman Administrator: Rachel Park
 Athletics Department Phone: (859) 622-2120
 Stadium (Capacity): Roy Kidd Stadium (20,000)
 Surface: Synthetic (2009)
 Press Box Phone: (859) 622-2226

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Elder (Case Western Reserve, 2000)
 Associate HC/OL: Terry Heffernan (Dayton, 2003)
 Assistant HC/TEs/OTs: Tommy Zagorski (Case Western, 2007)
 Defensive Coord.: Kurt Mattix (Valparaiso, 1999)
 Offensive Coord.: Angelo Mirando (Case Western, 2008)
 Co-Defensive Coord./DBs: ... Shannon Morrison (Marshall, 1995)
 Linebackers: Chase Gibson (Marshall, 2007)
 Wide Receivers: Kevin Koger (Michigan, 2012)
 Special Teams/RBs: Greg Meyer (Case Western, 2010)
 Defensive Line: Walter Stewart (Cincinnati, 2012)
 Recruiting Coordinator: Brandon Lawson (Tennessee, 2013)
 Strength & Conditioning: ... Jon-Michael Davis (App State, 2000)
 Associate Athletic Trainer: Tim Miesmer (Central Fla., 2007)
 Dir. of Operations: John Barnett (Virginia Tech, 2011)

2017 TEAM INFORMATION

Offense/Defense: Spread/Multiple
 Offensive Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6
 Defensive Starters Returning/Lost: 7/4
 Specialist Returning/Lost: 3/4
 Players Returning: 53 (24 off., 26 def., 3 spec.)
 Players Lost: 44 (24 off., 15 def., 5 spec.)

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The Colonels were third and fourth in the nation in those categories as well. Individually, Keith Wrzuszczak was third in the OVC and 17th in the nation with an average of 42.1 yards per punt.

GETTING TO THE QB

Eastern registered 21 sacks in the final eight games of the 2016 season. The Colonels finished second in the conference and 27th in the nation with an average of 2.45 sacks per game.

TACKLING THE COMPETITION

Jeffrey Canady had a career-high 17 tackles at Tennessee Tech (Oct. 1) and matched that with 17 against Murray State (Nov. 5). That total tied for the 18th most in one game by any FCS player during the 2016 season. Canady finished second in the OVC and seventh in the nation with an average of 11.2 tackles per game.

GETTING OFFENSIVE

The Colonels finished fourth in the conference and 41st nationally with 399.1 yards of offense per game in 2016.

PASSING OFFENSE

EKU was third in the OVC and 32nd in the nation with an average of 247.6 passing yards per game in 2016.

ON THIRD DOWNS

The Colonel offense converted 40 percent of their third downs in 2016, the third highest percentage in the OVC and 37th-best in FCS football.

DEFENSIVE RANKINGS

EKU was second in the OVC, and 16th in the country, in 2016 with three defensive touchdowns. EKU was third in the conference, and 32nd in FCS, with a team passing efficiency defense of 119.16. The Colonels were also third in the OVC in passing yards allowed (205.6 ypg). Eastern finished third in the league, and 46th nationally, with 6.3 tackles for a loss per game.

I'LL TAKE THAT

EKU led the conference and was sixth in the country with 13 fumbles recovered in 2016. Overall, Eastern finished third in the OVC and 25th in the nation with 23 turnovers gained.

GOOD FIELD POSITION IS KEY

Eastern Kentucky led the OVC in 2016 and finished ninth in the nation with an average of 23.62 yards per kickoff return, helping the Colonel offense start each drive with better field position.

SACK 'EM

Aaron Patrick was second in the OVC and 42nd in the nation with 0.64 sacks per game in 2016.

TRUE FRESHMAN RB SHINES

Daryl McCleskey Jr. had three rushing touchdowns to go along with 109 yards on 11 carries at Austin Peay (Nov. 12). It was the first time a Colonel had three rushing scores since Dy'Shawn Mobley totaled five against Murray State on Nov. 15, 2014.

SIX RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Four running backs combined for six rushing touchdowns at Austin Peay (Nov. 12). It was the first time Eastern had six rushing touchdowns in a game since posting half a dozen at Morehead State on Sept. 21, 2013.

300 RUSHING YARDS

EKU was among the top-20 passing teams in the country, but showed at Austin Peay (Nov. 12) it can run the ball just as well. Eastern finished with 346 rushing yards, eclipsing the 300 mark for the first time since running for 328 against Murray State on Nov. 15, 2014.

STOPPING ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST

In 2016, the EKU defense held the Jacksonville State offense without a touchdown in a game for the first time since 2012. The Gamecocks entered the game on Oct. 22, 15th in the nation in total offense, but were held 106 yards below their average.

THE LAST TIME AN ECU PLAYER ...

Rushed 30 times in a game

Dy'Shawn Mobley vs. MUR on Nov. 15, 2014 (40)

Rushed for 200 yards

Dy'Shawn Mobley vs. MUR on Nov. 15, 2014 (224)

Rushed for 150 yards

Dy'Shawn Mobley vs. MUR on Nov. 15, 2014 (224)

Rushed for 100 yards

Daryl McCleskey Jr. at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (109)

Rushed for 100 yards in cons. games

Dy'Shawn Mobley on Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1, 2014

Rushed for 3 or more touchdowns

Daryl McCleskey Jr. at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (3)

Passed for 400 yards

Bennie Coney at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016 (464)

Passed for 300 yards

Tim Boyle at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017 (320)

Attempted 50 passes

Bennie Coney at Murray State on Nov. 14, 2015 (68)

Attempted 40 passes

Tim Boyle at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017 (46)

Threw 5 touchdown passes

Bennie Coney vs. Tennessee-Martin on Nov. 7, 2015 (5)

Threw 4 touchdown passes

Bennie Coney vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (4)

Threw 3 touchdown passes

Bennie Coney vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (4)

Had 400 yards total offense

Bennie Coney at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016 (459)

Accounted for 5 or more touchdowns

Dy'Shawn Mobley vs. MUR on Nov. 15, 2014 (6)

Accounted for 4 or more touchdowns

Bennie Coney vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (4)

Accounted for 3 or more touchdowns

Daryl McCleskey Jr. at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (3)

Caught 10 or more passes

Orlandus Harris at Chattanooga on Sept. 18, 2010 (10)

Caught 7 or more passes

Ryan Markush at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017 (7)

Had 200 or more yards receiving

Orlandus Harris at Tennessee Tech on Nov. 13, 2010 (200)

Had 150 or more yards receiving

Jeff Glover vs. Murray State on Nov. 15, 2014 (161)

Had 100 or more yards receiving

Ryan Markush at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017 (107)

Caught 3 or more touchdown passes

Devin Borders vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (3)

Had 2 interceptions

Stanley Absanon (2) vs. Indiana State on Nov. 29, 2014

Had 15 or more tackles

Jeffrey Canady (15) vs. Eastern Illinois on Nov. 19, 2016

Depth Chart

(As Of Sept. 3, 2017)

