



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

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Date	Opponent (TV)	Time
8/30	TOLEDO (SECN)	W, 24-16
9/6	#20/14 OLE MISS* (ABC)	3:30 P.M.
9/13	E. MICHIGAN (ESPNU)	7:30 P.M.
9/27	at South Carolina*	TBA
10/4	at Georgia* (ABC OR ESPN)	Noon
10/18	TEXAS*	TBA
10/25	TENNESSEE*	TBA
11/1	at Auburn*	TBA
11/8	FLORIDA*	TBA
11/15	TENNESSEE TECH (SECN+/ESPN+)1:30 P.M.	
11/22	at Vanderbilt*	TBA
11/30	at Louisville	TBA

Home games in bold; *SEC game



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3:30 P.M. • ABC

LEXINGTON, KY

KROGER FIELD AT C.M. NEWTON GROUNDS



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2025 Record / SEC Record 1-0 / 0-0
AP / AFCA Coaches Poll NR / NR
Head Coach Mark Stoops
Career Record at UK (Years) 68-73 (13th)
On-Field Career Record 78-73 (13th)
Last Game W, 24-16, vs. Toledo (8/30/25)

OLE MISS REBELS

2025 Record / SEC Record 1-0 / 0-0
AP / AFCA Coaches Poll 20 / 14
Head Coach Lane Kiffin
Record at Ole Miss (Years) 44-18 (6th)
Career Record (Years) 105-52 (14th)
Last Game W, 63-7, vs. Georgia St. (8/30/25)

QUICK NOTES

- The Wildcats are set to play host to the No. 20/14 Ole Miss Rebels on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 3:30 p.m. ET at Kroger Field, marking both teams' Southeastern Conference opener.
 - The two teams are tied in games played in Lexington, 11-11-1.
 - The Wildcats won last season's meeting with the No. 6/5-ranked Rebels in Oxford, 20-17. It marked the Cats' highest-ranked triumph in the Mark Stoops era.
- Kentucky is coming off a win over Toledo, the Mid-American Conference preseason favorite, 24-16, last Saturday in Kroger Field.
 - UK's offense, who converted on 8-of-15 on third downs and went 2-of-2 in the red zone, put up 220 yards rushing as two backs rushed for at least 75 yards apiece and three players earned a rushing score.
 - UK's defense held Toledo to 59 yards rushing and also to 1-of-4 on fourth-down conversions.
- Mark Stoops is the SEC's longest-tenured coach as he enters his 13th season at the helm of the Wildcats. He is UK's all-time winningest head coach with a 68-73 overall record.
- The UK staff executed an expansive overhaul of its roster during the offseason, bringing in 55 new players, including 27 via the transfer portal.
 - The offensive side of the football in particular looks different. UK returned 39 percent of its rushing yards from 2024, 37 percent of its receiving yards and just 15 percent of its passing yards (all by RS-F Cutter Boley).
- Zach Calzada, starting quarterback, is in his seventh season of college football. He began his career at Texas A&M in 2019, playing three seasons for the Aggies, before transferring to Auburn in 2022. After an injury at Auburn, he transferred to play the last two seasons at Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas.
 - He is 24-9 overall as a starter overall, including his one game at Kentucky.
- UK has one of the most experienced offensive lines in FBS, with 166 career starts between them (third-most in FBS).
- Defensively, UK returned 46 percent of their total tackles, including four of their top six tacklers in Jordan Lovett, Alex Afari Jr., JQ Hardaway and Ty Bryant.
 - Afari Jr. had a career-best 13 tackles against Toledo in Week 1, the most by a Southeastern Conference player through Week 1.
- According to USA Today, Kentucky will play the nation's fifth-toughest schedule in 2025. UK is set to play six teams currently ranked in the preseason top 25 poll, including two in the top 10 in Texas and Georgia. Three other opponents are receiving votes.

GAME INFORMATION

TV - ABC

Play-by-Play Sean McDonough
Analyst Greg McElroy
Sideline Molly McGrath

RADIO - UK SPORTS NETWORK OR UKATHLETICS.COM

Play-by-Play Tom Leach
Analyst Jeff Piccolo
Sideline Dick Gabriel

SATELLITE RADIO - SIRIUSXM

132 or 191 (UK); 388 (Ole Miss)

TICKET INFORMATION - UKATHLETICS.COM

BY THE NUMBERS

55 PLAYERS ON THE ROSTER ARE NEW TO KENTUCKY IN 2025

27 PLAYERS ON THE ROSTER ARE FROM THE TRANSFER PORTAL

UK DEFENSE HAS ALLOWED FEWER THAN 26 POINTS PER GAME AND 162 RUSHING YARDS PER GAME IN SEVEN STRAIGHT SEASONS

MARK STOOPS HOLDS SCHOOL RECORDS FOR WINS (**68**) AND BOWL APPEARANCES (**7**)





WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE - WEEK 2

Monday - 1	Tuesday - 2	Wednesday - 3	Thursday - 4	Friday - 5	Saturday - 6	Sunday - 7
Stoops news conference - Noon ET Carried live on UKathletics.com Mark Stoops Call-in Show 6-7 p.m. ET	Post-Practice: Off Coord.; Select Players 5:00 p.m. ET	Post-Practice: Def Coord., Select Players 5:00 p.m. ET	No availability	No availability	UK vs. Ole Miss 3:30 p.m. ET Kroger Field (Lexington, Ky.) ABC	No availability

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MEDIA SERVICES

CREDENTIAL APPROVALS/DENIALS

For the Ole Miss game, requests are being accepted through Sportssystems and the deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 1, at 5 p.m. ET. No approved credentials will be distributed prior to game day. They will be picked up at Media Will Call at Gate 15a on Saturday, beginning at 12:45 p.m. ET. Apply at www.sportssystems.com/seccredentials

UK WEBSITE -- UKATHLETICS.COM

For notes, player bios, rosters and stats, visit the official University of Kentucky Athletics website at UKathletics.com/football. The official Southeastern Conference website is secsports.com.

UK WEEKLY NEWS CONFERENCE

Every Monday head coach Mark Stoops will host a news conference at noon ET from the media room at Kroger Field. The news conference is streamed live on UKathletics.com. UK game notes will be released at approximately 11:35 a.m. ET on Monday. A transcript of the news conference will be emailed on Monday afternoons.

SEC HEAD COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

The SEC head coaches' teleconference is on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ET. Coach Mark Stoops' time slot is 12:40 p.m. A link/number will be sent via e-mail from SEC Communications Office Weekly and UKCPR will email it as well. Contact Susan Lax with questions..

POST-PRACTICE INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be conducted at the Joe Craft Football Training Center or by telephone at the conclusion of each practice on Tuesdays (offensive coaches and players) and Wednesdays (defensive coaches and players/special teams). Coach Stoops will speak to the media on Thursdays post practice. Contact Susan Lax, Matt May or Cami Moore Williams for assistance.

VIDEOS/PHOTOS

Every Monday press conference, post-practice press conferences and post-game press conference after home Saturday games will be here >> vimeo.com/showcase/kentuckyfootball

2025 Fall Practice Photo Gallery Link >>> <https://bit.ly/3IY34Mg>

THE UK HEALTHCARE MARK STOOPS SHOW

The UK HealthCare Mark Stoops Show is Monday from 6-7 p.m. ET and is hosted by The Voice of the Wildcats Tom Leach. Fans will have the opportunity to ask questions of Coach Stoops by tweeting to @UKSportsNetwork or by calling 1-800-606-GAME (4263) or 859-280-2287 (CATS).

The show airs in Lexington on 630 WLAP, online at UKathletics.com and on UK Sports Network affiliates throughout Kentucky. A live video stream of the show will be available on UKathletics.com as well as on the Official Kentucky Football Facebook page.



