

BALL STATE

FOOTBALL 2023

6 MAC CHAMPIONSHIPS • 4 MAC WEST DIVISION TITLES • 11 BOWL APPEARANCES

BALL STATE CARDINALS

(0-0, 0-0 MAC)

Home: 0-0 | Away: 0-0 | Streak: ---
Head Coach: Mike Neu (8th season)



vs



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

(0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Home: 0-0 | Away: 0-0 | Streak: ---
Head Coach: Mark Stoops (11th season)

Game 1 | Saturday, Sept. 2 (Noon ET kickoff) | Lexington, Ky. | Kroger Field (61,000)

LIVE COVERAGE

Watch

SEC Network

Dave Neal, Derek Mason, Taylor Davis

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Ball State Gainbridge Radio Network / WMUN

Mick Tidrow and Haven Fields

2023 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

2	Sat.	at Kentucky	SECN	Noon
9	Sat.	at Georgia	SECN	Noon
16	Sat.	INDIANA STATE	ESPN+	2 pm
23	Sat.	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	TBD	TBD
30	Sat.	at Western Michigan *	TBD	TBD

OCTOBER

7	Sat.	at Eastern Michigan *	TBD	TBD
14	Sat.	TOLEDO *	TBD	TBD
21	Sat.	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	ESPN+	3:30 pm

NOVEMBER

1	Wed.	at Bowling Green *	TBD	TBD
7	Tue.	at Northern Illinois *	TBD	TBD
18	Sat.	KENT STATE *	TBD	TBD
25	Sat.	MIAMI *	TBD	TBD

DECEMBER

2	Sat.	MAC Championship Game Ford Field	TBD	
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* indicates MAC game
Home games in **BOLD CAPS**; all times Eastern

MAC Championships

1976, 1978, 1989, 1993, 1996, 2020

MAC West Division Titles

2001, 2007, 2008, 2020

Bowl Appearances

1965, 1967, 1989, 1993, 1996, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021

Storylines

▶▶ Ball State kicks off the 2023 campaign at Kentucky to open a two-week grind against Southeastern Conference foes - UK on Saturday, and next week at defending national champion Georgia.

▶▶ Saturday's game marks the second straight season that Ball State has opened the season in an SEC stadium, falling last year at Tennessee, 59-10, to the Volunteers. Since opening at South Carolina in 1998, it is the fifth time the Cardinals have begun a season on SEC soil (Florida '00, Auburn '01, Tennessee '22).

▶▶ Ball State faces SEC opponents in consecutive weeks for just the second time in its history. The Cardinals opened the 2001 season on Sept. 1 at Auburn, then fell to Kentucky, 28-20, the only other time these teams have met on the gridiron.

▶▶ The Cardinals enter the 2023 campaign having appeared in bowl games in two of the past three seasons, falling one game short last season in an effort to reach a third straight bowl game for the first time in program history.

▶▶ The Cardinals enter 2023 with its greatest strengths entrenched in its offensive and defensive fronts. There exists a balance of youth and experience, representing some of the deepest units Ball State has seen in its interior lines in several years.

- Of the 112 players on last year's roster, 82 were classified as underclassmen, then ranked as the 18th-highest in college football. Ball State's roster makeup of 73.2 percent underclassmen ranked as the seventh-highest in the FBS.

- Aside from wide receiver and secondary rooms hit hard with losses (WRs lost 5 of 6 letterwinners; DBs lost 4 of 6), 31 of 57 letterwinners return from last year's roster. The bulk of those losses (12 of 26) were comprised of receivers (5), defensive backs (4) and specialists (3). What's that mean? The O-Line, D-Line and Linebacking units are deep and experienced.

▶▶ The Cardinals expect to feature a former Alabama redshirt, Layne Hatcher, as their starting quarterback. Between stints at Arkansas State and Texas State, Hatcher opens his fifth college season among active FBS career leaders in passing yards (5th, 10,080) and touchdowns (3rd, 84).

By the Numbers

3

MAC Championships Mike Neu has been a part of as a player and coach at Ball State

3

Members of last year's Ball State secondary who are currently in NFL camps

6

Saturday home dates for Ball State are the most since 2002, thanks to no midweek #MAC-tion home games

66

Returning starts on the Ball State offensive line, enough to rank 19th among FBS schools

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PRACTICE	OFF 1:00 p.m. ET Press Conference Head Coach Mike Neu	PRACTICE (closed) Post-practice interviews available upon request 10:00 a.m. ET <i>This Week in Ball State Sportst</i> (Podcast)	PRACTICE (closed)	PRACTICE (closed)	WALK-THROUGH (closed)	GAME at Kentucky Noon ET (SECN) Head coach Mike Neu and select players available post-game via Zoom.

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University Information

Location Muncie, Ind. 47306
 Enrollment/Founded 21,597/1918
 President Geoffrey Mearns
 Director of Athletics Jeff Mitchell
 Colors Cardinal (200) and White
 Home Facility Scheumann Stadium
 Capacity 22,500
 Surface Sprint Turf
 Football History 2023 is the 99th team
 First Season in Stadium 1967
 Conference Mid-American (West Division)
 Ticket Office 765.285.1474
 or 1.888.BSU.TICKET

Football Information

2022 Record 5-7
 2022 MAC Record 3-5
 2022 Home Record 3-3
 2022 Road Record 2-4
 Most Recent Bowl: L, 51-20 vs. Georgia State
 (2021 Camellia Bowl)
 2022 Letterwinners Returning 31
 (10 offense, 20 defense, 1 specialists)
 2022 Letterwinners Lost 26
 (13 offense, 10 defense, 3 specialists)
 2022 Starters Returning 14
 (5 offense, 8 defense, 1 specialists)
 2022 Starters Lost 12
 (7 offense, 4 defense, 1 specialist1)

Media Guidelines

Practice Coverage

Ball State’s practices are closed to the media, including walk-throughs the day before games. Please contact Kevin Messenger in the Athletic Communications office for schedule, times and location.

Interview Policy

Generally, all players and coaches are available for interviews to accredited media sources. Efforts will be made to accommodate additional requests virtually or over the phone as they arise. Requests for such interviews must be directed to Kevin Messenger in the Athletic Communications office at least 24 hours in advance.

Game Coverage

Please submit all credential requests to Kevin Messenger in the Athletic Communications office at least 48 hours in advance. Postgame press conferences featuring head coach Mike Neu and select players will be conducted via Zoom. A link to the Zoom session will be made available to media members via email.

Press Conference

This season, head coach Mike Neu and selected student-athletes will be available for a press conference on Monday of a typical game week. The press conference is tentatively scheduled for 12:30 p.m. ET each week (1:00 ET for Week 1). Further phone, Zoom or in-person accommodations may be made as the season progresses.

This Week in Ball State Sports

Each Tuesday as part of Ball State’s new podcast platform, Voice of the Cardinals Mick Tidrow will be joined by head coach Mike Neu to discuss the week that was and the week that will be for Ball State football. The weekly event will also feature interviews with players, assistant coaches and representatives from other Ball State programs. Each episode is anticipated on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon, IHeart Media, and Google. Searching ‘This Week in Ball State Sports’ will give you access to each episode that has been released. Archives of each show may be found at ballstatesports.com. The podcast is sponsored by Gainbridge, a proud Ball State partner.

Visiting Radio Note

The Ball State visiting radio booth has POTS and Ethernet lines available for visiting broadcasts.

Photo/Video Requests

Please contact the Ball State communications office for requests of historical photos, facility photos, action photos, headshots and video.