OFFENSE

QB	7	Tim Boyle (6-4, 233, r-Sr., Middlefield, Conn.)
	15	Austin Scott (6-1, 209, r-Fr., Moore, S.C.)
	17	Garrett Kruczek (6-2, 174, r-So., Winter Park, Fla.)
RB	4	LJ Scott (6-0, 222, r-Jr., Marion, Ohio)
	or 20	Ethan Thomas (5-11, 203, Jr., Johnson City, Tenn.)
	or 6	Jason Lewis (6-3, 253, r-So., Virginia Beach, Va.)
	or 23	Daryl McCleskey Jr. (5-9, 186, So., Dayton, Ohio)
LT	64	Cameron Kowalewski (6-5, 277, r-Jr., Dallas, Ga.)
	67	Nick Cavinee (6-7, 281, r-Fr., Newark, Ohio)
LG	75	De'jour Simpson (6-3, 320, So., Charlotte, N.C.)
	79	Thomas Tabur (6-3, 288, r-So., Northbridge, Mass.)
C	63	Kagen Skidmore (6-2, 306, Sr., Somerset, Ky.)
	71	Jackson Bardall (6-3, 300, r-Fr., Cumming, Ga.)
RG	66	Chance Edwards (6-5, 330, r-Sr., Webster, Fla.)
	74	Christopher Anthony (6-4, 286, Fr., Massillon, Ohio)
RT	78	Justin Myles (6-3, 301, r-Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio)
	57	Ja'HShaun Seider (6-2, 307, r-So., Belle Glade, Fla.)
TE	43	Dan Paul (6-3, 253, r-Jr., Naples, Fla.)
	or 89	Clayton Schmerber (6-6, 249, Jr., Centerville, Ohio)
WR	11	Neiko Creamer (6-3, 224, r-Jr., Wilmington, Del.)
	87	Matt Clark (6-2, 212, r-So., Prospect, Ky.)
SL	82	Alex Cabrera (6-0, 184, So., Melbourne, Fla.)
	25	BK Smith (5-10, 184, Fr., Louisville, Ky.)
WR	9	Ryan Markush (6-2, 189, Sr., Germantown, Md.)
	80	Jaelin Carter (6-2, 203, Fr., Louisville, Ky.)

DEFENSE

DE	44	Aaron Patrick (6-4, 236, Jr., Dayton, Ohio)
	45	DJ White (6-5, 250, r-Fr., Madisonville, Ky.)
DT	92	Dillon Denault (6-2, 280, r-Fr., Lancaster, Ohio)
	90	Josiah Bennett (6-3, 294, Sr., East Stroudsburg, Pa.)
DT	70	Connor Foos (6-4, 275, So., Louisville, Ky.)
	54	Leonard Humphrey (6-2, 280, Fr., Knoxville, Tenn.)
DE	5	Luder Jean Louis (6-4, 223, r-Sr., Brooklyn, N.Y.)
	55	Taquan Evans (6-2, 229, r-So., Douglasville, Ga.)
LB	53	Jeffrey Canady (6-0, 232, r-Sr., Barboursville, Ky.)
	34	Demontre Boyd (6-1, 191, r-Jr., Louisville, Ky.)
LB	49	Damon Lowe (6-2, 241, So., Louisville, Ky.)
	8	Gavin Bryant (6-1, 238, r-Jr., Jackson, Ala.)
LB	3	Corey Glass (5-10, 217, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.)
	27	Drew O'Bryan (6-2, 233, r-Fr., Ashland, Ky.)
NB	29	Ben Bascom (5-9, 186, r-So., Apoka, Fla.)
	12	Cornelius Floyd (5-11, 175, Sr., Miami, Fla.)
LCB	1	Nigel Bethel II (5-9, 189, Sr., Miami, Fla.)
	10	Jordan Whitfield (6-1, 182, r-Jr., Huber Heights, Ohio)
RCB	32	Buck Solomon (6-0, 180, Sr., Groveland, Fla.)
	36	Omari Alexander (5-10, 171, So., Louisville, Ky.)
LS	2	Kobie Grace (5-9, 191, Sr., Winter Park, Fla.)
	35	TJ Comstock (5-11, 193, So., Louisville, Ky.)
RS	41	Eric Reed (5-9, 208, r-Sr., Nashville, Tenn.)
	24	Jared Tucker (5-11, 180, r-Jr., Stone Mountain, Ga.)

SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	28	Samuel Hayworth (5-11, 169, r-So., Ormond Beach, Fla.)	SS	42	Alex Shelton (6-0, 217, Fr., Fort Wright, Ky.)
	99	Lucas Williams (6-1, 193, r-Sr., Russell Springs, Ky.)		46	Thomas Bowling (6-1, 192, Fr., Bardstown, Ky.)
PK	99	Lucas Williams (6-1, 193, r-Sr., Russell Springs, Ky.)	HO	19	Keith Wrzuszczak (5-11, 212, Sr., Victoria, Australia)
	28	Samuel Hayworth (5-11, 169, r-So., Ormond Beach, Fla.)		28	Samuel Hayworth (5-11, 169, r-So., Ormond Beach, Fla.)
P	19	Keith Wrzuszczak (5-11, 212, Sr., Victoria, Australia)	KR	1	Nigel Bethel (5-9, 189, Sr., Miami, Fla.)
	28	Samuel Hayworth (5-11, 169, r-So., Ormond Beach, Fla.)		23	Daryl McCleskey Jr. (5-9, 186, So., Dayton, Ohio)
LS	46	Thomas Bowling (6-1, 192, Fr., Bardstown, Ky.)	PR	23	Daryl McCleskey Jr. (5-9, 186, So., Dayton, Ohio)
	42	Alex Shelton (6-0, 217, Fr., Fort Wright, Ky.)		1	Nigel Bethel (5-9, 189, Sr., Miami, Fla.)

HEAD COACH Mark Elder

Eastern Kentucky University owns two national championships, 21 Ohio Valley Conference titles and 21 NCAA playoff appearances. Head coach Mark Elder has the program back on track to add to those numbers.

In his first 14 months as head coach, Elder has engineered back-to-back top-25 rated recruiting classes, re-stocking the Colonel roster with a talented young core.

He has also driven dramatic facility improvements. The program now has a brand new, state-of-the-art strength and conditioning center that includes an indoor turf area and the second-largest nutrition bar in all of college athletics. The Moberly Building, home of ECU football, underwent a remodel and now includes a team room with theatre seating, and new graphics and signage throughout the complex, highlighting the program's past and its present.

The crown jewel of the facilities revitalization project will open this fall. The east side of Roy Kidd Stadium will feature a brand new team locker room featuring a team lounge, equipment room and a game day training area. The expansion project will include over 3,000 new seats and a new concourse with modern concession facilities.

Despite having less than two months to put together his first recruiting class, after being hired in mid-December, Eastern's 2016 class was ranked as the 23rd best in the nation. With more time to spend scouting future Colonels, Elder's second recruiting class was rated as the 14th best in the country. This class featured 20 players that received all-state honors, including the No. 17 overall FCS recruit in the nation, Sean Cleasant.

The team excelled in several areas while a number of Colonels thrived on and off the field during Elder's first season as head coach.