NUMERICAL ROSTER

0	Troy Stellato	WR	6-1	184	Sr-Tr
1*	Kam Olds	OLB	6-4	252	Sr-Tr
1*	Kendrick Law	WR	6-0	205	Sr-Tr
2*	Dante Dowdell	RB	6-2	227	Jr-Tr
2*	Sam Greene	OLB	6-2	248	So-Tr
3*	Alex Afari Jr.	ILB	6-2	227	Sr-3L
3*	Seth McGowan	RB	6-1	215	Sr-Tr
4*	J.J. Hester	WR	6-5	203	Gr-Tr
4*	Martels Carter Jr.	DB	6-0	200	Fr-HS
5*	DJ Waller Jr.	DB	6-3	203	Jr-1L
5*	Zach Calzada	QB	6-4	230	Gr-Tr
6	JQ Hardaway	DB	6-3	193	Sr-2L
7*	DJ Miller	WR	6-3	204	Fr-HS
7*	Daveren Rayner	ILB	6-2	217	Sr-1L
8	Cutter Boley	QB	6-5	220	Fr-RS
9*	Ja'Mori Maclin	WR	5-11	191	Sr-1L
9*	Landyn Watson	ILB	6-1	242	Sr-Tr
10*	Jamarion Wilcox	RB	5-10	191	So-1L
10*	Jantzen Dunn	DB	6-0	185	Sr-2L
11	Beau Allen	QB	6-2	211	Gr-Sq
12*	Quay'sheed Scott	DB	6-0	196	So-1L
12*	Stone Saunders	QB	6-1	222	Fr-HS
13*	Dyllon Williams	DB	6-2	187	Fr-HS
13*	Fred Farrier II	WR	6-1	188	Sr-1L
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15	Cedric "CJ" Works	DL	6-5	254	Fr-HS
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17	Hardley Gilmore IV	WR	6-1	183	So-Tr
18*	Cam Dooley	DB	6-2	208	So-1L
18*	Mikkel Skinner	TE	6-4	231	Fr-HS
19*	Kevis Thomas	DB	6-0	181	Jr-Tr
19*	Montavin Quisenberry	WR	5-10	170	Fr-HS
20	Terhyon Nichols	DB	5-11	198	So-1L
21	Nasir Addison	DB	6-0	204	Jr-2L
22*	Cameron Miller	WR	5-11	167	Fr-HS
22*	Grant Godfrey	ILB	6-3	234	So-1L
23	Brian Robinson	DL	6-5	265	Fr-RS
24	Jaden Smith	DB	6-3	208	Fr-RS
25	Jordan Lovett	DB	6-2	208	Sr-3L
26*	Andrew Purcell	DB	5-10	193	Fr-HS
26*	Jason Patterson	RB	5-10	209	Fr-RS
28*	Demarcus Gardner	DB	6-0	178	Fr-HS
28*	Tovani Mizell	RB	6-0	217	Fr-RS
29	Jackson Schulz	DB	6-2	210	Sr-1L
30	Grant Grayton	DB	6-3	205	Fr-HS
31	Quintavion Norman	ILB	6-3	224	Fr-RS
32	Devin Smith	ILB	6-0	223	Fr-RS
33	Rico Crowder	WR	6-4	191	Fr-RS
34	Lorenzo Cowan	DE	6-3	247	R-Fr-Tr
35*	Steven Soles Jr.	OLB	6-2	235	So-1L
35*	James Dalrymple	RB	5-10	190	Fr-HS
36*	Andrew Weber	DB	6-0	177	So-Sq
36*	Chy Rivers	RB	5-8	179	Jr-Sq
37	Spencer Leadbetter	WR	6-3	199	Jr-Sq
38	Devon Gusta	DB	6-0	186	Jr-Tr
39	Saxton Howard	WR	6-0	175	Fr-HS
40	Aumad Edwards	WR	5-9	168	Fr-HS
42	Alex McLaughlin	LS	5-10	228	Sr-1L

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

21	Nasir Addison	DB	6-0	204	Jr-2L	Newark, N.J. (Irvington)
3*	Alex Afari Jr.	ILB	6-2	227	Sr-3L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)
11	Beau Allen	QB	6-2	211	Gr-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Georgia Southern/Tarleton St./Lexington Catholic)
74	Jermiel Atkins Jr.	OL	6-8	329	Fr-HS	Dayton, Ohio (Madison)
77	Bryan J. Augustine	OL	6-4	298	Fr-HS	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Monarch)
93*	Wilson Berry	P	6-4	214	Sr-2L	Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)
8	Cutter Boley	QB	6-5	220	Fr-RS	Hodgenville, Ky. (Lexington Christian)
89	Preston Bowman	WR	5-11	204	Fr-HS	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington North)
87	Henry Boyer	TE	6-6	265	Jr-Tr	Chicago, Ill. (Illinois/Brother Rice)
75	Joshua Braun	OL	6-6	342	Gr-Tr	Live Oak, Fla. (Arkansas/Florida/Suwanee)
85	Elijah Brown	TE	6-6	258	Jr-Tr	Dayton, Ohio (UCF/FAU/Alabama/Wayne)
14*	Ty Bryant	DB	6-0	198	Jr-2L	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
64	Jackson Bunn	DL	6-2	305	Jr-Sq	Oxford, Ala. (Oxford)
62	Jager Burton	OL	6-4	323	Sr-3L	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
5*	Zach Calzada	QB	6-4	230	Gr-Tr	Buford, Ga. (Incarnate Word/Auburn/Texas A&M/Lanier)
56	Javeon Campbell	DL	6-5	246	Fr-HS	Frankfort, Ky. (Western Hills)
4*	Martels Carter Jr.	DB	6-0	200	Fr-HS	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Paducah Tilghman - Ky.)
79	Jay Clark	OL	6-4	325	Fr-HS	Cleveland, Ohio (Northmont)
34	Lorenzo Cowan	DE	6-3	247	R-Fr-Tr	Savannah, Ga. (Southern Cal/Jenkins)
80	Ashton Cozart	WR	6-3	197	So-Tr	Flower Mound, Texas (SMU/Oregon/Marcus)
33	Rico Crowder	WR	6-4	191	Fr-RS	Glasgow, Ky. (Glasgow)
35*	James Dalrymple	RB	5-10	190	Fr-HS	Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville)
53*	Hayden Dawahare	OLB	6-3	241	Jr-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
68	Alexander DiMartino	OL	6-4	275	Fr-HS	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Fort Lauderdale)
18*	Cam Dooley	DB	6-2	208	So-1L	Valley, Ala. (Valley)
2*	Dante Dowdell	RB	6-2	227	Jr-Tr	Picayune, Miss. (Nebraska/Oregon/Picayune)
10*	Jantzen Dunn	DB	6-0	185	Sr-2L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Ohio State/South Warren)
40	Aumad Edwards	WR	5-9	168	Fr-HS	Villa Hills, Ky. (Dixie Heights)
93*	Kalen Edwards	DL	6-4	328	Fr-HS	Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg)
61	Jason Ekperuoh	OL	6-6	335	Fr-HS	Montreal, Quebec (The Webb School, TN)
52	Jalen Farmer	OL	6-5	318	Jr-1L	Covington, Ga. (Florida/Eastside)
13*	Fred Farrier II	WR	6-1	188	Sr-1L	Frankfort, Ky. (UAB/Franklin County)
70	Rob Fogler	OL	6-7	308	So-Tr	Cincinnati, Ohio (Ball State/St. Xavier)
94	Tavion Gadson	DL	6-5	298	So-Sq	Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)
28*	Demarcus Gardner	DB	6-0	178	Fr-HS	Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown)
17*	Hardley Gilmore IV	WR	6-1	183	So-Tr	Belle Glade, Fla. (Nebraska/Kentucky/Pahokee)
22*	Grant Godfrey	ILB	6-3	234	So-1L	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
30	Grant Grayton	DB	6-3	205	Fr-HS	Laurel, Md. (Good Counsel)
2*	Sam Greene	OLB	6-2	248	So-Tr	Washington, D.C. (Southern Cal/St. Frances Academy)
60	David Gusta	DL	6-3	317	Sr-Tr	San Bernardino, Calif. (Washington State/Cajon)
38	Devon Gusta	DB	6-0	186	Jr-Tr	San Bernardino, Calif. (UC Davis/Grand Terrace)
6	JQ Hardaway	DB	6-3	193	Sr-2L	Columbus, Ga. (Cincinnati/Central-Phenix City - Ala.)
98	Kenyatta Hargde II	DL	6-0	305	So-Sq	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian)
97	Josaih Hayes	DL	6-3	322	Sr-3L	Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)
4*	J.J. Hester	WR	6-5	203	Gr-Tr	Tulsa, Okla. (Oklahoma/Missouri/Booker T. Washington)
39	Saxton Howard	WR	6-0	175	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian)
90	Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace	DL	6-4	270	Jr-Tr	Cincinnati, Ohio (South Dakota/Princeton)
72	Hayes Johnson	OL	6-4	300	Fr-RS	Campbellsville, Ky. (Taylor County)
78	Cameron Jones	OL	6-6	341	So-Tr	Weirton, W. Va. (James Madison/Weir)
84	Josh Kattus	TE	6-4	247	Sr-3L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
44*	Justin Kattus	TE	6-1	213	Fr-RS	Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)
91*	Jacob Kauwe	K	6-1	212	Fr-RS	Billings, Mont. (Billings West)
59	David LaGanga	LS	6-0	212	Jr-Tr	Staten Island, N.Y. (Lehigh/Xaverian)
86	Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	195	Sr-Sq	Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
48	Aidan Laros	P	6-2	218	Sr-1L	Cape Town, South Africa (UT Martin/Charlotte/Northwood)
1*	Kendrick Law	WR	6-0	205	Sr-Tr	Shreveport, La. (Alabama/Captain Shreve)
37	Spencer Leadbetter	WR	6-3	199	Jr-Sq	Glenview, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
25	Jordan Lovett	DB	6-2	208	Sr-3L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
9*	Ja'Mori Maclin	WR	5-11	191	Sr-1L	Kirkwood, Mo. (North Texas/Missouri/Kirkwood)
3*	Seth McGowan	RB	6-1	215	Sr-Tr	Mesquite, Texas, (New Mexico State/Butler CC/Oklahoma/Poteet)
42	Alex McLaughlin	LS	5-10	228	Sr-1L	Weddington, N.C. (Illinois/NC State/Weddington)
66	Tino Merlo	OL	6-2	292	Jr-Sq	Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)
22*	Cameron Miller	WR	5-11	167	Fr-HS	Camden, N.J. (Winslow Township)