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Scheumann Stadium

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Nick Munson	WR	5-10	188	R-Fr.	Avilla, Ind./East Noble HS
1	Kiael Kelly	QB	6-2	191	R-So.	Tampa, Fla./Gaither HS
1	Aljareek Malry	DB	6-1	192	Gr.	Lanham, Md./VMI
2	Ty Robinson	WR	6-3	193	Jr.	Aurora, Colo./Colorado
2	Mikhari Sibblis	DL	6-4	255	Gr.	Cumming, Ga./Lehigh
3	Layne Hatcher	QB	6-0	213	Gr.	Little Rock, Ark./Texas State
3	Jordan Riley	DB	6-1	189	Jr.	Clinton, Md./National Christian Academy
4	Colin Blazek	QB	6-3	210	R-Fr.	Venice, Fla./Venice HS
4	Tyler 'Red' Potts	DB	5-10	182	R-Sr.	Columbus, Ohio/Pickerington North HS
5	Rico Barfield	RB	5-11	212	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo./DeSmet Jesuit HS
5	Kyron Mims	DL	6-3	296	R-Jr.	Baton Rouge, La./Woodlawn HS
6	Vaughn Pemberton	RB	5-11	221	R-So.	Lake Forest, Ill./Loyola Academy
6	Tavion Woodard	DL	6-4	265	R-Jr.	West Lafayette, Ind./West Lafayette HS
7	Malcolm Gillie	WR	6-2	196	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis./Ellsworth Community College
8	Sidney Houston Jr.	LB	6-2	246	Sr.	Cahokia, Ill./McKendree
9	Keionté Newson	LB	6-2	210	Jr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Blackman HS
9	Kadin Semonza	QB	6-1	195	Fr.	Mission Viejo, Calif./Mission Viejo HS
10	Jahmad Harmon	DB	6-0	175	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Kent State
11	Damion Charity	DB	6-2	177	Gr.	Hampton, Va./Old Dominion
12	Thailand Baldwin	DB	5-10	174	R-So.	Hampton, Va./Life Christian Academy
13	Brandon Berger	LB	6-4	243	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Roncalli HS
14	Ahmad Edwards	WR	6-1	177	R-Sr.	Alabaster, Ala./Jacksonville State
14	Marion Ponds	DB	6-1	187	Jr.	Wichita, Kan./Coffeyville CC
15	Lucas Borrow	P	5-10	178	Jr.	Newcastle, NSW, Australia/Cardiff HS
15	Marquez Cooper	RB	5-8	189	R-Jr.	Gaithersburg, Md./Kent State
16	Qian Magwood	WR	5-11	179	R-So.	Hilltop, Ohio/Walnut Ridge HS
16	AJ Taylor	DB	6-0	192	R-So.	St. Louis, Mo./Iowa Western CC
17	James Makszin	DL	6-4	278	R-Sr.	Norwalk, Conn./Rhode Island
17	Dwayne Moorehead	WR	6-2	196	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice HS
18	Aidan Leffler	QB	6-1	218	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Roncalli HS
18	Jackson Wiegold	LB	6-2	226	R-So.	Vernon Hills, Ill./Vernon Hills HS
19	Nick Presley	WR	6-0	195	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Walnut Hills HS
20	TJ Horton	RB	5-10	201	Fr.	Lexington, Ky./Frederick Douglass HS
21	Dahya Patel	WR	6-1	192	R-Fr.	Lawrenceburg, Ind./Lawrenceburg HS
21	Joey Stemler	LB	6-2	242	R-So.	Cleves, Ohio/Elder HS
22	Jack Beebe	LB	6-1	219	R-So.	Plainfield, Ind./Plainfield HS
22	Nathaniel Zachery	RB	5-10	196	Fr.	East Amherst, N.Y./IMG Academy
23	R.J. Mukes III	WR	5-10	183	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio, Wayne HS
23	Loren Strickland	DB	5-10	204	R-Sr.	Carpentersville, Ill./University of Indianapolis
24	Christian Davis	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	Miamisburg, Ohio/Miamisburg HS
24	Alex Stirn	DB	6-2	184	R-So.	Metamora, Ind./North Decatur HS
25	Elijah Davis	DB	6-1	177	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Pike HS
25	Austin Hill	WR	6-2	188	R-So.	Muncie, Ind./Yorktown HS
26	Jordan Coleman	DB	6-0	188	R-Fr.	Saint Peters, Mo./DeSmet Jesuit HS
27	Cody Mikulich	RB	5-10	206	Fr.	Bloomington, Ind./Bloomington North HS
28	Blair Schonhorst	DB	6-0	177	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Christian Brothers College HS
29	Isaiah Thacker	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine HS
30	Caden Johnson	LB	6-2	244	R-Fr.	Lexington, Ky./Frederick Douglass HS
31	DeJuan Echoles Jr.	LB	6-2	234	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central HS
32	Clayton Coll	LB	6-3	238	Gr.	Franklin, Ind./Franklin Community HS
33	DD Snyder	DB	6-0	187	R-So.	Tampa, Fla./Illinois
34	Brayden Evans	RB	6-1	200	R-Jr.	Camby, Ind./Mooresville HS
34	Derek "DJ" Fields	DB	6-1	187	Fr.	Saint Charles, Mo./Chaminade HS
35	Brody Glenn	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Luers HS
36	Khani McNeese	DB	6-1	177	Fr.	Hazel Crest, Ill./Hillcrest HS
36	Jeffrey Simmons	TE	6-6	237	R-Fr.	Fishers, Ind./Miami (OH)
37	Eli Hohlt	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove HS
38	Deion Manley	DB	6-2	180	R-Fr.	Bloomington, Ill./Montini Catholic HS
38	Charlie Spegal	RB	5-10	224	R-So.	New Palestine, Ind./Indiana
39	Nate Pedraza	LB	6-2	237	R-So.	Rolling Meadows, Ill./Rolling Meadows HS
40	Cole Pearce	LB	6-1	226	R-Sr.	Mason, Ohio/William Mason HS
41	Leo Collins	TE	6-3	208	Fr.	Evansville, Ind./Evansville Memorial HS
41	Ben Marsh	LB	6-4	240	Fr.	Hilliard, Ohio/Darby HS
42	Jake Bates	DB	5-9	192	Fr.	Mason, Ohio/William Mason HS
42	Cole Munchel	TE	6-4	237	Fr.	Parker City, Ind./Monroe Central HS
43	Danny Royster	LB	6-4	243	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Lawrence North HS

Alphabetical

No.	Name	Pos.
87	Christian Abney	TE
76	Arkel Anugwom	OL
12	Thailand Baldwin	DB
5	Rico Barfield	RB
42	Jake Bates	DB
22	Jack Beebe	LB
13	Brandon Berger	LB
4	Colin Blazek	QB
15	Lucas Borrow	P
97	Caden Britton	LS
61	Ethan Brown	OL
11	Damion Charity	DB
26	Jordan Coleman	DB
32	Clayton Coll	LB
41	Leo Collins	TE
95	Darin Conley	OLB
59	Jackson Constantine	LB
70	Tristan Cook	OL
15	Marquez Cooper	RB
96	Jackson Courville	K
54	Ethan Crowe	OL
24	Christian Davis	RB
25	Elijah Davis	DB
49	Jack Drake	PK/P
53	Tucker Dunn	LS
45	Cole Earlewine	DB
31	DeJuan Echoles Jr.	LB
14	Ahmad Edwards	WR
55	Dalton Elrod	LB
34	Brayden Evans	RB
51	Ethan Evers	LB
34	Derek "DJ" Fields	DB
74	Rob Fogler	OL
99	Dakari Frazier	DL
57	Eli Freeman	OL
7	Malcolm Gillie	WR
35	Brody Glenn	WR
72	Phyllip Gunn	OL
10	Jahmad Harmon	DB
52	Drew Harper	LB
97	John Harris	DL
3	Layne Hatcher	QB
25	Austin Hill	WR
37	Eli Hohlt	WR
98	Carson Holmer	K
66	Chris Hood	OL
20	TJ Horton	RB
8	Sidney Houston Jr.	LB
47	Drew Hughes	DL
80	Brady Hunt	TE
30	Caden Johnson	LB
46	Jalon Jones	DB
48	Luke Jones	WR
55	Damon Kaylor	OL
1	Kiael Kelly	QB
54	Kyle King	DL
88	Tanner Koziol	TE
18	Aidan Leffler	QB
63	Tommy Lorincz	OL
44	Kyle Lozen	LB
65	Isaac Lucas	OL
16	Qian Magwood	WR
17	James Makszin	DL
62	Brandon Malkow	OL
1	Aljareek Malry	DB
38	Deion Manley	DB

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
44	Kyle Lozen	LB	5-10	230	R-So.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel HS
44	Maximus Webster	TE	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Sheridan, Ind./Westfield HS
45	Cole Earlewine	DB	6-0	200	Fr.	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern HS
45	Max Sullivan	TE	6-5	232	R-Fr.	Greenwood, Ind./Whiteland Community HS
46	Jalon Jones	DB	5-11	176	R-Fr.	Hillside, Ill./York Community HS
47	Drew Hughes	DL	6-2	291	R-So.	Willow Springs, Ill./Nazareth Academy
48	Luke Jones	WR	5-10	182	Fr.	Farmland, Ind./Monroe Central HS
49	Jack Drake	PK-P	6-1	190	Gr.	Zionsville, Ind./DePauw
51	Ethan Evers	LB	6-1	204	Fr.	Nappanee, Ind./NorthWood HS
52	Drew Harper	LB	6-1	201	R-Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./IMG Academy
53	Tucker Dunn	LS	6-3	247	Gr.	Cranberry Township, Pa./Colgate
54	Ethan Crowe	OL	6-5	293	Jr.	Bargersville, Ind./Center Grove HS
54	Kyle King	DL	6-4	265	R-Jr.	Greenfield, Ind./Michigan State
55	Dalton Elrod	LB	6-2	223	R-So.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead HS
55	Damon Kaylor	OL	6-5	299	R-Sr.	Huntington, Ind./Michigan State
56	Luke Wiginton	OL	6-5	305	R-Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Indiana
57	Eli Freeman	OL	6-4	273	Fr.	Lebanon, Tenn./Lebanon HS
57	Nathan Reichert	DL	6-3	276	Jr.	Lewistown, Ohio/Indian Lake HS
59	Jackson Constantine	LB	6-1	235	R-Fr.	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern HS
61	Ethan Brown	OL	6-2	262	Fr.	Amelia, Ohio/West Clermont HS
62	Brandon Malkow	OL	6-4	286	Gr.	Beloit, Wis./Western Illinois
63	Tommy Lorincz	OL	6-5	290	R-So.	Avon, Ohio/Avon HS
64	Jon Mucciolo	OL	6-4	309	Gr.	Mahopac, N.Y./Sacred Heart
65	Isaac Lucas	OL	6-4	286	Fr.	Youngstown, Ohio/Ursuline HS
66	Chris Hood	OL	6-9	326	R-Fr.	Kendallville, Ind./East Noble HS
67	Jackson Ruess	OL	6-4	287	Fr.	Crown Point, Ind./Crown Point HS
70	Tristan Cook	OL	6-5	286	Fr.	Lexington, Ky./Woodford County HS
71	Kevin Meeder	OL	6-5	293	R-So.	Portersville, Pa./Seneca Valley HS
72	Phyllip Gunn	OL	6-3	344	R-Fr.	Gary, Ind./Merrillville HS
73	Cole Mosier	OL	6-5	279	R-Fr.	Columbia City, Ind./Columbia City HS
74	Rob Fogler	OL	6-7	326	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier HS
75	Corey Stewart	OL	6-6	303	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn./East Nashville HS
76	Arkel Anugwom	OL	6-8	294	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn./Antioch HS
77	Taran Tyo	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Greenville, Ohio/Versailles HS
78	Julian McBride	DL	6-2	275	R-So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo./Chaminade College Prep
79	Austin Payton	OL	6-5	244	Fr.	Lafayette, Ind./Lafayette Jefferson HS
80	Brady Hunt	TE	6-6	249	R-So.	Muncie, Ind./Delta HS
81	Zavier Simpson	WR	6-3	208	R-So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Wake Forest
84	Preston Ross	TE	6-7	227	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Dwenger HS
85	Cam Pickett	WR	6-0	192	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Brooks College Prep
86	Justin Morris	TE	6-4	238	R-So.	Vernon Hills, Ill./Vernon Hills HS
87	Christian Abney	TE	6-5	228	Fr.	Zionsville, Ind./Zionsville HS
88	Tanner Koziol	TE	6-7	240	So.	Bloomington, Ill./Mt. Vernon HS
92	Cody Smith	DE	6-7	252	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif./Liberty Ranch HS
93	Caleb Vogel	DL	6-4	224	Fr.	Flower Mound, Texas/Flower Mound HS
94	Jack Sape	DL	6-4	276	R-Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich./Bloomfield Hills HS
95	Darin Conley	OLB	6-4	222	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./The Pembroke Hill School
96	Jackson Courville	K	5-10	172	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio/Centerville HS
97	Caden Britton	LS	5-11	203	R-Fr.	New Albany, Ohio/New Albany HS
97	John Harris	DL	6-2	280	R-Jr.	Greenwood, Ind./Roncalli HS
98	Carson Holmer	K	6-1	206	R-Fr.	Avon, Ind./Avon HS
99	Dakari Frazier	DL	6-4	255	R-Fr.	Pickerington, Ohio/Pickerington Central HS

Alphabetical (cont.)