The offense fired on all cylinders in scoring 67 points against Austin Peay, tying a school record set in 1925. Not only did Eastern Kentucky lead the Ohio Valley Conference in net punting and punt return defense, the team ranked third and fourth in the nation in those categories. Eastern led the conference, and was sixth

The Elder File

PERSONAL
 Hometown Cincinnati, Ohio
 Family Wife - Lindsey,
 Children - Owen & Lila

EDUCATION
 Undergraduate Case Western Reserve (2000) - B.S. Economics
 Graduate Akron (2001) - M.S. Education In Sports Science & Coaching

ASSISTANT COACHING EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Coaching Position	Notes
2000-01	Akron	Defensive Graduate Assistant	2000 MAC East Co-Champions
2002	Lehigh	Asst. Linebackers Coach	18th nationally scoring defense
2003	Iona	Defensive Coord./Linebackers	1st winning season since 1993
2004	Wayne State	Defensive Coord./ Linebackers	
2005-06	Michigan	Defensive Quality Control/GA	Alamo Bowl & Rose Bowl
2007-09	Central Michigan	Linebackers Coach	2x MAC Champs, 3 bowl games
2010-12	Cincinnati	TEs, RBs, Special Teams, DBs	2x Big East Champs, 2 bowl wins
2013-15	Tennessee	Special Teams/Tight Ends	2 bowl wins

HEAD COACHING EXPERIENCE

Year	School	Overall	OVC	Notes
2016	Eastern Kentucky	3-8	2-6	
2017	Eastern Kentucky	0-1	0-0	
Totals	First Season	3-9	2-6	

NOTABLE

- Over final 11 seasons as an assistant, has helped his teams reach nine bowl games
- 2014 national top-50 recruiter
- 2015 national top-25 recruiter



in the country, in fumbles recovered. The defense registered 21 sacks in the final eight games of the season. The Colonels finished the season among the top-45 in the nation in total offense and passing.

In just his second season as a college football player, defensive end Aaron Patrick earned first team All-OVC honors and was chosen as a first team Sophomore All-American. Quarterback Tyler Swafford more than quadrupled his production on the field, doubled his quarterback rating and earned the 2016 Doris Robinson FCS Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. True freshman Daryl McCleskey Jr. made an immediate impact, leading the team with five rushing touchdowns and had a 109-yard, three touchdown performance against Austin Peay.

The academic success wasn't limited to Swafford. As a team, the Colonels had the highest graduation rate of any team in the conference. Linebacker Jeffrey Canady was chosen as Academic All-District and defensive lineman Avery Pitt was chosen as a semifinalist for the 2016 Campbell Trophy, recognizing the abso-

lute best scholar-athlete in the nation.

Elder was chosen as ECU's head football coach on Dec. 8, 2015. He had served as the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Tennessee since 2013.

Elder is the 14th head coach in program history.

Over his final 11 seasons as an assistant coach, Elder helped his teams reach nine bowl games and win four conference championships. In 2014 he was ranked as one of the top-50 recruiters in the nation. In 2015 he was recognized as one of the top-25 recruiters in college football.

As a member of Butch Jones' inaugural staff, the Cincinnati native helped lead the revitalization of Volunteer football. He helped UT to a 9-4 record in 2015 and a second place finish in the SEC East Division with a 5-3 mark. It was Tennessee's first winning record in SEC play since 2007. The Volunteers beat Northwestern in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day.

In just their second season in Knoxville, Elder helped Jones and the Vols to a 7-6 mark in 2014 and a 45-28 victory over Iowa in the TaxSlayer Bowl. It was Tennes-

see's first winning record in five seasons and first bowl win since the end of the 2007 campaign.

Elder helped Michigan reach bowl games as a defensive graduate assistant in 2005 and 2006. He then joined Jones' first staff at Central Michigan University. Elder coached the Chippewa linebackers for three seasons (2007-09). During that time, CMU qualified for three bowl appearances and won two MAC Championships.

When Jones made the jump to the University of Cincinnati before the 2010 season, Elder joined the Bearcat staff as the tight ends coach. He also coached running backs, safeties and special teams at various times. The duo found similar success at UC, winning two Big East Conference Championships and getting Cincinnati into two bowl games in three seasons.

While coaching the running backs at Cincinnati in 2011 Elder tutored Isaiah Pead, the Big East Offensive Player of the Year and the first Bearcat in nearly 25 years to record consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. UC led the Big East in rushing and averaged 33.3 points per game. Cincinnati capped the season with a victory over Vanderbilt in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

In three seasons at Central Michigan, Elder produced an all-conference linebacker each year.

Elder also served as the defensive coordinator at Wayne State (2004) and Iona (2003). He was assistant coach at Lehigh in 2002 and a graduate assistant with Akron in 2000 and 2001.

Elder graduated cum laude with a degree in economics from Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio in 2000. He earned a master's degree in education in sports science and coaching from Akron in 2001. He and his wife Lindsey have one son, Owen, and one daughter, Lila.

Mark Elder vs. All Opponents

Team	Record
Austin Peay	1-0
Ball State	0-1
Eastern Illinois	0-1
Jacksonville State	0-1
Murray State	0-1
Pikeville	1-0
Purdue	0-1
Southeast Missouri	1-0
Tennessee-Martin	0-1
Tennessee State	0-1
Tennessee Tech	0-1
Western Kentucky	0-1
TOTAL	3-9

THE LAST TIME EASTERN KENTUCKY ...