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73	Shiyazh Pete	OL	6-8	322	Sr-Tr
49	Wyatt Phyle	OLB	6-2	210	Fr-HS
67	Brady Pullins	OL	6-3	295	Fr-HS
26*	Andrew Purcell	DB	5-10	193	Fr-HS
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81	Willie Rodriguez	TE	6-4	252	So-1L
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97*	Zach Schreiner	K	6-0	181	Gr-Tr
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jermiel (jer-MEEL) Atkins Jr.
 Bryan Auguste (August, like the month)
 Jager (Jagger) Burton
 Javeon (jay-VEE-on) Campbell
 Martels (mar-TELL-us) Carter Jr.
 James Dalrymple (DAL-rim-pull)
 Dante Dowdell (DOW-dell)
 Jason Ekperuoh (ek-PEAR-ee-oh)
 Mi'Quise (mi-KEESE) Grace
 David Gusta (GUST-uh)
 Devon (Devan) Gust (GUST-uh)
 Josai (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes
 Jacob Kauwe (COW-way)

David LaGanga (La-GANG-uh)
 Aidan Laros (luh-ROSS)
 Ja'Mori Maclin (jah-MORE-ee)
 Terhyon (tuh-RYAN) Nichols
 Shiyazh (SHE-ah-zz) Pete
 Daveren (DAVE-ren) Rayner
 Jerod (jer-AWD) Smith II
 Troy Stellato (still-AH-toe)
 Kevis (KEE-vus) Thomas
 Rushaune Vilane (rah-SHAWN) Vilane
 Evan Wibberley (Wib rhymes with rib)
 Alexander Wollschlaeger (wool-SCHLAY-ger)

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78	Cameron Jones	OL	6-6	341	So-TR
79	Jay Clark	OL	6-4	325	Fr-HS
80	Ashton Cozart	WR	6-3	197	So-Tr
81	Willie Rodriguez	TE	6-4	252	So-1L
82	David Washington Jr.	WR	5-11	204	So-1L
83	Jack Monday	TE	6-1	229	Sr-Sq
84	Josh Kattus	TE	6-4	247	Sr-3L
85	Elijah Brown	TE	6-6	258	Jr-Tr
86	Cole Lanter	WR	5-11	195	Sr-Sq
87	Henry Boyer	TE	6-6	265	Jr-Tr
88	Quintin Simmons Jr.	WR	6-1	171	Fr-HS
89	Preston Bowman	WR	5-11	204	Fr-HS
90	Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace	DL	6-4	270	Jr-Tr
91*	Jacob Kauwe	K	6-1	212	Fr-RS
91*	Jaden Williams	DL	6-4	295	Jr-Tr
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	293	Sr-3L
93*	Kalen Edwards	DL	6-4	328	Fr-HS
93*	Wilson Berry	P	6-4	214	Sr-2L
94	Tavion Gadson	DL	6-5	298	So-Sq
95	Jerod Smith II	DL	6-4	275	So-1L
97*	Josai Hayes	DL	6-3	322	Sr-3L
97*	Zach Schreiner	K	6-0	181	Gr-Tr
98	Kenyatta Hardge II	DL	6-0	305	So-Sq



KENTUCKY-OLE MISS

THE SERIES

- Kentucky tails Ole Miss, 30-15-2 in the all-time series, which began in 1937.
 - In Lexington, the series is tied, 11-11-1.
 - UK hasn't hosted UM in Lexington since 2020.
 - Ole Miss has won the past two meetings in Lexington.
 - The last time UK defeated UM in Lexington was on Nov. 5, 2011 (30-13).
- The Wildcats are on a one-game winning streaking after taking the last meeting with the Rebels, 20-17, in Oxford in 2024.
 - Each of the past four meetings have been decided by three points or less (a total of 10 points) with one (2020) going to overtime.
- FUN FACT:** The teams also have met 11 times in either Jackson, Mississippi, or Memphis, Tennessee.

IN THE LAST MEETING

- Kentucky defeated No. 6/5 Ole Miss, 20-17, on Sept. 28, 2024, which marked its highest-ranked triumph at an opponent's Southeastern Conference campus stadium in program history.
 - It also marked UK's highest-ranked triumph in the Mark Stoops era.
 - It also marked its highest Associated Press ranked road win since a victory at No. 4 Penn State in 1977.
 - It also marked its first win over an Associated Press ranked, top-six team since a victory over No. 1 LSU in 2007.
- Against a defense that entered the game first in the nation in scoring defense (5.5ppg) and rushing defense (34.5ypg) and 12th in total defense (239ypg), UK's offense totaled 20 points, 336 yards of total offense, 93 rushing yards and 243 passing yards at UM.
- Against an offense that entered the game first in the nation in scoring (55ppg), total offense (670.8ypg) and passing offense (422.8ypg), and 12th in rushing offense (248ypg), UK's defense held UM to 17 points, 353 yards of total offense, 261 passing yards and 92 rushing yards.

THE CONNECTIONS

- UK RB Dante Dowdell (Picayune) and DL Josaih Hayes (Horn Lake) each hail from the Magnolia State.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

- Kentucky will play the nation's fifth-toughest schedule in 2025, according to USA Today. UK is set to play six teams ranked in the current Associated Press Top 25 poll, including three in the top 10 in Texas, Georgia and South Carolina.
 - Additionally, three other opponents are receiving votes in the poll (Louisville, Toledo - at the time of the game -and Auburn).
- UK is one of only eight teams in FBS scheduled to face at least six opponents in the AP Top 25 (Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida, Ole Miss and Tennessee).

WILDCATS AGAINST RANKED TEAMS

- Ole Miss is the first of six possible ranked opponents for the Wildcats this season.
- UK is 5-10 all-time vs. a ranked Ole Miss team.
- The Wildcats' last win over a ranked Ole Miss team was last season in Oxford when UK upset No. 6 Ole Miss, 20-17.
- UK is 3-3 at home vs. a ranked Ole Miss team.
- This marks the first time UK has faced a ranked Ole Miss team at home since 1993. UK won that game and defeated the 25th-ranked Rebels, 21-0.
- Kentucky has played 275 ranked teams in the Associated Press poll in its history, holding a 51-217-5 record in those games. (The on-field record is 53-217-5, two wins were vacated by NCAA from 2021).