No.	Name	Pos.
41	Ben Marsh	LB
78	Julian McBride	DL
36	Khani McNeese	DB
71	Kevin Meeder	OL
27	Cody Mikulich	RB
5	Kyron Mims	DL
17	Dwayne Moorehead	WR
86	Justin Morris	TE
73	Cole Mosier	OL
64	Jon Mucciolo	OL
23	R.J. Mukes III	WR
42	Cole Munchel	TE
0	Nick Munson	WR
9	Keionté Newson	LB
21	Dahya Patel	WR
79	Austin Payton	OL
40	Cole Pearce	LB
39	Nate Pedraza	LB
6	Vaughn Pemberton	RB
85	Cam Pickett	WR
14	Marion Ponds	DB
4	Tyler 'Red' Potts	DB
19	Nick Presley	WR
57	Nathan Reichert	DL
3	Jordan Riley	DB
2	Ty Robinson	WR
84	Preston Ross	TE
43	Danny Royster	LB
67	Jackson Ruess	OL
94	Jack Sape	DL
28	Blair Schonhorst	DB
9	Kadin Semonza	QB
2	Mikhari Sibblis	DL
36	Jeffrey Simmons	TE
81	Zavier Simpson	WR
92	Cody Smith	DE
33	DD Snyder	DB
38	Charlie Spegal	RB
21	Joey Stemler	LB
75	Corey Stewart	OL
24	Alex Stirn	DB
23	Loren Strickland	DB
45	Max Sullivan	TE
16	AJ Taylor	DB
29	Isaiah Thacker	WR
77	Taran Tyo	OL
93	Caleb Vogel	DL
44	Maximus Webster	TE
18	Jackson Wiegold	LB
56	Luke Wiginton	OL
6	Tavion Woodard	DL
22	Nathaniel Zachery	RB

Pronunciation Guide

Arkel Anugwom	ar-KELL ah-NUGG-wahm
Thailand Baldwin	TIE-land (also goes by Ty)
Colin Blazek	BLAY-zik
Lucas Borrow	BARR-oh
Clayton Coll	CALL
DeJuan Echoles	ECK-oles
Dakari Frazier	duh-CARR-ee
Jalon Jones	JAY-lin
Kiael Kelly	ky-ELL
Tanner Koziol	KO-zee-uhl
Kyle Lozen	LOW-zen
Tommy Lorincz	Lawrence
Qian Magwood	KEE-on

James Makszin	MAX-un
Brandon Malkow	MAL-koh
Aljareek Malry	al-juh-REEK MAL-ree
Khani McNeese	kuh-NY
Kyron Mims	KY-ruhn
Jon Mucciolo	MOO-chee-oh-luh
R.J. Mukes III	MYOOKS
Keionté Newson	kee-ON-tay
Nate Pedraza	puh-DRAH-zuh
Dahya Patel	DAH-yuh puh-TELL
Marion Ponds	MARR-ee-un
Nathan Reichert	RY-kurt
Jackson Ruess	REESE

Jack Sape	SAYP
Blair Schonhorst	SHONN-horst
Kadin Semonza	CAY-din suh-MON-zuh
Mikhari Sibblis	muh-CARR-ee SIBB-lis
Taran Tyo	TAIR-un TY-oh
Maximus Webster	Maximus on first reference (otherwise just Max)
Jackson Wiegold	WEE-gold
Tavion Woodard	TAY-vee-on

Coaches	
Mike Neu	NEW

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
QB	3	Layne Hatcher (6-0, 213, Gr., Little Rock, Ark.)
	9	Kadin Semonza (6-1, 195, Fr., Mission Viejo, Calif.)
	1	Kiael Kelly (6-2, 191, R-So., Tampa, Fla.)
RB -or-	15	Marquez Cooper (5-8, 189, R-Jr., Gaithersburg, Md.)
	6	Vaughn Pemberton (5-11, 221, R-So., Lake Forest, Ill.)
	5	Rico Barfield (5-11, 212, R-So., St. Louis, Mo.)
	20	T.J. Horton (5-10, 201, Fr., Lexington, Ky.)
WR	2	Ty Robinson (6-3, 193, Jr., Aurora, Colo.)
	19	Nick Presley (6-0, 195, So., Cincinnati, Ohio)
	17	Dwayne Moorehead (6-2, 196, R-Fr., Chicago, Ill.)
WR	16	Qian Magwood (5-11, 179, R-So., Hilltop, Ohio)
	0	Nick Munson (5-10, 188, R-Fr., Avilla, Ind.)
WR	7	Malcolm Gillie (6-2, 196, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.)
	14	Ahmad Edwards (6-1, 177, R-Sr., Alabaster, Ala.)
	25	Austin Hill (6-2, 188, R-So., Muncie, Ind.)
TE	80	Brady Hunt (6-6, 249, R-So., Muncie, Ind.)
	86	Justin Morris (6-4, 238, R-So., Vernon Hills, Ill.)
TE	88	Tanner Koziol (6-7, 240, So., Bloomingdale, Ill.)
	44	Maximus Webster (6-2, 230, R-Fr., Sheridan, Ind.)
LT	75	Corey Stewart (6-6, 303, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.)
	73	Cole Mosier (6-5, 279, R-Fr., Columbia City, Ind.)
LG	64	Jon Mucciolo (6-4, 309, Gr., Mahopac, N.Y.)
	70	Tristan Cook (6-5, 286, Fr., Lexington, Ky.)
C	54	Ethan Crowe (6-5, 293, Jr., Bargersville, Ind.)
	62	Brandon Malkow (6-4, 286, Gr., Beloit, Wis.)
RG -or-	77	Taran Tyo (6-4, 305, R-Fr., Greenville, Ohio)
	71	Kevin Meeder (6-5, 293, R-So., Portersville, Pa.)
RT	55	Damon Kaylor (6-5, 299, R-Sr., Huntington, Ind.)
	56	Luke Wiginton (6-5, 305, R-Jr., Fort Wayne, Ind.)

SPECIALISTS

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
K	96	Jackson Courville (5-10, 172, Fr., Dayton, Ohio)
	98	Carson Holmer (6-1, 206, So., Avon, Ind.)
P	15	Lucas Borrow (5-10, 178, Jr., Newcastle, NSW, Australia)
	49	Jack Drake (6-1, 190, Gr., Zionsville, Ind.)
LS	53	Tucker Dunn (6-3, 247, Gr., Cranberry Township, Pa.)
	97	Caden Britton (5-11, 203, R-Fr., New Albany, Ohio)
H	15	Lucas Borrow (5-10, 178, Jr., Newcastle, NSW, Australia)
	4	Colin Blazek (6-3, 210, R-Fr., Venice, Fla.)

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
DE	6	Tavion Woodard (6-4, 265, R-Jr., West Lafayette, Ind.)
	2	Mikhari Sibblis (6-4, 255, Gr., Cumming, Ga.)
NT	5	Kyron Mims (6-3, 296, R-Jr., Baton Rouge, La.)
	97	John Harris (6-2, 280, R-Jr., Greenwood, Ind.)
DE	94	Jack Sape (6-4, 276, R-Sr., Bloomfield Hills, Mich.)
	54	Kyle King (6-4, 265, R-Jr., Greenfield, Ind.)
	17	James Makszin (6-4, 278, R-Sr., Norwalk, Conn.)
OLB	8	Sidney Houston Jr. (6-2, 246, Sr., Cahokia, Ill.)
	13	Brandon Berger (6-4, 243, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.)
ILB	32	Clayton Coll (6-3, 238, Gr., Franklin, Ind.)
	21	Joey Stemler (6-2, 242, R-So., Cleves, Ohio)
ILB	40	Cole Pearce (6-1, 226, R-Sr., Mason, Ohio)
	22	Jack Beebe (6-1, 219, R-So., Plainfield, Ind.)
OLB	9	Keionté Newson (6-2, 210, Jr., Murfreesboro, Tenn.)
	55	Dalton Elrod (6-2, 223, R-So., Hartland, Wis.)
CB	4	Tyler 'Red' Potts (5-10, 182, R-Sr., Columbus, Ohio)
	12	Thailand Baldwin (5-10, 174, R-So., Hampton, Va.)
	14	Marion Ponds (6-1, 187, Jr., Wichita, Kan.)
S	23	Loren Strickland (5-10, 204, R-Sr., Carpentersville, Ill.)
	1	Aljareek Malry (6-1, 192, Gr., Lanham, Md.)
S	3	Jordan Riley (6-1, 189, Jr., Clinton, Md.)
	33	DD Snyder (6-0, 187, R-So., Tampa, Fla.)
CB	11	Damion Charity (6-2, 177, Gr., Hampton, Va.)
	10	Jahmad Harmon (6-0, 175, R-Fr., Indianapolis, Ind.)

Pos.	No.	Name (Ht., Wt., Yr., Hometown)
KO	49	Jack Drake (6-1, 190, Gr., Zionsville, Ind.)
	98	Carson Holmer (6-1, 206, So., Avon, Ind.)
KR	7	Malcolm Gillie (6-2, 196, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.)
	19	Nick Presley (6-0, 195, So., Cincinnati, Ohio)
PR	0	Nick Munson (5-10, 188, R-Fr., Avilla, Ind.)
	16	Qian Magwood (5-11, 179, R-So., Hilltop, Ohio)

SERIES HISTORY

Date	Site	Winner	Score
9/8/01	A	Kentucky	20-28

Kentucky leads 1-0
at Ball State: ---
at Kentucky: Kentucky leads 1-0
Current Streak: Kentucky W1
Longest Ball State Streak: ---

INSIDE THE SERIES: KENTUCKY

▶▶ In their lone meeting in 2001, Ball State led the Wildcats 10-7 midway through the second period, but Kentucky managed a 14-10 lead at the intermission. UK commanded a 28-13 lead in the fourth, but the Cardinals pulled within 28-20 with six minutes to play. Neither team scored the rest of the way.