- Had 20 or more first downs**
at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017 (22)
- Had 400 yards rushing**
at Robert Morris on Aug. 28, 2014 (407)
- Had 300 yards rushing**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (346)
- Had 50 or more rushing attempts**
vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (52)
- Had 5 or more rushing TDs**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (6)
- Had 4 or more rushing TDs**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (6)
- Had 400 yards passing**
at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016 (464)
- Had 350 yards passing**
at Tennessee State on Oct. 15, 2016 (350)
- Had 300 yards passing**
at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017 (320)
- Had 50 pass attempts**
at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016 (50)
- Completed 40 passes**
at Murray State on Nov. 14, 2015 (44)
- Completed 30 passes**
at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016 (32)
- Had 5 TDs passing**
vs. Tennessee-Martin on Nov. 7, 2015 (5)
- Had 4 TDs passing**
vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (4)
- Had 3 TDs passing**
vs. Southeast Missouri on Oct. 8, 2016 (4)
- Had 600 yards total offense**
vs. Tennessee Tech on Oct. 8, 2015 (629)
- Had 500 yards total offense**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (531)
- Had 80 total plays**
vs. Murray State on Nov. 5, 2016 (91)
- Scored 70 points**
never
- Scored 60 points**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (67)
- Scored 50 points**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (67)
- Scored 40 points**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (67)
- Committed no turnovers**
at Western Kentucky on Sept. 2, 2017
- Had two 100-yd. rushers**
at Tennessee State on Nov. 1, 2014
(Dy'Shawn Mobley, 139; Jared McClain, 139)
- Had two 100-yd. receivers**
at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016
(Devin Borders, 121; Ryan Markush, 104)
- Returned a punt for TD**
vs. APSU on Nov. 20, 2010 (Jeremy Caldwell)
- Returned a KO for TD**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016
(Jared Sanders – 90 yards)
- Returned an INT for TD**
vs. Austin Peay on Sept. 8, 2016
(Kiante Northington – 12 yards,
Corey Glass – 54 yards, Luder
Jean Louis – 0 yards)
- Returned a fumble for TD**
at Tennessee State on Nov. 1, 2014
(Devin Borders – 33 yards)
- Returned a blocked punt for TD**
at Eastern Illinois on Nov. 21, 2015
(Tyrell Curry – 35 yards)
- Blocked a punt**
at Eastern Illinois on Nov. 21, 2015
(LaJuan Smith)
- Blocked a FG**
vs. Jacksonville State on Oct. 22, 2016
(Devin Borders)
- Blocked a PAT**
at Jacksonville State on Nov. 9, 2013
(Devin Borders)
- Missed a PAT**
at Kentucky on Oct. 3, 2015 (Lucas Williams)
- Had a punt blocked**
at Jacksonville State on Nov. 9, 2013
- Had a FG blocked**
vs. Murray State, Nov. 5, 2016
- Was held scoreless**
vs. Eastern Illinois, Nov. 19, 2016 (24-0)
- Was held scoreless at home**
vs. Eastern Illinois, Nov. 19, 2016 (24-0)
- Held an opponent scoreless**
at Austin Peay on Oct. 4, 2014 (31-0)
- Held an oppt. scoreless at home**
vs. Tennessee State on Nov. 2, 2013 (44-0)
- Held an oppt. to 10 first downs**
vs. Tennessee State on Nov. 2, 2013 (10)
- Held an oppt. to 300 yards total offense**
vs. Pikeville on Sept. 8, 2016 (263)
- Held an oppt. to 200 yards total offense**
at Southeast Missouri on Oct. 17, 2014 (191)
- Held an oppt. to 150 yards total offense**
vs. Austin Peay on Oct. 5, 2013 (108)
- Held an oppt. to less than 100 yards rushing**
vs. Murray State on Nov. 5, 2016 (66)
- Held an oppt. to 50 yards rushing**
at Southeast Missouri on Oct. 17, 2015 (31)
- Held an opponent to 100 yards passing**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016 (82)
- Held an opponent without a TD**
at Austin Peay on Oct. 4, 2014
- Scored an offensive 2-pt. conversion**
at Austin Peay on Nov. 12, 2016
- Scored a defensive 2-pt. conversion**
vs. Morehead State on Sept. 13, 2014
- Had 10 or more penalties**
at Tennessee State on Oct. 15, 2016 (12)
- Had 100 penalty yards**
at Ball State on Sept. 17, 2016 (128)
- Had 35 minutes ToP**
at Murray State on Nov. 14, 2015 (36:37)
- Played an OT game**
at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 1, 2016 (L, 33-30)
- Scored a safety**
vs. Murray State on Nov. 5, 2016

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
26	Jebreel Adonis	LB
36	Omari Alexander	DB
13	Dakota Allen	QB
74	Christopher Anthony	OL
73	Graham Ashkettle	OL
71	Jackson Bardall	OL
18	Ben Bascom	DB
83	Jackson Beerman	WR
33	Malik Bell	DB
90	Josiah Bennett	DL
1	Nigel Bethel II	DB
	Grayson Blevins	LB
39	Alonzo Booth	RB
46	Thomas Bowling	LS
34	Demontre Boyd	LB
7	Tim Boyle	QB
88	Ethan Bradds	TE
8	Gavin Bryant	LB
	Andrew Burgess	QB
	Shane Burks	DT
82	Alex Cabrera	WR
53	Jeffrey Canady	LB
	Brian Carter	LB
	Bryce Carter	DL
80	Jaelin Carter	WR
	Cameron Catron	RB
67	Nick Cavinee	OL
	Cameron Chase	TE
87	Matt Clark	WR
69	Sean Cleasant Jr.	DL
35	TJ Comstock	DB
21	Azjai Cooper	WR
	Isaiah Cornett	WR
11	Neiko Creamer	WR
40	Steven Crowder	LB
92	Dillon Denault	DL
	Andrew Dziuk	LB
66	Chance Edwards	OL
58	Brentton Ervin	LB
55	Taquan Evans	DE
12	Cornelius Floyd	DB
96	Quinten Floyd	DL
22	Cameron Fogle	WR
70	Connor Foes	DL
	Kyle Gann	DB
3	Corey Glass	LB
	Dalton Gossett	OL
2	Kobie Grace	DB
37	Raynaldy Gustave	RB
28	Samuel Hayworth	K/P
	Jeremy Hodowanic	DL
50	Ray Horton	DL
54	Leonard Humphrey	DL
	Travis Humphrey	RB
	Kevin Hyde	DB
31	AJ Jackson	DB
47	Matthew Jackson	LB
	Melchisedek Jeudy	OL
5	Luder Jean Louis	DL
14	Derius Jones	WR