RETURNING / LOST

OFFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (4)

OL Jager Burton
OL Jalen Farmer
OL Malachi Wood
TE Josh Kattus

OFFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (7)

LT Marques Cox
C Eli Cox
WR Barion Brown
WR Dane Key
RB Demie Sumo-Karngbaye
QB Brock Vandagriff
TE Jordan Dingle

DEFENSIVE STARTERS RETURNING (5)

ILB Alex Afari Jr.
DB Ty Bryant
DB JQ Hardaway
DB Jordan Lovett
DB DJ Waller Jr.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS LOST (7)

DB Zion Childress
OLB J.J. Weaver
ILB Jamon Dumas-Johnson
DB Maxwell Hairston
DE Tre'vonn Rybka
NG Keeshawn Silver
DT Deone Walker

OFFENSIVE LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (10)

OL Jager Burton
OL Jalen Farmer
OL Malachi Wood
TE Josh Kattus
TE Willie Rodriguez
WR Fred Farrier II
WR Hardley Gilmore IV
WR Ja'Mori Maclin
WR David Washington Jr.
RB Jamarion Wilcox

DEFENSIVE LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (19)

ILB Grant Godfrey
ILB Alex Afari Jr.
ILB Daveren Raynor
ILB Antwan Smith
OLB Steven Soles Jr.
DB Nasir Addison
DB Ty Bryant
DB Cam Dooley
DB Jantz Dunn
DB JQ Hardaway
DB Jordan Lovett
DB Terhyon Nichols
DB Jackson Schultz
DB Quay'sheed Scott
DB DJ Waller Jr.
DL Josaih Hayes
DL Austin Ramsey
DL Kahlil Saunders
DL Jerod Smith II

SPECIALISTS LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (3)

P Aidan Laros
LS Alex McLaughlin
H Wilson Berry





QUICK FACTS

Location: Lexington, Ky.
 Founded: 1865
 Enrollment: 36,000
 Nickname: Wildcats
 Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White
 Conference: Southeastern
 Stadium: Kroger Field (61,000)
 President: Dr. Eli Capilouto
 Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart
 Faculty Representative: Joseph L. Fink III

2025 COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
Overall College Coaching Record:
 UK/Career Record (Years): 68-73 (13th yr.)
 On-field Record: 78-73 (.517)
 SEC Record: 31-62 (.333)
 On-field SEC Record: 36-62 (.367)
 Bowl Record: 3-4 (.429)
 On-field Bowl Record: 4-4 (.500)

Assistant Coaches:

Brad White (Wake Forest, '05)
 Def. Coord./OLBs, 8th year (7th as DC)
Bush Hamdan (Boise State, '08)
 Offensive Coord./QBs, 2nd year
Jay Boulware (Texas, '96)
 Running Backs/Sp. Teams Coord., 3rd year
Frank Buffano (Arizona, '06)
 Safeties, 6th year
Chris Collins (Western Carolina, '10)
 Co-Def. Coord./Defensive Backs, 5th year
Anwar Stewart (Kentucky, '17)
 Defensive Line, 6th year
Mike Stoops (Iowa, '87)
 Inside Linebackers, 4th year
L'Damien Washington (Missouri, '13)
 Wide Receivers, 1st year
Derek Shay (Eastern Illinois, '13)
 Tight Ends, 1st year
Eric Wolford (Kansas State, '94)
 Offensive Line, 3rd year (2nd in 2nd term)

Analysts:

Kevin Barbay (Lamar, '05)
 Josh Estes-Waugh (Kentucky, '12)
 Greg Frey (Florida State, '96)
 Nate Fuqua (Wofford, '03)
 Mike Hartline (Kentucky, '11)
 Brad Lambert (Kansas State, '87)
 Mark Perry (Kentucky, '01)
 Jack Ray (Arkansas Pine Bluff, '18)
 Joe Scola (Dartmouth, '07)

Graduate Assistants:

Yusuf Corker - defense (Kentucky, '21)
Paul Rodriguez - offense (Kentucky, '24)
"Bunchy" Stallings - defense (Kentucky, '18)
Max Steurer - defense (Kentucky, '23)

- In ranked games last season, Kentucky defeated No. 6 Ole Miss, 20-17, on Sept. 28, suffered a narrow defeat to top-ranked Georgia, 13-12, on Sept. 14 and led at No. 7 Tennessee in the second half before losing, 28-18, on Nov. 2.
- The Wildcats are 9-12 on-field against their last 21 ranked AP-ranked teams, dating back to a win over NC State in the 2020 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl.
 - Since 2018, the Cats are 12-18 on-field against AP-ranked teams.

KENTUCKY IN THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

- The Wildcats have a 189-413-12 (.318) all-time record in Southeastern Conference games.
 - UK head coach Mark Stoops has a 31-62 (.333) all-time record in SEC games.
- The Wildcats have won three of their last four league openers.

PROMOTIONS & THEMES: GAME 2

- Blue White Game** - One side of the stadium will wear white and one side will wear blue.
- Ag Roundup** - This annual event welcomes alumni and friends of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

HOME SWEET HOME

- In 2025, UK is in its 53rd season playing at Kroger Field, which was formerly named Commonwealth Stadium (1973-2016).
 - The Cats are 184-149-4 (.552) all-time in the stadium, including 48-33 (.593) under Mark Stoops.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

RECONSTRUCTED OFFENSIVE LINE

- The reconstruction of the Big Blue Wall had a significant focus on size, depth - and maybe most important - experience during the offseason. UK now has a group that - prior to the season opener - featured the third-most collegiate starts in the nation and more than 200 career games played.
 - Included in that group is transfer lineman and 2025 Preseason Coaches All-Southeastern Conference Third Teamer Josh Braun, who has played 51 career games (one at Kentucky, 26 at Florida and 24 at Arkansas) with 33 career starts (one at Kentucky, eight at Florida and 24 at Arkansas).
- The Big Blue Wall didn't give up a sack against Toledo in Week 1, while it created holes to rack up 220 yards on the ground.
- FUN FACT:** While offensive lines don't get much of the limelight, the Big Blue Wall is a fairly popular group, from Jager Burton spearheading a tornado relief drive that filled more than two semi-trucks full of goods for those affected this summer in Eastern Kentucky to Shiyazh Pete's unique perspective on his Navajo roots.

Most Games Started

Rank	Team	Played (Prior to Season Opener)
1.	Virginia	213
2.	Illinois	169
3.	KENTUCKY	166
4.	Texas Tech	165
5.	TEXAS A&M	156

Most Games Played

Rank	Team	Played (Prior to Season Opener)
1.	Virginia	334
2.	UTSA	288
3.	Florida State	265
4.	Illinois	259
15.	KENTUCKY	220



PETE ONE OF FIVE NATIVE AMERICANS IN FBS

The representation of Native American players in college football is limited but growing, with five notable players proudly carrying their tribal heritage onto the national stage, including Kentucky’s Shiyazh Pete. Here are the other Native American players and their tribes:

Name	School	Tribe
Shiyazh Pete	Kentucky	Navajo Nation
Tao Johnson	Utah	Northern Arapaho and Bishop Paiute
Walter Young Bear	West Virginia	Kiowa, Comanche, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes
Zae Thomas	Florida State	Seminole
Prayer Young-Blackgoat	Arizona State	Navajo Nation

BIG Z THE QB

- Zach Calzada, who was named to the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Preseason Watch List, brings a new energy - and a lot of experience - to Kentucky.
- In his seventh season playing college football, prior to arriving at Kentucky, he appeared in 38 career games (23 at Incarnate Word and 15 at Texas A&M) with 32 starts (22 at UIW and 10 at TAMU).
 - While boasting a 23-9 record as a starter at UIW and TAMU, his career stats included:
 - 731 of 1,163 completions
 - 8,707 passing yards
 - 73 touchdowns
 - 28 interceptions
 - He also had 179 rushes for 381 yards and 11 scores
 - Just last season at UIW, he finished second in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) in passing touchdowns with 35.
- **FUN FACT:** In a post-scrimmage media availability this fall, Calzada said, “its the perfect fit,” to describe how his game lends itself to Bush Hamdan’s offense. In a Week 1 media availability, he added, “I like to go by the saying that I’ve got to be Clark Kent until it’s time to be Superman.”