VS. SEC

▶▶ Saturday's game marks the second straight season that Ball State has opened the season in an SEC stadium, falling last year at Tennessee, 59-10, to the Volunteers. Since opening at South Carolina in 1998, it is the fifth time the Cardinals have begun a season on SEC soil (Florida '00, Auburn '01, Tennessee '22).

▶▶ Ball State faces SEC opponents in consecutive weeks for just the second time in its history. The Cardinals opened the 2001 season on Sept. 1 at Auburn, then fell to Kentucky on Sept. 8, 28-20, the only other time these teams have met on the gridiron.

▶▶ The Cardinals are seeking their first win against an SEC opponent. Ball State is 0-11 against teams currently in the SEC and 0-8 against SEC foes at the time of the game (Auburn 0-3; Florida 0-1; Kentucky 0-1; Missouri 0-3 while in Big XII; South Carolina 0-1; Tennessee 0-1; Texas A&M 0-1).

CARDINALS ON NATIONAL WATCH LISTS

▶▶ Ball State opens the 2023 season with five players on national award watch lists:

Maxwell Award: RB **Marquez Cooper**
Outland Trophy: C **Ethan Crowe**
Ray Guy Award: P **Lucas Borrow**
Mackey Award: TE **Brady Hunt**
Wuerffel Award: LB **Clayton Coll**

PRESEASON HONOREES

▶▶ A host of Cardinal players earned preseason All-MAC honors and five Ball State players were recognized as "Group of 5" Preseason All-Americans by HERO Sports.

Brady Hunt, first team TE
Marquez Cooper, second team RB
Clayton Coll, second team LB
Tanner Koziol, third team TE
Ethan Crowe, third team C

CONTINUITY IN THE TRENCHES

▶▶ The Cardinals' offensive line boasts 66 career starts among returning starters **Damon Kaylor** (23), **Ethan Crowe** (22), **Corey Stewart** (18) and **Tommy Lorincz** (3). Those offensive line starts by returning players rank 19th among all FBS schools entering the 2023 campaign.

TALE OF THE TAPE

2022 NCAA Statistics	BSU	UK
Scoring Offense	23.3	20.4
Scoring Defense	26.9	19.2
Total Offense	384.2	324.7
Total Defense	399.1	311.4
Passing Offense	228.5	208.5
Passing Defense	216.1	170.8
Rushing Offense	155.7	116.2
Rushing Defense	183.0	140.6
Third Down Pct. Offense	37.0%	34.1%
Third Down Pct. Defense	40.0%	33.3%
First Downs	256	229
Red Zone Offense	88.1%	78.7%
Red Zone Defense	84.4%	81.8%
Avg. Time of Possession	28:00	33:10

▶▶ Added to that figure, though, are 28 more career starts from grad transfer **Jon Mucciolo** who started 28 of 29 career games at FCS Sacred Heart in Fairfield, Conn.

▶▶ The defensive line has a similar story, totaling 46 career starts among **Tavion Woodard** (20), **Jack Sape** (14), **John Harris** (8), **Kyron Mims** (2) and **Kyle King** (2).

▶▶ Added to that group are grad transfers **Mikhari Sibblis** from Lehigh and **James Makszin** from Rhode Island, who both completed four-plus years at the FCS level. Sibblis started all 36 games he played at Lehigh and Makszin started in 34 out of 38 games.

▶▶ Ball State's linebacking unit has been steady behind the trio of **Clayton Coll** (23 career starts), **Cole Pearce** (11) and **Sidney Houston** (10) who have started 44 career games among them.

GRAD TRANSFERS AND THE PORTAL

▶▶ Ball State's Week 1 depth chart includes 14 players who arrived this year out of the NCAA transfer portal. Nine of those 14 are grad transfers, noted by the (Gr) below.

▶▶ Six transfers play on offense: QB **Layne Hatcher** (Gr); RB **Marquez Cooper**; WRs **Ahmad Edwards** (Gr), **Malcolm Gillie** and **Ty Robinson**; and OG **Jon Mucciolo** (Gr).

▶▶ Six line up on defense: DL **Mikhari Sibblis** (Gr) and **James Makszin** (Gr); and DBs **Damion Charity** (Gr), **Aljareek Malry** (Gr), **Marion Ponds** and **DD Snyder**.

▶▶ The lone specialists are punter and kickoff man **Jack Drake** (Gr), and long snapper **Tucker Dunn** (Gr).

18 CARDINALS ALREADY RECEIVED DEGREES

► Eighteen Cardinals have already received their undergraduate degrees:

From Ball State (8): Clayton Coll, Damon Kaylor, Kyle King, Brandon Malkow, Cole Pearce, Tyler 'Red' Potts, Jack Sape, Loren Strickland

Transfers (11): Damion Charity (Old Dominion), Jack Drake (DePauw), Tucker Dunn (Colgate), Ahmad Edwards (Jacksonville State), Layne Hatcher (Texas State), James Makszin (Rhode Island), Aljareek Malry (VMI), Jon Mucciolo (Sacred Heart), Mikhari Sibblis (Lehigh), Luke Wiginton (Indiana).

UNICORN TIGHT ENDS

► It is probably safe to say that few teams in America could boast the tight end duo that Ball State dispatched last season with **Brady Hunt** and **Tanner Koziol**. Fewer still were the number of teams with that TE duo comprised exclusively of freshmen!

► When was the last time any team had a pair of Freshmen All-Americans at tight end? Hunt was an FWAA Freshman All-American and both earned Freshman All-America accolades by College Football News (Hunt a first-teamer, Koziol a third-teamer).

► The first-year tight end combo combined for 81 catches for 871 yards and 12 touchdowns last year. Ball State was the only FBS team in the country last season with multiple tight ends grabbing at least five TD passes, and their touchdown total was more than 18 FBS teams produced as a whole.

UNQUESTIONED LEADER

► Team captain **Clayton Coll** is the undisputed leader of the Cardinals defense – a unit that allowed just 18.6 points over the last seven games in 2022. He was the club's leading tackler last season with 110 stops, following a sophomore campaign with 108.

► He is a member of the Ball State Leadership Council and now a three-time nominee for the prestigious Wuerffel Trophy, awarded annually to the college football player who best combined exemplary community service with athletic and academic achievement. He's a three-time Academic All-MAC selection while boasting a 3.77 GPA with dual degrees in pre-med and biology. He is currently pursuing a graduate business certificate and he intends to return to medicine after football. His hope is to become an orthopedic surgeon and a team doctor, one day.

► In the community, Coll has volunteered numerous hours at nursing homes, serving meals to families in need at his hometown high school and has been a mentor among much more.

HOME RUN THREAT

► Gone is Ball State's all-conference rusher Carson Steele, a portal opportunist who will ply his trade at UCLA. In his stead, now, is the MAC's other first-team all-league rusher **Marquez Cooper** who jumps from Kent to Muncie to anchor a deep and balanced backfield group that drew Neu's frequent praises during the spring.

► Neu calls Cooper a "home run threat." The moniker is proven by six carries of 30+ plus yards the past two seasons and three bursts of 40 yards or more. He broke a career-long 66-yarder against VMI in 2021.

BACKFIELD 1-2 PUNCH

► While Carson Steele is gone, his punishing running style remains in the Cardinal backfield. A redshirt freshman last season, **Vaughn Pemberton** played in every game and carried 35 times for 133 yards. His 3.8 yards per carry included a long run of 16 yards against Murray State.

► This year though, with the diminutive, ultra-quick Cooper a home run threat in space, Pemberton brings a rugged, physical style more like Steele. Together, they hope their versatility brings success.

RE-STOCKING WITH RILEY

► Can S **Jordan Riley** replace three starters gone to the NFL? Of course not. But Riley was a beast, himself – the MAC's only player with over 70 tackles and 10 passes defended last season. He ranked seventh in the MAC with 12 PBUs and 10th with 97 total tackles.

► The big play man had eight tackles and four PBUs at Georgia Southern, matching Penn State's Joey Porter, Jr., as the only players in the country with at least as many in the same game last year.

► He was the MAC Defensive Player of the Week after an Oct. 15 win over UConn in which his forced fumble triggered the go-ahead score in a 25-21 victory.

NEW PILOT TO FLY THE CARDINALS

► John Paddock is gone (grad transfer to Illinois) and reserve QB **Kiael Kelly** appeared in just one game with one pass attempt (a 23-yard completion). Kelly returns as a dual-threat QB, but spring reps were split with grad transfer **Layne Hatcher** who spent the past four years slinging the pigskin to the tune of 2,000 yards per season at Arkansas State (2019-21) and Texas State (2022). Hatcher began his college QB odyssey as an Alabama redshirt in 2018.

► Entering Week 1, Hatcher will lead the offense with Kelly and freshman **Kadin Semonza** waiting in the wings.

2022 MAC STANDINGS**EAST DIVISION**

Team	MAC	Pct.	Ovr.	Pct.	Streak
Ohio	7-1	.875	10-4	.714	Won 1
Buffalo	5-3	.625	7-6	.538	Won 2
Bowling Green	5-3	.625	6-7	.462	Lost 2
Kent State	4-4	.500	5-7	.417	Won 1
Miami	4-4	.500	6-7	.462	Lost 1
Akron	1-7	.125	2-10	.167	Lost 1

WEST DIVISION

Team	MAC	Pct.	Ovr.	Pct.	Streak
Toledo	5-3	.625	9-5	.643	Won 2
Eastern Mich.	5-3	.625	9-4	.692	Won 4
Western Mich.	4-4	.500	5-7	.417	Won 2
Ball State	3-5	.375	5-7	.417	Lost 3
Central Mich.	3-5	.375	4-8	.333	Lost 2
Northern Ill.	2-6	.250	3-9	.250	Lost 2

BSU RECORD IN 2022 WHEN ...