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Nigel Bethel II	DB	5-9	189	Sr.	Miami, Fla. (Texas Tech University)
2	Kobie Grace	DB	5-9	191	Sr.	Winter Park, Fla. (West Orange HS)
3	Corey Glass	LB	5-10	217	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Ed White HS)
4	LJ Scott	RB	6-0	222	R-Jr.	Marion, Ohio (University of Louisville)
5	Luder Jean Louis	DL	6-4	223	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Nassau CC)
6	Jason Lewis	RB	6-3	253	R-So.	Virginia Beach, Va. (Arizona State University)
7	Tim Boyle	QB	6-4	233	R-Sr.	Middlefield, Conn. (University of Connecticut)
8	Gavin Bryant	LB	6-1	235	R-Jr.	Jackson, Ala. (University of Tennessee)
9	Ryan Markush	WR	6-2	189	Sr.	Germantown, Md. (Fullerton College)
10	Jordan Whitfield	DB	6-1	182	R-Jr.	Huber Heights, Ohio (Wayne HS)
11	Neiko Creamer	WR	6-3	224	R-Jr.	Wilmington, Del. (University of Tennessee)
12	Cornelius Floyd	DB	5-11	175	Sr.	Miami, Fla. (University of Arkansas)
13	Dakota Allen	QB	6-4	210	Fr.	Lebanon, Ohio (Lebanon HS)
14	Derius Jones	WR	5-10	176	R-Sr.	Louisville, Ky. (Kentucky State University)
15	Austin Scott	QB	6-1	209	R-Fr.	Moore, S.C. (Spartanburg HS)
16	James Smith Jr.	QB	5-11	170	So.	Charlotte, N.C. (Mallard Creek HS)
17	Garrett Kruczek	QB	6-2	174	R-So.	Winter Park, Fla. (University of Central Florida)
18	Ben Bascom	DB	5-9	186	R-So.	Apopka, Fla. (Apopka HS)
19	Keith Wrzuszczyk	P	5-11	212	Sr.	Geelong, Victoria, Australia (Oberon HS)
20	Ethan Thomas	RB	5-11	203	Jr.	Johnson City, Tenn. (Elizabethton HS)
21	Azjai Cooper	WR	6-4	187	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis HS)
22	Cameron Fogle	WR	5-11	208	R-Sr.	Hebron, Ky. (University of Kentucky)
23	Daryl McCleskey Jr.	RB	5-9	186	So.	Dayton, Ohio (Wayne HS)
24	Jared Tucker	DB	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Stone Mountain, Ga. (University of Kentucky)
25	BK Smith	WR	5-10	184	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Male HS)
26	Jebreel Adonis	LB	6-2	219	Fr.	Glenmont, Md. (Bullis School)
27	Drew O'Bryan	LB	6-2	233	R-Fr.	Ashland, Ky. (Western Kentucky University)
28	Samuel Hayworth	K/P	5-11	169	R-So.	Ormond Beach, Fla. (Seabreeze HS)
30	Ralph Patton	RB	5-9	194	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Shorter College)
31	AJ Jackson	DB	5-11	187	R-Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Cane Ridge HS)
32	Buck Solomon	DB	6-0	180	R-Jr.	Groveland, Fla. (South Lake HS)
33	Malik Bell	DB	6-0	184	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Miami Palmetto Senior HS)
34	Demontre Boyd	LB	6-1	191	Jr.	Louisville, Ky. (Central HS)
35	TJ Comstock	DB	5-11	193	So.	Louisville, Ky. (duPont Manual HS)
36	Omari Alexander	DB	5-10	171	So.	Louisville, Ky. (duPont Manual HS)
37	Raynaldy Gustave	RB	5-7	183	R-Jr.	Louisville, Ky. (Western Kentucky University)
39	Alonzo Booth	RB	6-1	260	Fr.	Canal Winchester, Ohio (St. Francis DeSales HS)
40	Steven Crowder	LB	6-2	236	Fr.	Mount Olive, Ala. (Gardendale HS)
41	Eric Reed	DB	5-9	208	R-Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Goodpasture Christian School)
42	Alex Shelton	LB/LS	6-0	217	Fr.	Fort Wright, Ky. (Covington Catholic HS)
43	Dan Paul	TE	6-3	253	R-Jr.	Naples, Fla. (Naples Community HS)
44	Aaron Patrick	DL	6-4	236	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio (Meadowdale HS)
45	DJ White	DL	6-5	250	R-Fr.	Madisonville, Ky. (Casey County HS)
46	Thomas Bowling	LS	6-1	192	Fr.	Bardstown, Ky. (Bardstown HS)
47	Matthew Jackson	LB	6-2	186	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro HS)
49	Damon Lowe	LB	6-2	241	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity HS)
50	Ray Horton	DL	6-1	317	Fr.	Belfry, Ky. (Belfry HS)
51	Quinton Locklear	LB	6-2	218	R-Fr.	Sanford, N.C. (Southern Lee HS)
52	Tucker Schroeder	OL	6-4	300	Fr.	St. Cloud, Fla. (Harmony HS)
53	Jeffrey Canady	LB	6-0	232	R-Sr.	Barbourville, Ky. (Knox Central HS)
54	Leonard Humphrey	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	Knoxville, Tenn. (West HS)
55	Taquan Evans	DE	6-2	229	R-So.	Douglasville, Ga. (South Paulding HS)
56	Brian Lassiter	DL	6-3	237	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Mallard Creek HS)
57	Ja'HSaun Seider	OL	6-2	302	R-So.	Belle Glade, Fla. (West Virginia University)
58	Brentton Ervin	LB	5-11	229	R-So.	Louisville, Ky. (Kentucky State University)
59	Gunner Stone	DL	6-3	284	Fr.	Paintsville, Ky. (Johnson Central HS)
63	Kagen Skidmore	OL	6-2	306	Sr.	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset HS)
64	Cameron Kowalewski	OL	6-5	277	R-Jr.	Dallas, Ga. (Hillgrove HS)
65	Josh Ratliff	OL	6-6	272	Fr.	Louisa, Ky. (Lawrence County HS)
66	Chance Edwards	OL	6-5	330	R-Sr.	Webster, Fla. (South Sumter HS)
67	Nick Cavinee	OL	6-7	281	R-Fr.	Newark, Ohio (Newark Catholic HS)
68	Jordan Scott	OL	6-2	311	Fr.	Huddy, Ky. (Belfry HS)
69	Sean Cleasant Jr.	DL	6-2	308	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (duPont Manual HS)
70	Connor Foes	DL	6-4	275	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Trinity HS)

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
71	Jackson Bardall	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr.	Cumming, Ga. (North Forsyth HS)
72	Jordan Malone	OL	6-6	299	Fr.	Kingsport, Tenn. (Dobyns-Bennet HS)
73	Graham Ashkettle	OL	6-6	289	Fr.	Crestwood, Ky. (South Oldham HS)
74	Christopher Anthony	OL	6-4	286	Fr.	Massillon, Ohio (Washington HS)
75	De'jour Simpson	OL	6-3	320	So.	Charlotte, N.C. (Mallard Creek HS)
78	Justin Myles	OL	6-3	301	R-Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain HS)
79	Thomas Tabur	OL	6-3	288	R-So.	Northbridge, Mass. (University of Connecticut)
80	Jaelin Carter	WR	6-2	203	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (duPont Manual HS)
81	Aaron Riddick	WR	5-11	163	R-So.	Louisville, Ky. (DuPont Manual HS)
82	Alex Cabrera	WR	6-0	184	So.	Melbourne, Fla. (Viera HS)
83	Jackson Beerman	WR	6-5	204	Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek HS)
86	Collin Sanchez	TE	6-4	263	Fr.	Lexington, Ala. (Lexington HS)
87	Matt Clark	WR	6-2	212	R-So.	Prospect, Ky. (North Oldham HS)
88	Ethan Bradds	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Jamestown, Ohio (Greenview HS)
89	Clayton Schmerber	TE	6-6	249	Jr.	Centerville, Ohio (Centerville HS)
90	Josiah Bennett	DL	6-3	294	Sr.	East Stroudsburg, Pa. (Lackawanna College)
91	Tre Turner	DL	6-5	228	Fr.	Huntersville, N.C. (North Mecklenburg HS)
92	Dillon Denault	DL	6-2	280	R-Fr.	Lancaster, Ohio (Lancaster HS)
95	Nakiya Smith	DL	6-4	234	Fr.	Johnson City, Tenn. (Science Hill HS)
96	Quinten Floyd	DL	6-2	261	Fr.	Frankfort, Ky. (Bryan Station HS)
99	Lucas Williams	K	6-1	193	R-Sr.	Russell Springs, Ky. (Russell County HS)
	Grayson Blevins	LB	5-10	205	Fr.	Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County HS)
	Andrew Burgess	QB	6-0	171	Fr.	South Bend, Ind. (Adams HS)
	Shane Burks	DT	6-1	309	Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station HS)
	Brian Carter	LB	6-1	216	Fr.	Independence, Ky. (Simon Kenton HS)
	Bryce Carter	DL	6-2	221	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Fairdale HS)
	Cameron Catron	RB	5-9	172	Fr.	Belfry, Ky. (Belfry HS)
	Cameron Chase	TE	6-2	220	R-Fr.	Bellevue, Ky. (Bellevue HS)
	Isaiah Cornett	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset HS)
	Andrew Dziuk	LB	6-0	211	Fr.	Cornelius, N.C. (Hough HS)
	Kyle Gann	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Nicholasville, Ky. (East Jessamine HS)
	Dalton Gossett	OL	6-4	257	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Male HS)
	Jeremy Hodowanic	DL	6-1	271	R-Fr.	Forney, Texas (Naval Academy Prep School)
	Travis Humphrey	RB	6-1	206	Fr.	Flemingsburg, Ky. (Fleming County HS)
	Kevin Hyde	DB	5-10	170	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain HS)
	Melchisedek Jeudy	DL	6-0	280	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Miami Southridge Senior HS)
	Tre' Moore	DB	5-9	195	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central HS)
	Isaiah Murph	RB	6-2	215	R-Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton HS)
	Jaret Pogliano	WR	6-0	189	Fr.	Union, Ky. (Mount St. Joseph University)
	Ridge Reed	RB	6-0	208	Fr.	Carlisle, Ohio (Carlisle HS)
	John Riley Jr.	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (duPont Manual HS)
	Chase Ross	OL	6-2	323	Fr.	Walton, Ky. (Ryle HS)
	Cade Sanchez	OL	6-2	240	Fr.	Lexington, Ala. (Lexington HS)
	Cole Schaff	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. (Briar Woods HS)
	Ricky Smith	LB	6-1	230	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Lenoir Rhyne University)
	Eli Sowder	LS	5-10	195	Fr.	Covington, Ky. (Scott HS)
	Austin Torrens	WR	6-2	202	R-Fr.	New Richmond, Ohio (Mount St. Joseph Univ.)
	Peyton Van Horn	DL	6-2	210	Fr.	Hebron, Ky. (Conner HS)
	Landon White	K	6-1	187	Fr.	Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central HS)
	Bryce Wilson	DB	6-0	181	Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Tates Creek HS)
	Zay Yeast	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Lexington, Ky. (Paul Laurence Dunbar HS)