THREE UK BACKS LED THEIR TEAMS IN RUSHING LAST SEASON

- The running room features two veteran “big backs” plucked from the transfer portal in Seth McGowan (New Mexico State) and Dante Dowdell (Nebraska) and a pair of young men, Jason Patterson and Jamarion Wilcox, who gained unexpected, valuable experience as UK freshmen in 2024.
 - Kentucky had two players - McGowan and Dowdell - rush for at least 75 yards each in the season opener against Toledo in Week 1. It marked the first time it has had two rushers over 75 yards in a season opener since 2018 (Benny Snell, A.J. Rose).
- Three of those ballcarriers - McGowan, Dowdell and Wilcox - led their teams in rushing last season.
 - McGowan led New Mexico State with 153 carries, 823 yards and three touchdowns rushing - also added three touchdowns receiving - though 12 games and 11 starts.
 - Dowdell paced Nebraska in rushing with 143 carries, 614 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns through 12 games and seven starts.
 - Wilcox came on strong late last season to lead Kentucky with 590 rushing yards (6.4 per carry).
 - Patterson was limited to four games in order to retain his redshirt but showed plenty of ability by running for 111 yards and averaging 5.6 per carry.

TOP 25 POLLS

2025 AP TOP 25

- 1 Ohio State (55)
- 2 Penn State (7)
- 3 LSU (3)
- 4 Georgia
- 5 Miami
- 6 Oregon (1)
- 7 Texas
- 8 Clemson
- 9 Notre Dame
- 10 South Carolina
- 11 Illinois
- 12 Arizona State
- 13 Florida
- 14 Florida State
- 15 Michigan
- 16 Iowa State
- 17 SMU
- 18 Oklahoma
- 19 Texas A&M
- 20 Ole Miss
- 21 Alabama
- 22 Tennessee
- 23 Indiana
- 24 Texas Tech
- 25 Utah

UK & OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES:
Auburn (94), Louisville (59)

2025 AFCA COACHES TOP 25

- 1 Ohio State (59)
- 2 Penn State (6)
- 3 Georgia (1)
- 4 LSU (1)
- 5 Oregon
- 6 Texas
- 7 Miami
- 8 Clemson
- 9 Notre Dame
- 10 Arizona State
- 11 South Carolina
- 12 Illinois
- 13 Michigan
- 14 Ole Miss
- 15 Florida
- 16 SMU
- 17 Tennessee
- 18 Iowa State
- 19 Florida State
- 20 Alabama
- 21 Indiana
- 22 Texas A&M
- 23 Texas Tech
- 24 Oklahoma
- 25 BYU

UK & OPPONENTS RECEIVING VOTES:
Louisville (95), Auburn (41), Vanderbilt (2)





STAT LEADERS

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2025	Career	'25 Opp.
Dante Dowdell	1	1	Toledo
Jamarion Wilcox	0	2	
Seth McGowan	0*	1	

*First season at UK

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player	2025	Career	'25 Opp.
Ja'Mori Maclin	0	5	
J.J. Hester	0*	1	

*First season at UK

300-YARD PASSERS

Player	2025	Career	'25 Opp.
Zach Calzada	0	11^	

^at Incarnate Word

Beau Allen	0	5*	
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*at Tarleton State

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	2025	Career
JQ Hardaway	1	3
Jordan Lovett	0	7
Ty Bryant	0	1
Kam Olds	0*	1
Landyn Watson	0*	1

*First season at UK

SACK LEADERS

Player	2025	Career
Steven Soles Jr.	2.0	3.0
Alex Afari Jr.	1.0	4.5
M. Humphrey-Grace*	0.0	15.0
Kam Olds*	0.0	6.0
Daveren Rayner	0.0	5.5
Josaih Hayes	0.0	2.5
Kahlil Saunders	0.0	2.5
David Gusta*	0.0	1.5
Jaden Williams*	0.0	1.5
Jantzen Dunn	0.0	1.0
Sam Greene*	0.0	1.0
JQ Hardaway	0.0	1.0

*First season at UK

WIDE NET OF WIDE RECEIVERS

- While one name stands out as an obvious leader in the receiver room in Ja'Mori Maclin, with turnover, its sure to be a competitive room, which now includes a whopping 18 men.
 - The wide receiver room includes:
 - No returning starters.
 - Two returners that played on offense in all 12 games last season - Ja'Mori Maclin, Fred Farrier II.
 - Five transfers - Troy Stellato (Clemson), Kendrick Law (Alabama), J.J. Hester (Oklahoma), Hardley Gilmore IV (Nebraska), Ashton Cozart (SMU).
 - FUN FACT:** Gilmore did not actually play for Nebraska, he played for Kentucky last season. However, he did enter the transfer portal and signed with the Cornhuskers in the offseason, following former UK wide receivers coach Dakiel Shorts. He made his return back to the Bluegrass in April. In an interview with the Lexington Herald Leader, Hardley said, "I'm where I'm supposed to be.... I'm comfortable here.... It's just genuine love here.... There isn't anybody like Coach Stoops to me."
 - Five scholarship freshmen - DJ Miller (4-star), Cam Miller (4-star), Quintin Simmons Jr. (4-star), Montavin Quisenberry (3-star), Preston Bowman (3-star).
 - Maclin, who prior to the season opener had 87 career receptions for 1,702 career yards and 17 career scores, recorded 13 catches for 313 yards and four scores last season at Kentucky. However, seven of his 13 catches came in the final four games, while three catches for 121 yards and two touchdowns came in the season finale against Louisville.
 - Not included in his four TDs, he also caught a two-point conversion pass following his own TD at Tennessee.
 - FUN FACT:** Maclin desires to have an impact on younger players - both on and off the field. He has been using TikTok and YouTube to post free workouts / drills / technical tips, while also slipping in life wisdoms, too.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

FOUR YEARS OF CONTINUITY

- The Wildcats' defensive coaches have been together for at least four years:
 - Brad White (defensive coordinator) - Eighth season at UK
 - Chris Collins (co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach) - Fifth season
 - Frank Buffano (safeties coach) - Sixth season
 - Anwar Stewart (defensive line coach) - Sixth season
 - Mike Stoops (inside linebackers coach) - Fourth season

GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK!

- Two defensive linemen were tagged as Comeback Player of the Year Watch List candidates this preseason after suffering injuries in Spring 2024.
 - Tavion Gadson, a sophomore, has been very patient since stepping foot in Lexington as a freshman two years ago. He played just four games as a freshman in 2023, with the goal to redshirt, then he suffered a knee injury in Spring 2024. It kept him out for majority of last season, playing limited snaps in just two games in 2024.
 - Josaih Hayes is due for a big season. This will mark his sixth season in the program, with 45 career games, four starts and 57 career tackles under his belt prior to this season. He sat out most of last season after suffering a torn Achilles tendon in Spring 2024. He, too, played limited snaps in three games in 2024.



A DEFENSE THAT RANKS...

Kentucky concluded last season ranked in the nation's top 25 and the Southeastern Conference's top five in five categories, including two special teams categories, which is coached by Jay Boulware.

Stat	Nat'l Rank	SEC Rank	Statistic
Red Zone Defense	6	2	70.8%
Punt Return Defense	6	2	3.25
First Downs Defense	12	4	215.0
Passing Yards Allowed	21	4	183.7
Kickoff Return Defense	25	4	17.81

BRAD'S BENCHMARKS

- Brad White is in his seventh season as the defensive coordinator, and his eighth season overall at Kentucky, since Mark Stoops plucked him from the NFL in 2018. He became defensive coordinator in 2019, and UK has steadily become more stout on that side of the ball.
 - Other programs have taken notice, too, as White has turned down other coaching opportunities in that time.
- Kentucky's defense has remained constant under White, and that is evident by the benchmarks he continues to reach year-in and year-out.
 - The UK defense has held opponents to 30 points or fewer in 58-of-74 games - 78.4 percent - with White as the defensive coordinator (2019-present).
 - The UK defense has held opponents to 24 points or fewer in 29 of the last 41 games - 70.7 percent - since November 2021.
 - For the first time since 1983-89, UK has allowed 26 points or fewer per game in seven straight seasons (2018-24).
 - For the first time since 1946-54, UK has yielded fewer than 162 rushing yards per game for seven straight seasons (2018-24).