Scoring first	1-3
Opponent scores first	4-4
Scoring 30 or more points	2-2
Scoring fewer than 30 points	3-5
Leading at the half	2-2
Trailing at the half	3-4
Tied at the half	0-1
Leading after three quarters	2-3
Trailing after three quarters	3-2
Tied after three quarters	0-2
Outrushing the opponent	2-2
Outpassing the opponent	4-3
Rushing 30 or more times	5-5
Rushing 40 or more times	2-0
Passing 30 or more times	4-4
Passing 40 or more times	3-4
Leading in time of possession	2-1
Trailing in time of possession	3-6
Time of possession is even	0-0
Winning in turnover margin	2-1
Losing in turnover margin	1-5
Tied in turnover margin	2-1
With a 100-yard rusher	4-5
With a 300-yard passer	1-2
With a 100-yard receiver	2-2
With an opposing 100-yard rusher	2-2
With an opposing 300-yard passer	0-2
With an opposing 100-yard receiver	0-2
Winning the coin toss	2-2
Losing the coin toss	3-5
Electing to receive	0-1
Electing to defer	2-1
Receiving the ball first	3-4
Opponent receiving ball first	2-3

CAREER GAMES STARTED

Offense	Pos	2022	Strk	Tot
Damon Kaylor	OL	11	1	23
Ethan Crowe	OL	12	21	22
Corey Stewart	OL	9	16	18
Brady Hunt	TE	11	9	11
Tanner Koziol	TE	5	1	5
Tommy Lorincz	OL	3	3	3
Nick Presley	WR	1	0	1

Defense	Pos	2022	Strk	Tot
Clayton Coll	ILB	12	14	23
Tavion Woodard	DL	10	2	20
Jack Sape	DL	6	3	14
Cole Pearce	ILB	11	1	12
Jordan Riley	S	12	12	12
Sidney Houston	LB	10	10	10
John Harris	DL	8	1	8
Tyler 'Red' Potts	CB	3	0	4
Kyron Mims	DL	2	0	2
Brandon Berger	LB	1	0	1
Kyle King	DL	1	0	1
Keionte Newson	LB	1	0	1

HATCHER'S STATS IN PERSPECTIVE

► Hatcher's passing statistics are outright gaudy. Let's put them in perspective ... after four Sun Belt seasons with 2,000+ yards, he ranks second in Sun Belt history with 84 career TDs and ninth with 10,080 career passing yards. He ended 2022 ranked eighth among active FBS career leaders in passing TDs, and 12th in passing yards.

► He has thrown for 200-plus yards in 23 of 44 career games.

► Name-dropping ... Hatcher enters 2023 just 18 yards shy of Colin Kaepernick and Trevor Lawrence, tied for 133rd in NCAA history with 10,098 career passing yards ... he is 39 yards shy of Eli Manning's 10,119 career yards at Ole Miss ... he is 1,121 yards shy of Peyton Manning's 11,201 career passing yards at Tennessee ... he is 2,825 yards behind Central Michigan's Dan Lefevour, who owns the MAC career record with 12,905 yards from 2006-09.

AMONG ACTIVE FBS PASSERS

► Hatcher begins his fifth college season in 2023, entering Week 1 ranked fifth among active FBS QBs in passing yards, and third in passing TDs.

Active FBS QBs - Career Passing Yards

Rk.	QB	Career Yards
1.	Sam Hartman, Notre Dame	13,218
2.	Dillon Gabriel, Oklahoma	11,205
3.	Bo Nix, Oregon	10,843
4.	Will Rogers, Mississippi State	10,689
5.	Layne Hatcher, Ball State	10,080

Active FBS QBs - Career Passing Touchdowns

Rk.	QB	Career TDs
1.	Sam Hartman, Notre Dame	114
2.	Dillon Gabriel, Oklahoma	95
3.	Layne Hatcher, Ball State	84

DEFENSE BRINGIN' THE JUICE

► Ball State's defense was impressive the last seven games down the stretch last season. With its line and linebacking unit returning unscathed, the defense looks to be a strength again this season.

► Since Oct. 8 last year, the Cardinals allowed just 19.3 points per game, the second-lowest in the MAC during that span.

► In the last seven games, Ball State recorded 43 tackles-for-loss, including 20 sacks. In the five previous games, the Cardinals had 22 tackles-for-loss and five sacks.

OVERCOME CLOSE GAMES, RETURN TO BOWL

► The Cardinals fell short in their bid for a third consecutive bowl appearance last year, but it wasn't for lack of being close. "Close" means nothing in college football, but it does mean that the margin is within reach.

► Ball State lost four games last year by 7 points or less, including a painful 18-17 defeat at Miami to close the season. The Cardinals also won four games by 7 points or less, amounting to eight total games played within a touchdown.

CARDINAL FRESHMEN FROM KENTUCKY

► Running back **T.J. Horton** was a two-way player at RB and CB, helping Frederick Douglass High School to a Kentucky 5A state championship last fall, beating Bowling Green 28-7 in the Finals at Kroger Field. He had 15 carries for 108 yards in the championship game.

► Redshirt freshman linebacker **Caden Johnson** teamed with Horton while leading Frederick Douglass to the Kentucky 5A title game in 2021. South Warren beat the Broncos 38-26 two seasons ago.

► Offensive lineman **Tristan Cook** starred at Woodford County High School in Lexington. The Yellow Jackets fell to the eventual 5A state champ in each of the past two seasons, including last year's defeat in the quarterfinal round against Horton and Frederick Douglass.

MORE CARDS AND CATS

► The Ball State baseball Cardinals won the Mid-American Conference championship and reached the NCAA Tournament last season, both for the first time since 2006. The Cardinals were sent to the Kentucky Regional and paired with UK in their opening game. Kentucky took a 1-0 lead into the eighth inning before things unraveled for Ball State. UK won 4-0.

► Just days after the two schools met on the diamond, Ball State track star **Charity Griffith** won the NCAA outdoor championship in the

high jump. A senior last season, scheduled to be married this summer, she announced a transfer to UK for her upcoming graduate season in order to be closer to her husband who resides in Southern Indiana.

PROTECT THE NEST ON SIX HOME SATURDAYS

► For the first time since 2002, Ball State will welcome home fans for six Saturday home dates at Scheumann Stadium. The Cardinals hosted just five Saturday home dates last season.

► The 2023 slate features a dozen games in a clean cycle of two road games, then two home games all season long. That contrasts with last year's woeful finish with four straight Tuesday games to end the season, with three of those four on the road.

STABILITY AT THE HELM

► Ball State head coach **Mike Neu** enters his eighth season in charge of his alma mater. He currently stands as the third-longest-tenured coach in the MAC behind only Eastern Michigan's Chris Creighton (10) and Miami's Chuck Martin (10). Toledo's Jason Candle is also in his eighth season.

CHAMPIONSHIP NEU

► Head coach **Mike Neu** brought BSU's sixth MAC title to his alma mater. In fact, Neu has factored in three of those championships, including two as a player. He quarterbacked the Cardinals' MAC championship and Las Vegas Bowl team in 1993 and was also part of BSU's league championship and California Raisin Bowl team in 1989.

STOCKTON NAMED TO ESPN'S 45 UNDER 45

► Defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach **Tyler Stockton** was chosen to ESPN's 45 under 45 over the 2022 summer.

► The former Notre Dame defensive lineman has excelled at his first on-field coaching job in the Group of 5, helping Ball State to the 2020 MAC title and its first bowl win. That fall, he became the second-youngest FBS coordinator (30) and has been a Broyles Award nominee the past three years. In 2018, he coordinated a Western Illinois defense that ranked 23rd in the FCS.

► In addition, Stockton was selected to the American Football Coaches Association's 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute.

► The AFCA 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute is a prestigious program aimed at identifying and developing premier, future leaders in the football coaching profession. Selected participants were invited to attend the one-day institute that featured a curriculum of interactive lectures focused on topics specifically tailored to emphasize leadership in the coaching profession, ethics, influential responsibilities, career progression, and family balance.

YOUNG BUCKS CALLING THE SHOTS

- ▶▶ For the second straight year, Ball State has two of the youngest coaches serving as coordinators in the country in **Kevin Lynch** (36) and **Tyler Stockton** (33).
- ▶▶ Last year, Stockton was the third-youngest defensive coordinator in college football only to Southern Miss' Austin Armstrong (29) and New Mexico State's Nate Dreiling (31).
- ▶▶ Lynch was elevated to offensive coordinator prior to the 2020 season, taking over for his brother and former Ball State QB Joey who left after 11 years (6 as OC) to become offensive coordinator at Colorado State (now Vanderbilt).
- ▶▶ Kevin is the third member of his family to serve as the Cardinals' offensive coordinator. His father Bill, later the BSU head coach, was OC in the early 90s. Additionally, Kevin and Joey's brother Billy, himself a former BSU wide receiver, was an offensive coordinator at Rice.

Lynch Family as BSU OC

Bill Lynch*	1990-92
Joey Lynch	2014-19
Kevin Lynch	3rd year in 2022

*BSU head coach 1995-2002

CARDINALS LAND 18 ON ACADEMIC ALL-MAC

- ▶▶ Ball State placed 18 players on the 2022 Academic All-MAC Football Team to mark the fourth straight season under head coach Mike Neu that the Cardinals have produced at least that many Academic All-MAC honorees.
- ▶▶ The Academic All-MAC honor is for student-athletes who have excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of his team's contests.

CARDINALS AND THE STATE OF INDIANA

- ▶▶ Over the last four seasons, Ball State has been among the most successful football programs in the state of Indiana. Since the 2020 season, the Cardinals have appeared in back-to-back bowl games and racked up 18 wins.

Team	Wins	Bowls
Notre Dame	31	3
Purdue	19	2
Ball State	18	2
Indiana	12	1

HOMEGROWN

- ▶▶ On the 2023 roster, 42 out of 118 Ball State players hail from Indiana. That comes out to nearly 36 percent of the roster coming from the Hoosier state.