No.	Name	Pos.
64	Cameron Kowalewski	OL
17	Garrett Kruczek	QB
56	Brian Lassiter	DL
6	Jason Lewis	RB
51	Quinton Locklear	LB
49	Damon Lowe	LB
72	Jordan Malone	OL
9	Ryan Markush	WR
23	Daryl McCleskey Jr.	RB
	Tre' Moore	DB
	Isaiah Murph	RB
78	Justin Myles	OL
27	Drew O'Bryan	LB
44	Aaron Patrick	DL
30	Ralph Patton	RB
43	Dan Paul	TE
	Jaret Pogliano	WR
65	Josh Ratliff	OL
41	Eric Reed	DB
	Ridge Reed	RB
81	Aaron Riddick	WR
	John Riley Jr.	DB
	Chase Ross	OL
	Cade Sanchez	OL
86	Collin Sanchez	TE
	Cole Schaff	LB
89	Clayton Schmerber	TE
52	Tucker Schroeder	OL
15	Austin Scott	QB
68	Jordan Scott	OL
4	LJ Scott	RB
57	Ja'HSaun Seider	OL
42	Alex Shelton	LB/LS
75	De'jour Simpson	OL
63	Kagen Skidmore	DL
59	Gunner Slone	DL
25	BK Smith	WR
16	James Smith Jr.	QB
95	Nakiya Smith	DL
	Ricky Smith	LB
32	Buck Solomon	DB
	Eli Sowder	LS
79	Thomas Tabur	OL
20	Ethan Thomas	RB
	Austin Torrens	WR
24	Jared Tucker	DB
91	Tre Turner	DL
	Peyton Van Horn	DL
45	DJ White	DL
	Landon White	K
10	Jordan Whitfield	DB
99	Lucas Williams	K
	Bryce Wilson	DB
19	Keith Wrzuszcak	P
	Zay Yeast	DB

Head Coach: Mark Elder (Case Western Reserve, 2000), second season

Staff: Terry Heffernan (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line), Tommy Zagorski (Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends/Offensive Tackles), Kurt Mattix (Defensive Coordinator), Angelo Mirando (Offensive Coordinator), Shannon Morrison (Co-Defensive Coordinator/DBs), Chase Gibson (Linebackers), Kevin Koger (Wide Receivers), Greg Meyer (Special Teams/RBs), Walter Stewart (Defensive Line), Tommy Feazell (Offensive Quality Control), Patrick Parrilli (Offensive Quality Control), Spencer Patterson (Offensive Quality Control), Robert Belle (Defensive Quality Control), Hunter Nichols (Defensive Quality Control), Austin Minor (Special Teams Quality Control), Jon-Michael Davis (Strength & Conditioning), Brandon Lawson (Dir. of Recruiting), Cory Lanham (Video), Dalvin Jones (Equipment Coordinator), Tim Miesmer (Athletic Trainer), John Barnett (Dir. of Operations)

Pronunciation Guide

Jackson **Bardall** – Bar-DOLL
 Jaelin Carter – JAY-lynn
 Nick **Cavinee** – CAV-in-EEE
 Sean **Cleasant** Jr. – rhymes with pleasant

Azjai Cooper – Ah-ZAY
 Neiko **Creamer** – CREE-mer
 Raynaldy **Gustave** – GOO-stahv
 Cameron **Kowalewski** – KOH-wah-less-skee

Garrett **Kruczek** – CRUISE-zack
 Brian **Lassiter** – las-SITTER
 Ryan **Markush** – mar-KOOSH
 Ja'HSaun **Seider** – JAY-shawn Cider

Nakiya Smith – NICK-kie-ah
 Tom **Tabur** – TAY-bur
 Keith **Wrzuszcak** – ROO-sack

2017 GAME SUMMARIES

GAME 1

Sept. 2, 2017 • Bowling Green, Ky. • Houchens-Smith Stadium



Eastern Kentucky 17



Western Kentucky 31



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Senior wide receiver Ryan Markush caught seven passes for 107 yards, including two touchdown grabs.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Eastern Kentucky FBS Western Kentucky at bay for much of the first half and stayed within striking distance for most of the second half, but lost 31-17.

Tim Boyle finished 29-of-46 for 320 yards. He tossed two touchdown passes and did not throw an interception. Ryan Markush caught seven balls for 107, including two scoring receptions.

Two touchdowns over a two minute and 36 second span early in the second quarter allowed the Hilltoppers to build a cushion they would need throughout.

EKU put together a scoring drive to start the second half. On the second play

of the drive, Boyle connected with Markush for a 50-yard gain to the WKU 22 yard line. Boyle capped it by hooking up with Markush in the left corner of the end zone for six. Lucas Williams added the extra-point to make it a 10-point game, 17-7.

Another third quarter scoring drive allowed the Colonels to cut the margin to 10 again, 24-14. This time Boyle found Markush from 10 yards out with 2:12 left in the quarter.

Eastern strung together another long scoring drive midway through the fourth quarter. The Colonels had to settle for a 30-yard field goal from Williams to draw within 14, 31-17, with 5:03 left in the game. The drive covered 56 yards in 13 plays and used 4:39 off the clock.

The Colonel defense forced WKU to punt on its next possession and got the ball back with 3:05 left in the game. The offense moved the ball again, driving to the six yard line before time ran out.