STEVEN "SACK 'EM" SOLES JR.

- In Week 1, Steven Soles Jr., sophomore linebacker, had a career-high two quarterback sacks (-20 yards), causing a fumble on both plays.
 - He is the first player to have two sacks in a game since Octavious Oxendine had two at Ole Miss on Sept. 28, 2024.

STOPPING THE RUN

- Kentucky has held 13 of its last 27 opponents - 48.1 percent - to less than 100 yards rushing, dating back to the final game of 2022.
 - In Week 1, Kentucky held Toledo to 59 net rushing yards. Kentucky has held its opponents to under 100 yards rushing in each of its last three straight season openers (2023-25).

STOPPING THE PASS

- Last season, UK concluded the season ranked 21st in the nation and fourth in the league in passing defense giving up 183.7 yards passing per game.
 - UK allowed less than 200 yards passing in nine total games in 2024.
- Last season, UK allowed less than 200 yards passing in each of the first four games, including against South Carolina and No. 1/1 Georgia, for the first time since 1989.

STAT SUPERLATIVES

Most Games Played (min. 30):

Joshua Braun (51), Josaih Hayes (46), Ja'Mori Maclin (44), Fred Farrior II (41), Daveren Rayner (40), Kahlil Saunders (40), Alex Afari Jr. (39), Jager Burton (39), Zach Calzada (39), Jordan Lovett (38), JQ Hardaway (37), J.J. Hester (36), Aidan Laros (35), Kendrick Law (35), Josh Kattus (34), Kam Olds (34), Shiyazh Pete (34), Wilson Berry (33), David Gusta (33), Alex Wollschlaeger (33), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (31)

Most Games Started (min. 20):

Jager Burton (35), Jordan Lovett (34), Joshua Braun (33), Zach Calzada (33), Shiyazh Pete (31), Alex Wollschlaeger (28), David Gusta (25), Alex Afari Jr. (22)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12, *unavailable to play due to injury does not count): Jager Burton (35), Alex Wollschlaeger (33), Shiyazh Pete (31), Joshua Braun (25), David Gusta (24), Zach Calzada (17), Jordan Lovett (16), Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace (15), Jalen Farmer (13), JQ Hardaway (13), Seth McGowan (12)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): Jordan Lovett (16), Ty Bryant (14), Landyn Watson (12)

Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5): Hardley Gilmore IV (6)

WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

Sideline

Mark Stoops, Head Coach
 Jay Boulware, RBs/Special Teams
 Frank Buffano, Safeties
 Chris Collins, Co-DC, Defensive Backs
 L'Damian Washington, Wide Receivers
 Anwar Stewart, Defensive Line
 Mike Stoops, Inside Linebackers
 Brad White, Defensive Coordinator, OLBs
 Eric Wolford, Offensive Line

Press Box

Bush Hamdan, Offensive Coordinator/QBs
 Derek Shay, Tight Ends



2025 CAT SCRATCHES

DB • ALEX AFARI JR.

- Born in Pordenone, Italy
- Mother, Mary Acheampong, originated from Ghana and moved to the U.S. in 2008
- Speaks fluent Twi (a dialect of the Akan language spoken in southern and central Ghana)
- Brother, David, is Lakota West HS's second all-time leading rusher who played two seasons at Miami (Ohio) before transferring to Northern Colorado in 2022

QB • BEAU ALLEN

- Dad, Bill, played quarterback at Kentucky from 1984-88

P • WILSON BERRY

- Played three years of Australian rules football for Essendon's team in the Victorian Football League
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted into the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager
- Currently 27 years old, oldest player on the team
- One of four married players on the team ... Married to the former Courtney Stewart of Paducah, Kentucky ... The couple has two sons, Leo and Gus
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and was the punter for the Minnesota Vikings and the Pittsburgh Steelers
- Younger brother, Oscar, played basketball at the University of North Florida

QB • CUTTER BOLEY

- Dad, Scott, played basketball at Western Kentucky (1989-92)
- Brother, Jaxon, was a tight end at Wyoming (2018)
- Sister, Erin, was the 2016 Gatorade National Player of the Year out of Elizabethtown HS and went on to play at Notre Dame and Oregon

WR • PRESTON BOWMAN

- Dad, Geoff, played football at Miami (Ohio) from 1996-99

OL • JOSHUA BRAUN

- One of four married players on the team ... Got married in June of '22 to Azucena Gonzalez of Live Oak, Florida
- Father, Mike, was a four-year letter winner as an offensive tackle for Army West Point's football team (1986-89), and mother, Karen, was a four-year starter for Army West Point's basketball team from 1985-89, playing 112 games ... She ranks fourth in school history in career rebounds (863) and career rebounding average (7.7)

DB • TY BRYANT

- Father, Cisco, played at Kentucky for Coach Jerry Claiborne from 1983-85 ... Cisco was a big-play performer at wide receiver, with 29 career catches for 482 yards (16.6 yards per catch) and six touchdowns

OL • JAGER BURTON

- Dad, Jeff, played football at Morehead State

QB • ZACH CALZADA

- Dad, Hector, was an All-American swimmer at Tulane
- Sister, Carolyn, played three seasons of soccer at Texas A&M and was a three-time All-SEC selection ... Currently a graduate transfer at Notre Dame
- Paternal grandparents are originally from Cuba

PICK SIX

- UK has had 11 interceptions returned for touchdowns since 2020, including two each in two different games.
- UK has had at least one interception returned for touchdown in each of the last five seasons (2020-24).
 - It marked the first time UK has assembled five straight seasons with a pick six since 1968-72.
 - An interception return for TD this season would give UK six straight seasons with a pick six, setting the school record for consecutive seasons.

Kentucky's Pick Sixes Since 2020

Year	Player	Opponent	Yards	Date
2024	Maxwell Hairston	Ohio	25 yards	Sept. 21
2023	Maxwell Hairston	at Vanderbilt	29 yards	Sept. 23
	Maxwell Hairston	at Vanderbilt	54 yards	Sept. 23
	D'Eryk Jackson	at Mississippi State	28 yards	Nov. 4
2022	Keidron Smith	at Florida	64 yards	Sept. 10
2021	Quandre Mosely	New Mexico State	38 yards	Nov. 20
	Jalen Geiger	at Vanderbilt	31 yards	Nov. 13
	Tyrell Ajian	UT Chattanooga	95 yards	Sept. 18
2020	Kelvin Joseph	at Tennessee	41 yards	Oct. 17
	Jamin Davis	at Tennessee	85 yards	Oct. 17
	Jordan Wright	Mississippi State	8 yards	Oct. 10

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

AIDAN LAROS' "ZERO TOUGHNESS"

- Aidan Laros (pronounced luh-ROSS), starting punter, was named to the 2025 Preseason Coaches All-Southeastern Conference Third Team after handling kickoffs and also was the primary punter in the last nine games last season.
 - Last season, he had 49 kickoffs for 3,064 yards and 32 touchbacks.
 - Last season, he had 32 punts for 1,453 yards with three touchbacks, 10 fair catches, 11 inside the 20 and 10 with 50 yards or more for a 45.4 average.
- He's become wildly popular for his "zero toughness" rating on EA Sports' College Football 26, which he humbly and comically calls an obvious mistake. He's undoubtedly the first rugby player in history to have a zero toughness rating (see below).
 - FUN FACT:** Aidan played rugby growing up in South Africa. Also, his father, Adrian, played 14 seasons of Division I rugby in South Africa and three seasons of professional rugby in France.
- Laros had an outstanding performance in the season opener. He punted five times, four inside the 20-yard line and three inside the 10. His fifth punt landed on the three-yard line before skipping into the end zone. Including the touchback, Toledo's average starting yardline was inside its own 12.
 - Laros also had a booming performance on kickoffs; all totaled, UK had a +15 yard advantage on average starting yardline, as UK's average starting yardline was its own 38 while Toledo's average starting yardline was its own 21.