LAST YEAR'S SEASON OPENER

- ▶▶ Despite the result, Ball State had a few notable things happen from the 2022 opener at Tennessee.
- ▶▶ The Cardinals had eight first-time starters: QB **John Paddock**, WR **Amir Abdur-Rahman**, TE **Brady Hunt**, DE **Kyle King**, LB **Cole Pearce**, S **Jaquan Amos**, S **Jack Blanco** and S **Jordan Riley**.
- ▶▶ The announced attendance of 92,236 was the fifth-highest crowd that Ball State has played in front of in program history.
- ▶▶ Ball State's defense held Tennessee to a 38.5 percent conversion rate on third down (5-of-13), which included 2-of-8 through the first three quarters.
- ▶▶ In his first collegiate game, TE **Tanner Koziol** record two catches for 29 yards and a touchdown.
- ▶▶ Blanco led the defense with nine tackles in his first career start. He had six tackles in his career entering the night.

Head Coach Mike Neu

8th season at Ball State | 14th season as a head coach (including arena league) | 21st season as a football coach

Hometown: Indianapolis, Ind. | Alma Mater: Ball State '94

Family: wife Charmin ... three children – Graycen, Carson and Chase

@BSUCoachNeu

Ball State University welcomed back one of its own as Mike Neu was named the head coach for the Cardinals football program in January of 2016. Neu played quarterback at Ball State where he was named 1993 Mid-American Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

A member of Ball State's 1989 and 1993 MAC championship teams, Neu guided his alma mater to its first MAC championship since 1996 and its first MAC West Division title since 2008 during the 2020 campaign. BSU capped the season by earning the first bowl win in program history, defeating San Jose State in the Arizona Bowl.

Now in his eighth season as head coach, his seven years at the helm have produced 48 All-MAC selections and 130 Academic All-MAC choices, including at least 20 honorees in three of the last four years. The Cardinals have made major strides under Neu's leadership, steadily improving early in his tenure, knocking on the door to a MAC title in 2019 and breaking it down in 2020. Neu's guidance has stabilized the Cardinals among the top programs in the MAC.

Appearing in bowl games in two of the past three years, the Cardinals built upon MAC championship success in 2020 and reached another bowl game in 2021, marking just the third time in school history that the program played in a bowl in back-to-back seasons (2007-08, 2012-13 and 2020-21).

Ball State used that momentum on the recruiting trail and signed its highest-rated recruiting class in the recruiting rankings era (1999-present) in the 2022 class. Youth on the 2022 roster has added continuity to culture leading into the 2023 campaign.

Neu's return to his alma mater has grown a culture established over seven years and 81 games -- the most by a Ball State coach since Paul Schudel and Bill Lynch led the program over 18 consecutive seasons from 1985 to 2002. Schudel won a pair of MAC titles with Neu as his QB, as part of 10-year run. Lynch, the father of current offensive coordinator Kevin Lynch, won another MAC crown as part of his eight seasons. Neu's 2020 league title was the program's first since Lynch's in 1996.

Neu's 2020 conference champs boasted 12 all-conference selections, led by the league's co-defensive player of the year in Brandon Martin. Ball State also finished the year ranked No. 23 in the final AP Top 25 and the final Amway Coaches Poll. It marked the first time the Cardinals finished a season in the national rankings at the FBS level and the first time the program was ranked since December 2008.

The program began making its upward trek under Neu in 2019 when Ball State reclaimed the Bronze Stalk Trophy from Northern Illinois for the first time since 2008 with a come-from-behind 27-20 win over the Huskies in early October. The Cards then capped the year by knocking off eventual MAC champion Miami to earn the Red Bird Rivalry Trophy, 41-27.

Ball State's offense was statistically the most explosive in the conference in 2019. The Cardinals led the MAC in scoring (34.8 points per game) and



total offense (463 yards per game). On defense, BSU forced turnover after turnover all year. The 24 forced turnovers were the most in the conference and ranked 15th nationally.

Ten Cardinals came away with All-MAC accolades following the 2019 season, the most at the time for a Ball State team since 2013. The football team also placed a league-high 26 players on the Academic All-MAC list in 2020.

Neu has over 20 years of coaching experience with stops in the National Football League (NFL), Division I FBS football and the arena leagues.

Before returning to Ball State, Neu spent the 2014 and 2015 seasons as the quarterbacks coach for the NFL's New Orleans Saints. In 2014 under Neu's guidance, quarterback Drew Brees was selected to his franchise-record eighth Pro Bowl as a Saint. Brees led the league in completions (456), tied for first in passing yardage (4,952), ranked second in completion percentage (69.2) and tied for fifth in touchdown passes (33). In 2015, Brees once again led the NFL in passing yardage (4,870) while ranking second in completion percentage (68.3) and completions (428).

Neu, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., started 38 of 41 games at quarterback in his four seasons at Ball State (1990-93). He was honored with the MAC's Vern Smith Award as the league's most valuable player and the MAC Offensive Player of the Year award as a senior. That year, Neu and the Cardinals went 8-3-1 overall and 7-0-1 in league action to capture the MAC championship. In one of his greatest games as a collegiate quarterback, Neu threw for a Ball State record 469 yards and completed 28-of-40 passes against Toledo in 1993 to help the Cardinals rally from a 30-3 deficit and record the largest comeback in Ball State history, a 31-30 Homecoming victory.

Neu played professionally in the Canadian Football League and Arena Football League (AFL) from 1995-97 before beginning his coaching career in 1998 with the AFL's Nashville Kats. In 2000, Neu was named head coach for the first time as he took over the Arena Football 2's (AF2) Augusta Stallions. He led that organization to a conference title in 2000 with a 14-4 record and was named the AF2 Coach of the Year.

In 2001 and 2002, Neu worked with the AFL's Carolina Cobras. He served as the offensive coordinator in 2001 and was promoted to head coach in 2002. During his stint as head coach, Neu led the team to the quarterfinals of the AFL playoffs, including the team's first-ever playoff win.

Neu then spent four years as head coach of the AFL's New Orleans VooDoo. There, he compiled a 33-31 record and earned 2004 AFL Coach of the Year honors. During his first season at the helm, Neu led the team to a franchise-best 11-5 record, a division title and a playoff berth.

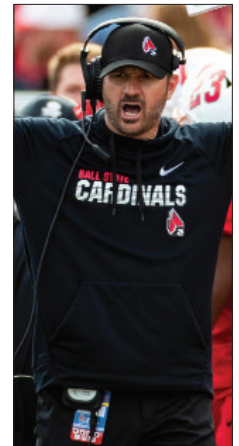
From 2008-12, Neu worked on the New Orleans Saints' player personnel staff. He then spent the 2012 and 2013 seasons with Tulane as the quarterbacks coach. In 2013, Neu helped guide Tulane to a 7-6 overall record and its first postseason appearance in 11 years – the 2013 R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

Neu's Head Coaching Record

Year	School/Team	W-L
2000	Augusta Stallions (AF2)	14-4
2002	Carolina Cobras (AFL)	7-9
2004	New Orleans VooDoo (AFL)	11-6
2005	New Orleans VooDoo (AFL)	9-7
2007	New Orleans VooDoo (AFL)	5-11
2008	New Orleans VooDoo (AFL)	8-8
2016	Ball State	4-8
2017	Ball State	2-10
2018	Ball State	4-8
2019	Ball State	5-7
2020	Ball State	7-1
2021	Ball State	6-7
2022	Ball State	5-7
2023	Ball State	0-0
Totals	14th year	87-93 (.483)
	8th year at Ball State	33-48 (.407)
	8th year vs. MAC	20-34 (.371)

Neu's Coaching Experience

Ball State	GA	1994
Nashville Kats (AFL)	OC/QBs	1998-99
Augusta Stallions (AF2)	HC	2000
Carolina Cobras (AFL)	OC	2001
Carolina Cobras (AFL)	HC	2002
New Orleans VooDoo (AFL)	HC	2004-08
Tulane	QBs	2012-13
New Orleans Saints (NFL)	QBs	2014-15
Ball State	HC	2016-Pres.



Neu received his bachelor's degree in sport administration from Ball State in 1994 and served as a graduate assistant coach for the Cardinals during the 1994 season. He was inducted into the Ball State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004.

Neu and his wife, Charmin, have a daughter, Graycen, and two sons, Carson and Chase.

Last Shutout:

Sept. 17, 2022 – Ball State 31, Murray State 0

Last Time Shut Out:

Oct. 8, 2011 – Temple 42, Ball State 0

Last Overtime Game:

Oct. 1, 2022 – Ball State 44, Northern Illinois 38 (2OT)

Last Overtime Win:

Oct. 1, 2022 – Ball State 44, Northern Illinois 38 (2OT)

Last Overtime Loss:

Nov. 19, 2005 – Central Michigan 31, Ball State 24 (1OT)

Last Win vs. Ranked Opponent:

Dec. 31, 2020 – Ball State 34, #19/20 San Jose State 13

Scored More Than 50 Points in a Game:

Oct. 19, 2019 – Ball State 52, Toledo 14

Scored at Least 27 Points in a Quarter:

Dec. 31, 2020 – Ball State (27) vs. San Jose State (1st quarter)

Held an Opponent Under 100 Yards Rushing:

Sept. 17, 2022 - vs. Murray State (98)

Held an Opponent Under 100 Yards Passing:

Sept. 17, 2022 - vs. Murray State (68)

Held an Opponent Under 200 Yards of Total Offense:

Sept. 17, 2022 - vs. Murray State (155)

Last Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown:

Oct. 2, 2021 – Justin Hall vs. Army (99 yards)

Last Punt Returned for a Touchdown:

Nov. 24, 2009 – Charlie Todd vs. Western Michigan (87 yards)

Last Interception Returned for a Touchdown:

Dec. 31, 2020 – Antonio Phillips vs. San Jose State (53 yards)

Last Fumble Returned for a Touchdown:

Oct. 9, 2021 – Brett Anderson II at Western Michigan (18 yards)

Last Safety:

Nov. 10, 2021 – Hassan Littles at Northern Illinois (blocked punt)

Last Successful Two-Point Conversion:

Dec. 12, 2020 – Drew Plitt pass to Yo'Heinz Tyler vs. WMU

Last 100 Yard Rush Game

Nov. 22, 2022 – Carson Steele at Miami (180 yards, 26 att.)