Scoring Summary	1	2	3	4	E
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	14	3	17
Western Kentucky	0	17	7	7	31

Individual Statistics

Rushing

EKU-LJ Scott 8-25, J. Lewis 5-16, T. Boyle 2-8, D. McCleskey 2-7, A. Booth 2-6, A. Scott 1-(-8)
 WKU-M. Trigg 16-61-1 TD, D. Ferby 10-60-2 TD, M. White 5-(-18)

Passing

EKU-T. Boyle 29-46-0-2 TD, A. Scott 0-1-0-0, LJ Scott 0-1-0-0
 WKU-M. White 20-31-0-264-1 TD

Receiving

EKU-M. Markush 7-107-2 TD, N. Creamer 6-79, D. Paul 5-47, LJ Scott 5-35, BK Smith 2-25, C. Scherber 2-21, D. McCleskey 1-7, J. Lewis 1-(-1)
 WKU-L. Jackson 5-144-1 TD, D. Yelder 4-40, N. Fant 4-32, Q. Jernighan 3-29, J. Pearson 1-6, M. Deane 1-6, M. Trigg 1-4, K. Towner 1-3

Tackles

EKU-E. Reed 6, D. Lowe 6, J. Canady 6
 WKU-J. Iyiegbuniwe 9

Interceptions

EKU-None
 WKU-None

Attendance: 18,614

2nd Quarter

14:56 WKU - D. Berby 2 yd run (R. Nuss kick)
 12:20 WKU - L. Jackson 66 yd pass from M. White (R. Nuss kick)
 1:43 WKU - R. Nuss 44 yd FG

3rd Quarter

12:21 EKU - R. Markush 6 yd pass from T. Boyle (L. Williams kick)
 8:31 WKU - D. Ferby 5 yd run (R. Nuss kick)
 2:12 EKU - R. Markush 10 yd pass from T. Boyle (L. Williams kick)

4th Quarter

9:42 WKU - M. Trigg 1 yd run (R. Nuss kick)
 5:03 EKU - L. Williams 30 yd FG

Team Statistics

	EKU	WKU
First Downs	22	20
Rush Att.-Net Yards	22-25	40-100
Passing C-A-Int.	29-48-0	20-31-0
Net Passing Yards	320	264
Offensive Plays	70	71
Total Offense	345	364
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties/-Yards	5-65	3-25
Punts-Average	4-40.5	2-41.0
3rd Down Conversion	8-of-15	10-of-17
Time of Possession	30:22	29:38

Team Statistics	EKU	OPP
SCORING	17	31
Points Per Game	17.0	31.0
Points Off Turnovers	0	0
FIRST DOWNS	22	20
Rushing	5	8
Passing	17	10
Penalty	0	2
RUSHING YARDAGE	25	100
Yards gained rushing	67	134
Yards lost rushing	42	34
Rushing Attempts	22	40
Average Per Rush	1.1	2.5
Average Per Game	25.0	100.0
TDs Rushing	0	3
PASSING YARDAGE	320	264
Comp-Att-Int	29-48-0	20-31-0
Average Per Pass	6.7	8.5
Average Per Catch	11.0	13.2
Average Per Game	320.0	264.0
TDs Passing	2	1
TOTAL OFFENSE	345	364
Total Plays	70	71
Average Per Play	4.9	5.1
Average Per Game	345.0	364.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	3-73	1-7
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	1-2
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	0-0	0-0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.3	7.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	2.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	0.0	0.0
FUMBLES-LOST	2-0	2-1
PENALTIES-Yards	5-65	3-25
Average Per Game	65.0	25.0
PUNTS-Yards	4-162	2-82
Average Per Punt	40.5	41.0
Net punt average	40.0	31.0
KICKOFFS-Yards	1-30	6-377
Average Per Kick	30.0	62.8
Net kick average	23.0	42.3
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	30:22	29:38
3RD-DOWN Conversions	8/15	10/17
3rd-Down Pct	53%	59%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	1/2	3/3
4th-Down Pct	50%	100%
SACKS BY-Yards	4-31	1-8
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	2	4
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-1	1-1
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-3	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(3-4) 75%	(3-3) 100%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(2-4) 50%	(3-3) 100%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(2-2) 100%	(4-4) 100%
ATTENDANCE	0	18614
Games/Avg Per Game	0/0	1/18614
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	14	3	0	17
Opponents	0	17	7	7	0	31

Rushing	gp-gs	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
SCOTT, LJ	1-1	8	25	0	25	3.1	0	6	25.0
LEWIS, Jason	1-0	5	21	5	16	3.2	0	7	16.0
BOYLE, Tim	1-1	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	7	8.0
McCLESKEY, Daryl	1-0	2	7	0	7	3.5	0	6	7.0
BOOTH, Alonzo	1-0	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	6.0
SCOTT, Austin	1-0	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-8.0
TEAM	1-0	2	0	29	-29	-14.5	0	0	-29.0
Total	1	22	67	42	25	1.1	0	7	25.0
Opponents	1	40	134	34	100	2.5	3	12	100.0

Passing	gp-gs	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
BOYLE, Tim	1-1	135.83	29-46-0	63.0	320	2	50	320.0
SCOTT, LJ	1-1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
SCOTT, Austin	1-0	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	130.17	29-48-0	60.4	320	2	50	320.0
Opponents	1	146.70	20-31-0	64.5	264	1	66	264.0

Receiving	gp-gs	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MARKUSH, Ryan	1-1	7	107	15.3	2	50	107.0
CREAMER, Neiko	1-1	6	79	13.2	0	18	79.0
PAUL, Dan	1-1	5	47	9.4	0	13	47.0
SCOTT, LJ	1-1	5	35	7.0	0	11	35.0
SMITH, BK	1-0	2	25	12.5	0	15	25.0
SCHMERBER, Clayton	1-1	2	21	10.5	0	16	21.0
McCLESKEY, Daryl	1-0	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0
LEWIS, Jason	1-0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	29	320	11.0	2	50	320.0
Opponents	1	20	264	13.2	1	66	264.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	2	2.0	0	2

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SCOTT, LJ	2	47	23.5	0	24
BOOTH, Alonzo	1	26	26.0	0	26
Total	3	73	24.3	0	26
Opponents	1	7	7.0	0	7

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
REED, Eric	1	44	44.0	0	44
Total	1	44	44.0	0	44
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0

Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
MARKUSH, Ryan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
WILLIAMS, Lucas	-	1-1	2-2	-	-	-	-	5	
Total	2	1-1	2-2	-	-	-	-	17	
Opponents	4	1-1	4-4	-	-	-	-	31	

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
BOYLE, Tim	1	48	8	320	328	328.0
SCOTT, LJ	1	9	25	0	25	25.0
LEWIS, Jason	1	5	16	0	16	16.0
McCLESKEY, Daryl	1	2	7	0	7	7.0
BOOTH, Alonzo	1	2	6	0	6	6.0
SCOTT, Austin	1	2	-8	0	-8	-8.0
TEAM	1	2	-29	0	-29	-29.0
Total	1	70	25	320	345	345.0
Opponents	1	71	100	264	364	364.0

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
WILLIAMS, Lucas	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	0

FG Sequence	Eastern Kentucky	Opponents
WKU	(30)	(44)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
WRZUSZCZAK, Keith	4	162	40.5	46	0	2	1	0	0
Total	4	162	40.5	46	0	2	1	0	0
Opponents	2	82	41.0	41	1	0	1	0	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
HAYWORTH, Sam	1	30	30.0	0	0			
Total	1	30	30.0	0	0	7.0	23.0	42
Opponents	6	377	62.8	2	1	24.3	42.3	22



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Eastern Kentucky Passing Game-by-Game (as of Sep 03, 2017)
All games