AGE IS ONLY A NUMBER

UK holder and punter Wilson Berry is one of the oldest players in college football this season. At 27 years old he is the fifth-oldest player:

Name	Age	Pos.	Birthday	School
Jack Murley	30	P	4/23/95	Southern Miss
Monte Harrison	30	WR	8/10/95	Arkansas
Billy Gowers	29	P	6/10/96	Hawaii
Mitch McCarthy	27	P	10/10/97	Indiana
WILSON BERRY	27	P	6/8/98	KENTUCKY

KICKOFF RETURN FOR TOUCHDOWN

- Kentucky is one of two schools (also Florida State) that have at least one kickoff return for touchdown each of the last three years (2022-24).
 - 2024 - 1
 - 2023 - 3
 - 2022 - 1

GENERAL NOTES

NONCONFERENCE COMPETITION

- The Wildcats have won 20 of their last 21 nonconference games in the regular season.
 - Kentucky had won 19 straight nonconference games in the regular season, a stretch that was second in the nation behind Georgia, before falling to Louisville on Nov. 30, 2024.
- Kentucky has won 23 of its last 26 nonconference games.
 - That stretch featured 16 straight nonconference wins, which was the longest active streak in FBS at the time, including four straight bowl wins. The streak began in the season opener on Sept. 1, 2018 and ended in the Music City Bowl game on Dec. 31, 2022.

SUPER SENIORS

Kentucky has six "Super Seniors" who return for their final year of eligibility in 2025.

- QB Beau Allen - Transferred back to Kentucky in 2024 as a graduate transfer after one season at Georgia Southern (2023) and one at Tarleton State (2022). He started his collegiate career as a Wildcat in 2020-21.
- OL Josh Braun - Transferred to Kentucky in 2025 after two seasons at Arkansas (2023-24) and three at Florida (2020-22).
- QB Zach Calzada - Entering his seventh season of collegiate football after playing three seasons at Texas A&M (2019-21), one at Auburn (2022) and two at Incarnate Word (2023-24).
- WR J.J. Hester - Transferred to Kentucky in 2025 after three seasons at Oklahoma (2022-24) and two at Missouri (2020-2021).
- K Zach Schreiner - Received an extra year of eligibility after playing two seasons at Sacramento State and two seasons at American River College.
- OL Alex Wollschlaeger - Transferred to Kentucky in 2025 after five seasons at Bowling Green State (2020-24).

2025 CAT SCRATCHES

DL • JAVEON CAMPBELL

- Has only been playing football for two years (started in 2023)

DB • MARTELS CARTER JR.

- Dad, Martels, played football at Austin Peay (1995-2000); brother, Deno Montgomery, played football at EKU (2011-15); sister, Kimia, played basketball at North Carolina Central (2019-23)

DE • LORENZO COWAN

- Brother of Wildcat sophomore defensive lineman, Tavion Gadson

DB • JANTZEN DUNN

- Dad, Mitchell, played basketball at Miami from 1994-95

OL • ROB FOGLER

- Has a fraternal twin, Dave, who is 13 minutes older than him ... Dave is a junior mechanical engineering major at Dayton

OLB • GRANT GODFREY

- Dad, Randall, was a linebacker at Georgia who was named SEC Freshman of the Year in 1992 and earned All-SEC honors in 1993 and 1994
- Randall played 12 seasons in the NFL (1996-2007) with the Cowboys, Titans, Seahawks, Chargers and Redskins
- Brother, RJ, is currently a forward on the Clemson men's basketball team

DB • GRANT GRAYTON

- Has a twin sister, Gabrielle, who is older by seven minutes ... She is currently a freshman at Maryland

DL • DAVID GUSTA

- Older brother to Devon Gusta, also a transfer on the team
- One of four married players on the team ... Got married to Angie Sandell in April of '25

OL • HAYES JOHNSON

- Mom, Stephanie, was a collegiate cheerleader at Campbellsville University from 1995-97

TE • JOSH KATTUS

- Dad, Eric Kattus, was a tight end at Michigan from 1982-85 and went on to a seven-year career in the NFL, playing six years with the Cincinnati Bengals and one with the New York Jets
- Brother, Justin, is a redshirt freshman TE for the Cats, while brother, Tucker, is a freshman offensive lineman at Clemson

LS • DAVID LAGANGA

- Father, David, was a defensive tackle at Pitt from 1985-87

WR • COLE LANTER

- One of four married players on the team ... Got married in June of '25 to Taylor Ebbs of Keizer, Oregon
- Cousin Tod Lanter, was a walk-on on the Kentucky basketball team from 2012-2015 and uncle, Bo, played basketball at Kentucky from 1979-82

P • AIDAN LAROS

- Moved to the United States as a freshman in high school
- Father, Adrian, played 14 seasons of Division I rugby in South Africa and three seasons of professional rugby in France ... Grandfather,



2025 CAT SCRATCHES

Paul Ripchik, was a left-handed pitcher in the Canadian League in the late 1950s

WR • SPENCER LEADBETTER

- Cousin, Conor Dwyer, was an Olympic gold medalist swimmer who won a gold medal for the U.S. 4x200-meter freestyle relay team at the 2012 Summer Olympics

WR • JA'MORI MACLIN

- Cousin, Jeremy Maclin, was an All-American wide receiver at Missouri who spent eight seasons in the NFL

OL • KYLE MIXON

- Earned an Eagle Scout in 2023, the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America

RB • TOVANI MIZELL

- Dad, Travis, was a cornerback at UAB from 1992-95
- Mom, Cindra, played for the Miami Fury in the Women's Football Alliance in 2001-02
- Cousin Coco Gauff, is an American professional tennis player

ILB • QUINTAVION NORMAN

- Older brother, Tay Gowan, was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the sixth round of the 2021 NFL Draft and has played for four teams

OLB • KAM OLDS

- Dad, Kevin Olds Sr., was a cornerback at UT Martin from 1989-91 and brother, Kevin Olds Jr., was an athlete at Alabama State from 2019-22; brother-in-law, Justin Thorpe, was a quarterback at James Madison from 2008-12

OL • SHIAZH PETE

- Is a full-blooded Navajo Indian from Navajo Nation
- Father, Natani, is of the Salish/Navajo tribe, while mother, Geraldine, is full-blooded Navajo
- Can solve a Rubik's Cube in less than a minute
- Can play the didgeridoo, a wind instrument that originated among Australian aborigines

TE • WILLIE RODRIGUEZ

- Mom, Jody, was an outside hitter on the volleyball team at Dayton from 1993-97; Dad, Willie, was a middle linebacker at Thomas More from 1992-96; Sister, Sofia, is currently a soccer player at Western Carolina

QB • STONE SAUNDERS

- Dad, Steve, was a defensive lineman at Millersville University from 1988-92; sister Lily, played field hockey at William & Mary and Richmond from 2019-23; brother, Logan, played football at Shippensburg from 2021-22; sister, Morgan, played field hockey at Shippensburg from 2020-24

DB • QUAY'SHEED SCOTT

- Cousin, Xavier Legette, is currently a wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers
- Cousin, T.J. Sanders, currently plays defensive tackle for the Buffalo Bills

TE • MIKKEL SKINNER

- Aunt, Kalana Greene, played basketball at UConn (2005-10) before playing professionally in the WNBA and for CCC Polkowice in Poland
- Cousin, Courtney Brown, was an defensive lineman at Penn State and for the Cleveland Browns
- Cousin, Joe Hamilton, was a quarterback at Georgia Tech

IMPACT PORTAL PICKUPS

Mark Stoops took full advantage of the transfer portal to fulfill needs in key positions in 2025, welcoming 27 transfers to the program.