Last Quarterback to Rush for 100 Yards:

Oct. 28, 2000 – Talmadge Hill vs. CMU (101 yards, 19 att.)

Last 200 Yard Rush Game:

Nov. 11, 2020 – Caleb Huntley vs. EMU (204 yards, 34 att.)

Last Time Two BSU Rushers Have Gone Over 100 Yards:

Nov. 16, 2019 – Walter Fletcher vs. CMU (115 yards, 15 att.)
Caleb Huntley vs. CMU (106 yards, 24 att.)

Last Time Two BSU Rushers Have Gone Over 200 Yards:

Oct. 24, 2009 – MiQuale Lewis at EMU (301 yards, 26 att.)
Cory Sykes at EMU (203 yards, 23 att.)

Last Player to Score Three or More Rushing Touchdowns:

Nov. 8, 2022 – Carson Steele at Toledo (9, 38, 34)

Last Player to Score Four or More Rushing Touchdowns:

Sept. 20, 2008 – MiQuale Lewis at Indiana (1, 2, 1, 3)

Last Player to Tally 35 or More Carries in a Game:

Oct. 5, 2019 – Caleb Huntley at NIU (157 yards, 35 att.)

Last 100 Yard Receiving Game

Nov. 1, 2022 – Jayshon Jackson at Kent State (102 yards, 10 rec.)

Last 200 Yard Receiving Game:

Sept. 29, 2018 – Riley Miller vs. Kent State (208 yards, 11 rec.)

Last Time Two BSU Receivers Have Gone Over 100 Yards:

Nov. 4, 2020 – Justin Hall at Miami (Ohio) (124 yards, 4 rec.)
Antwan Davis at Miami (Ohio) (110 yards, 6 rec.)

Last Player to Score Three or More Receiving Touchdowns:

Nov. 29, 2013 – Jamill Smith vs. Miami (Ohio) (10, 10, 6)

Last Player to Score Four Receiving Touchdowns:

Nov. 19, 1977 – Rick Morrison vs. Eastern Mich. (21, 28, 32, 12)

Last Player to Tally 10 or More Receptions in a Game:

Nov. 1, 2022 – Jayshon Jackson at Kent State (10 rec., 102 yards)

Last 300 Yard Passing Game

Oct. 1, 2022 – John Paddock vs. Northern Illinois (403)

Last 400 Yard Passing Game:

Oct. 1, 2022 – John Paddock vs. Northern Illinois (403)

Last Player to Throw Three or More Touchdown Passes:

Oct. 1, 2022 – John Paddock vs. Northern Illinois (3)

Last Player to Throw Four or More Touchdown Passes:

Oct. 9, 2021 – Drew Plitt at Western Michigan (4)

Last Player to Throw Five or More Touchdown Passes:

Sept. 7, 2019 – Drew Plitt vs. Fordham (6)

Last Player to Attempt 40 or More Passes:

Nov. 15, 2022 – John Paddock vs. Ohio (29-of-48)

Last Player to Complete 30 or More Passes:

Oct. 1, 2022 – John Paddock vs. Northern Illinois (40-of-58)

Last Player to Record Two or More Interceptions:

Sept. 17, 2022 - Nic Jones vs. Murray State (2)

Last Player to Record Three Interceptions:

Sept. 13, 2008 – Sean Baker at Akron (3)

Last Player to Force Two or More Fumbles:

Sept. 9, 2017 – Anthony Winbush vs. UAB (2)

Last Player to Recover Two or More Fumbles:

Oct. 9, 2021 – Tavion Woodard at Western Michigan (2)

Last Player to Record Two or More Sacks:

Sept. 2, 2021 – Tavion Woodard vs. Western Illinois (2.0)

Last Player to Record 15 or More Tackles:

Oct. 22, 2022 – Cole Pearce vs. Eastern Michigan (15)

Last Player to Record 20 or More Tackles:

Oct. 30, 2004 – Justin Beriault vs. Northern Illinois (21)

Last Field Goal Made From at Least 50 Yards:

Nov. 11, 2020 – Jacob Lewis vs. Eastern Michigan (51)

Last Player to Make Four or More Field Goals:

Oct. 5, 2019 – Ryan Rimmler at Northern Illinois (4)

Last Player to Block a Field Goal Attempt:

Dec. 18, 2020 – Jimmy Daw vs. Buffalo

Last Player to Block an Extra Point Attempt:

Nov. 5, 2015 – Julian Jackson vs. Western Michigan

Last Player to Block a Punt:

Sept. 17, 2022 - Nic Jones vs. Murray State

Last Blocked Punt Returned for a Touchdown:

Sept. 10, 2016 – Malik Dunner at Indiana
(block by Dedrick Cromartie)

Last Player to Recover an Onside Kick:

Sept. 21, 2019 – Ray Wilborn at NC State

Largest Comebacks in School History

27	BSU 31, Toledo 30	Oct. 9, 1993 at BSU -- BSU was behind 30-3
22	BSU 26, Eastern Michigan 25	Nov. 12, 2005 at EMU -- BSU was behind 22-0
21	BSU 44, Northern Ill. 38 (2OT)	Oct. 1, 2022 at BSU -- BSU was behind 21-0
20	BSU 24, Central Michigan 23	Oct. 24, 1992 at BSU -- BSU was behind 20-0
17	BSU 28, Eastern Michigan 17	Sept. 19, 2015 at EMU -- BSU was behind 17-0
17	BSU 31, Central Michigan 27	Oct. 22, 2011 at BSU -- BSU was behind 17-0
17	BSU 37, Central Michigan 34	Oct. 18, 1997 at BSU -- BSU was behind 34-17
17	BSU 30, Ohio 27 (OT)	Oct. 12, 1996 at BSU -- BSU was behind 17-0
16	BSU 30, DePauw 24	Oct. 17, 1959 at Ball State
15	BSU 35, Akron 21	Oct. 25, 2014 at Ball State
15	BSU 26, Indiana State 24	Oct. 28, 1967 at Indiana State
15	BSU 42, St. Joseph's 19	Nov. 6, 1965 at Ball State



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Team Statistics

	BSU	OPP
Scoring	279	323
Points per game	23.3	26.9
Points Off Turnovers	33	44
First Downs	256	279
Rushing	95	126
Passing	135	128
Penalty	26	25
Rushing Yardage	1868	2188
Yards gained rushing	2073	2462
Yards lost rushing	205	274
Rushing attempts	417	531
Average per rush	4.5	4.1
Average per game	155.7	182.3
TDs Rushing	14	23
Passing Yardage	2742	2593
Comp-Att-Int	287-481-14	241-416-7
Average per pass	5.7	6.2
Average per catch	9.6	10.8
Average per game	228.5	216.1
TDs Passing	18	17
Total offense	4610	4781
Total plays	898	947
Average per play	5.1	5.0
Average per game	384.2	398.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	22-473	31-572
Punt returns: #-Yards	13-57	17-112
Int returns: #-Yards	7-44	14-146
Kick return average	21.5	18.5
Punt return average	4.4	6.6
Int return average	6.3	10.4
Fumbles-Lost	11-7	16-8
Penalties-Yards	72-671	79-695
Average per game	55.9	57.9
Punts-Yards	68-2787	64-2546
Average per punt	41.0	39.8
Net punt average	37.7	36.9
Kickoffs-Yards	61-3610	64-3884
Average per kick	59.2	60.7
Net kick average	40.7	38.6
Time of possession / game	28:00	32:07
3rd-down conversion	68/185	80/202
3rd-down pct	37%	40%
4rd-down conversion	6/22	16/31



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	BSU	OPP
4rd-down pct	27%	52%
Sacks by-Yards	25-143	14-121
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	33	40
Field goals - attempts	17-21	14-21
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(37-42) 88%	(38-45) 84%
Red-zone touchdowns	(25-42) 60%	(29-45) 64%
PAT-attempts	(28-29) 97%	(35-36) 97%
2-point conversion-attempts	(1-4) 25%	(2-4) 50%
Attendance	69824	167913
Games / Avg per game	6/11637	6/27986
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Ball St.	44	75	88	66	6	279
Opponents	71	106	53	93	0	323



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Carson Steele	12	289	1583	27	1556	5.4	14	48	129.7
Vaughn Pemberton	12	35	140	7	133	3.8	0	16	11.1
Jayshon Jackson	12	13	107	2	105	8.1	0	26	8.8
Kiael Kelly	1	8	83	0	83	10.4	0	40	83.0
Rico Barfield	2	15	61	1	60	4.0	0	17	30.0
Will Jones	12	15	48	7	41	2.7	0	22	3.4
Nick Presley	10	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	0.5
Ryan Lezon	12	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.3
Donny Marcus	3	3	3	2	1	0.3	0	3	0.3
John Paddock	12	27	40	124	-84	-3.1	0	15	-7.0
Team	12	9	0	35	-35	-3.9	0	0	-2.9
Total	12	417	2073	205	1868	4.5	14	48	155.7
Opponents	12	531	2462	274	2188	4.1	23	68	182.3

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
John Paddock	12	113.7	286-480-14	59.6	2719	18	43	226.6
Kiael Kelly	1	293.2	1-1-0	100.0	23	0	23	23.0
Total	12	114.1	287-481-14	59.7	2742	18	43	228.5
Opponents	12	120.4	241-416-7	57.9	2593	17	53	216.1

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jayshon Jackson	12	73	823	11.3	3	43	68.6
Yo'Heinz Tyler	11	49	441	9.0	1	23	40.1
Brady Hunt	12	46	498	10.8	5	30	41.5
Tanner Koziol	12	35	373	10.7	7	30	31.1
Carson Steele	12	29	166	5.7	1	29	13.8
Amir Abdur-Rahman	12	23	229	10.0	1	39	19.1
Will Jones	12	9	69	7.7	0	33	5.8
Vaughn Pemberton	12	7	29	4.1	0	8	2.4
Nick Presley	10	6	35	5.8	0	15	3.5
Ryan Lezon	12	5	33	6.6	0	15	2.8
Dean Tate	7	3	19	6.3	0	8	2.7
Casey Coll	11	2	27	13.5	0	23	2.5
Total	12	287	2742	9.6	18	43	228.5
Opponents	12	241	2593	10.8	17	53	216.1