#7 BOYLE, Tim	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
WKU	29	46	0	63.0	320	2	50	0-0	135.83
TOTALS	29	46	0	63.0	320	2	50	0-0	135.83

#4 SCOTT, LJ	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
WKU	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0-0	0.00

#15 SCOTT, Austin	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic
WKU	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	1-8	0.00
TOTALS	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	1-8	0.00



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Eastern Kentucky Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game (as of Sep 03, 2017)
All games

RUSHING	No-Yds/TD	WKU
SCOTT, LJ RB	8-25/0	8-25/0
LEWIS, Jason RB	5-16/0	5-16/0
BOYLE, Tim QB	2-8/0	2-8/0
McCLESKEY, D. RB	2-7/0	2-7/0
BOOTH, Alonzo RB	2-6/0	2-6/0
SCOTT, Austin QB	1--8/0	1--8/0
TEAM	2--29/0	2--29/0

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TD	WKU
MARKUSH, Ryan WR	7-107/2	7-107/2
CREAMER, Neiko WR	6-79/0	6-79/0
PAUL, Dan TE	5-47/0	5-47/0
SCOTT, LJ RB	5-35/0	5-35/0
SMITH, BK WR	2-25/0	2-25/0
SCHMERBER, C. TE	2-21/0	2-21/0
McCLESKEY, D. RB	1-7/0	1-7/0
LEWIS, Jason RB	1--1/0	1--1/0

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
SCOTT, LJ	1	25	35	0	47	0	107	107.0
MARKUSH, Rya	1	0	107	0	0	0	107	107.0
CREAMER, Neik	1	0	79	0	0	0	79	79.0
PAUL, Dan	1	0	47	0	0	0	47	47.0
BOOTH, Alonzo	1	6	0	0	26	0	32	32.0
SMITH, BK	1	0	25	0	0	0	25	25.0
SCHMERBER,	1	0	21	0	0	0	21	21.0
LEWIS, Jason	1	16	-1	0	0	0	15	15.0
McCLESKEY, D	1	7	7	0	0	0	14	14.0
BOYLE, Tim	1	8	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
SCOTT, Austin	1	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-8.0
TEAM	1	-29	0	0	0	0	-29	-29.0
Total	1	25	320	0	73	0	418	418.0
Opponents	1	100	264	2	7	0	373	373.0

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Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
SCOTT, LJ	1	8	25	0	25	3.1	0	6	25.0	1	8	25	0	25	3.1	0	6	25.0
LEWIS, Jason	1	5	21	5	16	3.2	0	7	16.0	1	5	21	5	16	3.2	0	7	16.0
BOYLE, Tim	1	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	7	8.0	1	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	7	8.0
McCLESKEY, Daryl	1	2	7	0	7	3.5	0	6	7.0	10	45	275	8	267	5.9	5	42	26.7
BOOTH, Alonzo	1	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	6.0	1	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	5	6.0
SCOTT, Austin	1	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-8.0	1	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-8.0
TEAM	1	2	0	29	-29	-14.5	0	0	-29.0									
Total	1	22	67	42	25	1.1	0	7	25.0									
Opponents	1	40	134	34	100	2.5	3	12	100.0									

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
BOYLE, Tim	1	135.83	29-46-0	63.0	320	2	50	320.0	1	135.83	29-46-0	63.0	320	2	50	320.0
SCOTT, LJ	1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
SCOTT, Austin	1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	1	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	1	130.17	29-48-0	60.4	320	2	50	320.0								
Opponents	1	146.70	20-31-0	64.5	264	1	66	264.0								

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
MARKUSH, Ryan	1	7	107	15.3	2	50	107.0	12	48	663	13.8	5	57	55.2
CREAMER, Neiko	1	6	79	13.2	0	18	79.0	11	24	260	10.8	0	32	23.6
PAUL, Dan	1	5	47	9.4	0	13	47.0	10	8	99	12.4	0	28	9.9
SCOTT, LJ	1	5	35	7.0	0	11	35.0	1	5	35	7.0	0	11	35.0
SMITH, BK	1	2	25	12.5	0	15	25.0	1	2	25	12.5	0	15	25.0
SCHMERBER, Clayton	1	2	21	10.5	0	16	21.0	17	9	87	9.7	0	17	5.1
McCLESKEY, Daryl	1	1	7	7.0	0	7	7.0	10	7	69	9.9	0	33	6.9
LEWIS, Jason	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	29	320	11.0	2	50	320.0							
Opponents	1	20	264	13.2	1	66	264.0							

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
BOYLE, Tim	1	48	8	320	328	328.0	1	48	8	320	328	328.0
SCOTT, LJ	1	9	25	0	25	25.0	1	9	25	0	25	25.0
LEWIS, Jason	1	5	16	0	16	16.0	1	5	16	0	16	16.0
McCLESKEY, Daryl	1	2	7	0	7	7.0	10	45	267	0	267	26.7
BOOTH, Alonzo	1	2	6	0	6	6.0	1	2	6	0	6	6.0
SCOTT, Austin	1	2	-8	0	-8	-8.0	1	2	-8	0	-8	-8.0
TEAM	1	2	-29	0	-29	-29.0						
Total	1	70	25	320	345	345.0						
Opponents	1	71	100	264	364	364.0						

Scoring	td	fg	PAT						td	fg	PAT							
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf			pts	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
MARKUSH, Ryan	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
WILLIAMS, Lucas	-	1-1	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	22-31	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	138
Total	2	1-1	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Opponents	4	1-1	4-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents	1	2	2.0	0	2					

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SCOTT, LJ	2	47	23.5	0	24	2	47	23.5	0	24
BOOTH, Alonzo	1	26	26.0	0	26	1	26	26.0	0	26
Total	3	73	24.3	0	26					
Opponents	1	7	7.0	0	7					

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0					
Opponents	0	0	0.0	0	0					



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#	Defensive Leaders	gp-gs	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
53	CANADY, Jeffrey	1-1	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	LOWE, Damon	1-0	5	1	6	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	REED, Eric	1-1	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	1-44	.	.	.
32	SOLOMON, Buck	1-1	3	2	5	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	BASCOM, Ben	1-1	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	GRACE, Kobie	1-1	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	FLOYD, Cornelius	1-0	4	.	4	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	BRYANT, Gavin	1-0	2	2	4	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	JEAN LOUIS, Luder	1-1	3	1	4	1.5-12	1.5-12	.	.	.	.	1	.
3	GLASS, Corey	1-1	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
44	PATRICK, Aaron	1-1	3	.	3	1.0-3	1.0-3	.	.	.	.	1	.
55	EVANS, Taquan	1-0	2	1	3	1.5-16	1.5-16	.	.	.	.	.	.
58	ERVIN, Brentton	1-0	2	1	3	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	BETHEL, Nigel	1-0	3	.	3	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
10	WHITFIELD, Jordan	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	TUCKER, Jared	1-1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	BELL, Malik	1-0	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	WHITE, DJ	1-0	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	DENAULT, Dillon	1-1	1	.	1	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	FOOS, Connor	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
Total		1	48	18	66	10-41	4-31	.	2	1	1-44	2	.	
Opponents		1	33	32	65	4-16	1-8	.	4	2	.	.	.	