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jayshon Jackson	11	56	5.1	0	14
Dean Tate	1	1	1.0	0	1
Blair Schonhorst	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	13	57	4.4	0	14
Opponents	17	112	6.6	0	15

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Amechi Uzodinma	3	1	0.3	0	1
Nic Jones	2	12	6.0	0	12
Cole Pearce	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jaquan Amos	1	31	31.0	0	31
Total	7	44	6.3	0	31
Opponents	14	146	10.4	0	43

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Amechi Uzodinma	16	374	23.4	0	64
Derin McCulley	3	57	19.0	0	23
Nic Jones	2	27	13.5	0	18
Ryan Lezon	1	15	15.0	0	15
Total	22	473	21.5	0	64
Opponents	31	572	18.5	0	35

Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Amechi Uzodinma	1	5	5.0	0	5
Sidney Houston	1	0	0.0	1	0
Will Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Malcolm Lee	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kyron Mims	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kyle King	1	0	0.0	0	0
Brandon Berger	1	0	0.0	0	0
Julian McBride	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	8	5	0.6	1	5
Opponents	7	3	0.4	0	3



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Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Carson Steele	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Ben VonGunten	-	17-21	28-29	-	-	-	-	-	79
Tanner Koziol	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Brady Hunt	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	32
Jayshon Jackson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Yo'Heinz Tyler	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Amir Abdur-Rahman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sidney Houston	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	33	17-21	28-29	0	1	1	0	0	279
Opponents	40	14-21	35-36	1	1	1	0	1	323

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Ben VonGunten	17-21	81.0	0-0	9-9	5-7	3-5	0-0	47	1
Opponents	14-21	66.7	0-0	5-7	4-6	4-7	1-1	55	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Ball St.	Opponents
Tennessee	(25)	(33)
Western Mich.	(20),(47),(44)	
Murray St.	(27)	
Ga. Southern	(22),(27),(25)	(25),(43)
NIU	37,(35),43	29,(28),24
Central Mich.	39,(22)	(44),33
UConn	(38),(38),47	
Eastern Mich.	(24)	(55),(38)
Kent St.	(34),(31)	(40),(42),47,39
Ohio	(21)	(21),(37),(23)
Miami (OH)	(44)	(30),45,(25)
Toledo		47

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
John Paddock	12	507	-84	2719	2635	219.6
Carson Steele	12	289	1556	0	1556	129.7
Vaughn Pemberton	12	35	133	0	133	11.1
Kiael Kelly	1	9	83	23	106	106.0
Jayshon Jackson	12	13	105	0	105	8.8
Rico Barfield	2	15	60	0	60	30.0
Will Jones	12	15	41	0	41	3.4
Nick Presley	10	1	5	0	5	0.5
Ryan Lezon	12	1	3	0	3	0.3
Donny Marcus	3	3	1	0	1	0.3
Team	12	0	-35	0	-35	-2.9
Total	12	898	1868	2742	4610	384.2
Opponents	12	947	2188	2593	4781	398.4

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Lucas Borrow	66	2735	41.4	65	6	23	22	9	0
Chase Wyatt	1	16	16.0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Team	1	36	36.0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	68	2787	41.0	65	6	24	22	9	0
Opponents	64	2546	39.8	63	7	23	18	6	1

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydIn
Ben VonGunten	61	3610	59.2	10	1			
Total	61	3610	59.2	10	1	33	40.7	24
Opponents	64	3884	60.7	26	3	23	38.6	26



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Carson Steele	12	1556	166	0	0	0	1722	143.5
Jayshon Jackson	12	105	823	56	0	0	984	82.0
Brady Hunt	12	0	498	0	0	0	498	41.5
Yo'Heinz Tyler	11	0	441	0	0	0	441	40.1
Amechi Uzodinma	12	0	0	0	374	1	375	31.3
Tanner Koziol	12	0	373	0	0	0	373	31.1
Amir Abdur-Rahman	12	0	229	0	0	0	229	19.1
Vaughn Pemberton	12	133	29	0	0	0	162	13.5
Will Jones	12	41	69	0	0	0	110	9.2
Kiael Kelly	1	83	0	0	0	0	83	83.0
Rico Barfield	2	60	0	0	0	0	60	30.0
Derin McCulley	5	0	0	0	57	0	57	11.4
Ryan Lezon	12	3	33	0	15	0	51	4.3
Nick Presley	10	5	35	0	0	0	40	4.0
Nic Jones	11	0	0	0	27	12	39	3.5
Jaquan Amos	12	0	0	0	0	31	31	2.6
Casey Coll	11	0	27	0	0	0	27	2.5
Dean Tate	7	0	19	1	0	0	20	2.9
Donny Marcus	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.3
John Paddock	12	-84	0	0	0	0	-84	-7.0
Team	12	-35	0	0	0	0	-35	-2.9
Total	12	1868	2742	57	473	44	5184	432.0
Opponents	12	2188	2593	112	572	146	5611	467.6



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Team Defense

#	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf	
32	Clayton Coll	12	49	61	110	7-17	2-6	.	4	2	.	2	.	.	
18	Jordan Riley	12	61	36	97	3-9	1-1	.	12	.	.	1	.	.	
16	Jaquan Amos	12	61	34	95	6.5-18	0.5-5	1-31	5	1	.	.	.	.
40	Cole Pearce	12	48	37	85	14-54	5-33	1-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
2	Malcolm Lee	12	42	29	71	1.5-1	.	.	1	1	1-0	2	.	.	
36	Sidney Houston	12	31	36	67	7.5-37	4-28	.	1	4	1-0	.	.	.	
3	Amechi Uzodinma	12	39	7	46	1-4	.	3-1	9	.	1-5	1	.	.	
10	Ben Egenolf	12	15	22	37	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Tavion Woodard	12	19	16	35	5-28	4-24	.	2	2	.	.	.	.
94	Jack Sape	10	13	14	27	1.5-8	1-7	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
4	Tyler Potts	12	9	17	26	1.5-13	1-7	.	5	.	.	1	.	.	
90	Joshua Tarango	7	8	18	26	1.5-4	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Nic Jones	11	16	7	23	.	.	2-12	12	.	.	.	1	.	
54	Kyle King	12	7	15	22	5-14	2.5-11	.	3	1	1-0	.	.	.	
5	Kyron Mims	12	7	15	22	1-2	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	
23	Loren Strickland	12	9	10	19	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
19	Jack Blanco	4	6	12	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	John Harris	11	7	10	17	1-5	1-5	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
9	Keionte Newson	12	8	8	16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	Brandon Berger	11	4	6	10	2-10	1-8	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.	
8	Trenton Hatfield	11	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Joey Stemler	12	3	6	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Brayden Evans	12	4	3	7	1-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Latrell Smith	8	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78	Julian McBride	5	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.	
87	Casey Coll	11	.	3	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57	Nathan Reichert	9	2	1	3	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Justen Ramsey	6	1	2	3	1-4	1-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Dalton Elrod	9	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
81	Ryan Lezon	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Jack Beebe	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84	Nick Munson	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Dylan Seiler	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Yo'Heinz Tyler	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Chase Wyatt	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Ethan Crowe	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Will Jones	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
39	Nate Pedraza	5	1	.	1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63	Tommy Lorincz	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Donny Marcus	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Caden Britton	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

2023 BALL STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 2	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	Noon | SEC Network
Saturday, Sept. 9	at Georgia	Athens, Ga.	Noon | SEC Network
Saturday, Sept. 16	Indiana State	Muncie, Ind.	2:00 p.m. | ESPN+
Saturday, Sept. 23	Georgia Southern	Muncie, Ind.	TBD
Saturday, Sept. 30	at Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.	TBD
Saturday, Oct. 7	at Eastern Michigan	Ypsilanti, Mich.	TBD
Saturday, Oct. 14	Toledo	Muncie, Ind.	TBD
Saturday, Oct. 21	Central Michigan	Muncie, Ind.	TBD
Wednesday, Nov. 1	at Bowling Green	Bowling Green, Ohio	7 or 7:30 p.m. | #MAAction
Tuesday, Nov. 7	at Northern Illinois	DeKalb, Ill.	7 or 7:30 p.m. | #MAAction
Saturday, Nov. 18	Kent State	Muncie, Ind.	TBD
Saturday, Nov. 25	Miami	Muncie, Ind.	TBD
Saturday, Dec. 2	MAC Championship	Detroit, Mich.	TBD

All times Eastern

2022 BALL STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (5-7, 3-5 MAC)

Thursday, Sept. 1	at Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	L, 10-59
Saturday, Sept. 10	vs. Western Michigan	Muncie, Ind.	L, 30-37
Saturday, Sept. 17	vs. Murray State	Muncie, Ind.	W, 31-0
Saturday, Sept. 24	at Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	L, 23-34
Saturday, Oct. 1	vs. Northern Illinois	Muncie, Ind.	W, 44-38 2OT
Saturday, Oct. 8	at Central Michigan	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	W, 17-16
Saturday, Oct. 15	vs. Connecticut	Muncie, Ind.	W, 25-21
Saturday, Oct. 22	vs. Eastern Michigan	Muncie, Ind.	L, 16-20
Tuesday, Nov. 1	at Kent State	Kent, Ohio	W, 27-20
Tuesday, Nov. 8	at Toledo	Toledo, Ohio	L, 21-28
Tuesday, Nov. 15	vs. Ohio	Muncie, Ind.	L, 18-32
Tuesday, Nov. 22	at Miami	Oxford, Ohio	L, 17-18

2023 HONORS CANDIDATES

OFFENSE

MARQUEZ COOPER, Running Back

ETHAN CROWE, Center

BRADY HUNT, Tight End

DAMON KAYLOR, Offensive Guard

TANNER KOZIOL, Tight End

COREY STEWART, Offensive Tackle

DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS

LUCAS BORROW, Punter

CLAYTON COLL, Linebacker

COLE PEARCE, Linebacker

JORDAN RILEY, Safety

TAVION WOODARD, Defensive Tackle