Name	Pos.	Yr.	Previous School
Henry Boyer	TE	Jr.	Illinois
Josh Braun	OL	Gr.	Arkansas - 2023 Second Team All-SEC
Elijah Brown	TE	Jr.	Central Florida
Zach Calzada	QB	Gr.	Incarnate Word - 2024 FCS Player of the Year
Lorenzo Cowan	DE	RFr.	Southern Cal
Ashton Cozart	WR	So.	SMU
Dante Dowdell	RB	Jr.	Nebraska
Rob Fogler	OL	So.	Ball State
Hardley Gilmore IV	WR	So	Nebraska
Sam Greene	OLB	So.	Southern Cal
David Gusta	DL	Sr.	Washington State
Devon Gusta	DB	Jr.	UC Davis
J.J. Hester	WR	Gr.	Oklahoma
Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace	DL	Jr.	South Dakota - 2024 MVFC Defensive Player of the Year
Cameron Jones	OL	So.	James Madison
David LaGanga	LS	Jr.	Lehigh
Kendrick Law	WR	Sr.	Alabama
Seth McGowan	RB	Sr.	New Mexico State - 2024 Second Team All-CUSA
Kam Olds	OLB	Sr.	Kent State
Shiyazh Pete	OL	Sr.	New Mexico State
Zach Schreiner	K	Sr.	Sacramento State
Troy Stellato	WR	Sr.	Clemson
Kevis Thomas	DB	Jr.	Maryland
Landyn Watson	ILB	Sr.	Marshall
Evan Wibberley	OL	Jr.	Western Kentucky - 2024 Fourth Team All-CUSA
Jaden Williams	DL	Jr.	Wyoming
Alex Wollschlaeger	OL	Gr.	Bowling Green State - 2024 First Team All-MAC

SMARTY CATS

Seventeen Wildcats will play the 2025 season having already graduated. They include:

- Beau Allen – Interdisciplinary Studies (Georgia Southern)
- Wilson Berry – Kinesiology
- Josh Braun – Classical Studies (Florida) / MBA (Arkansas)
- Jager Burton – Communication
- Zach Calzada – Supply Chain Management (Texas A&M) / MBA (Incarnate Word)
- Janzten Dunn - Community Leadership & Development
- Fred Farrier II – Community Leadership & Development
- Josaih Hayes – Community Leadership & Development
- J.J. Hester – Sociology (Oklahoma)
- Kendrick Law – Consumer Science (Alabama)
- Jordan Lovett – Health Promotion
- Ja'Mori Maclin – Integrated Studies (North Texas)
- Shiyazh Pete – Communication Studies (New Mexico State)
- Daveren Rayner - Communication
- Jackson Schulz – Communication
- Zach Schreiner – Business Management (Sacramento State)
- Alex Wollschlaeger – Business (Bowling Green State) / MBA (BGSU)



MILESTONES BY THE WILDCATS

- **Coach Mark Stoops** has the most on-field victories (78) in Kentucky history, most SEC victories (36), most home victories (54) and most victories against ranked opponents (14).
- Senior **WR Ja'Mori Maclin** has 1,592 receiving yards in his career ... Needs 408 to reach 2,000 for his collegiate career.
- Senior transfer **QB Zach Calzada** has thrown for 8,792 passing yards in his career. He needs 208 yards to reach 9,000 for his collegiate career.
- Junior transfer **RB Dante Dowdell** has 833 career rushing yards. He needs 197 to reach 1,000 for his collegiate career.
- Junior transfer **DL Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace** has 26.5 career tackles for loss and 15.0 sacks.
- Senior **LB Alex Afari Jr.** has 21.5 career tackles for loss. He needs 8.5 TFL to reach 30 and enter UK's career top 10 list.
- Senior **DB Jordan Lovett** has seven career interceptions.

LONG-TERM STABILITY

Mark Stoops is the longest-tenured active head coach in the Southeastern Conference and the sixth longest-tenured active head coach in FBS. Now in his 13th season at Kentucky, Stoops is one of only 19 head coaches who have coached at least 12 seasons at an SEC school since the league's first season in 1933.

Longest Tenured Active Head Coaches (FBS)

Rank	Head Coach	School	Hired
1.	Kirk Ferentz	Iowa	Dec. 2, 1998 (27th season)
2.	Kyle Whittingham	Utah	Dec. 9, 2004 (21st season)
3.	Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	Jan. 3, 2005 (21st season)
4.	Troy Calhoun	Air Force	Dec. 22, 2006 (19th season)
5.	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	Oct. 13, 2008 (18th season)
6.	MARK STOOPS	KENTUCKY	NOV. 27, 2012 (13th season)
7.	Dave Doeren	NC State	Dec. 1, 2012 (13th season)

He ranks 12th most wins by an active head coach (*all at the same school*) in FBS.

Most Wins by an Active Head Coaches (FBS) - All at The Same School

Rank	Wins	Head Coach	School	Current Season at School
1.	205	Kirk Ferentz	Iowa	27th
2.	180	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	18th
3.	170	Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	21st
4.	168	Kyle Whittingham	Utah	21st
5.	136	Troy Calhoun	Air Force	18th
6.	106	Kirby Smart	Georgia	10th
7.	102	James Franklin	Penn State	12th
8.	97	K.C. Keeler	Sam Houston State	12th
9.	88	Dave Doeren	NC State	13th
10.	82	Jeff Monken	Army	12th
12.	73	Pat Narduzzi	Pitt	11th
12.	68	MARK STOOPS	KENTUCKY	13TH

LA FAMILIA

Kentucky football has two sets of sons of former Kentucky Wildcats:

- Junior DB Ty Bryant is the son of former Wildcat wide receiver Cisco Bryant from 1983-85
- Senior QB Beau Allen is the son of former Wildcat Bill Allen, a quarterback from 1998-88

2025 CAT SCRATCHES

ILB ANTWAN SMITH

- Mom, Tiffani, ran track at the University of Miami and earned All-America honors after placing 13th in the long jump at the 1995 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships
- Dad, Dadra, played basketball at Utah State from 1995-97
- Brother, Deon, played football at Duke from 2017-2020 and has played with four NFL teams since 2021

DL JEROD AND OLB JACOB SMITH

- Fraternal twins ... Jerod is older by 15 minutes
- Dad, Jerod, is currently a master sergeant in the United States Marine Corps

OL DARRIN STREY

- Dad, Dennis, was an offensive lineman at Ferris State; mother, Jennifer, was a pitcher on the softball team at Ferris State
- Older brother, Dennis Strey Jr., currently is an offensive lineman at Eastern Michigan

QB BRENNEN WARD

- Dad, Bruce, played football at Farmont State; mother, Meghan, was a swimmer at Fairmont State; sister, Bella, played basketball at Xavier

WR DAVID WASHINGTON JR.

- Brother, Damir, played football at Rowan University from 2018-21

DB DYLLON WILLIAMS

- Sister, Tatyenna Armstrong, played volleyball at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Miss.; brother, Sam Freeman, played basketball at Minnesota; an uncle, Cedric Samuel, was a cornerback at Alabama

OL • MALACHI WOOD

- Grandfather, Michael Wood, was an offensive guard at the University of Cincinnati (1979-81)



CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 24 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League active rosters or practice squads. The list of those players is as follows (as of Sept. 2, 2025):

Buffalo Bills

Ray Davis, RB (2023)
Maxwell Hairston, DB (2022-24)
Deone Walker, DL (2022-24)

Carolina Panthers

Trevin Wallace, LB (2021-23)

Cleveland Browns

*Brenden Bates, TE (2019-23)

Dallas Cowboys

*Zion Childress, DB (2022-24)

Denver Broncos

*Keidron Smith, DB (2022)

Detroit Lions

Josh Paschal, DE (2017-21)

Green Bay Packers

*Jamon Johnson, LB (2024)
Darian Kinnard, OT (2018-21)
Carrington Valentine, DB (2020-22)

Houston Broncos

*Eli Cox, OL (2020-24)

Jacksonville Jaguars

Josh Hines-Allen, DE/LB (2015-18)

Kansas City Chiefs

*Mike Edwards, S (2015-18)

LA Chargers

Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14)

Las Vegas Raiders

Lonnie Johnson Jr., CB (2017-18)

New Orleans Saints

Luke Fortner, C (2017-21)
Landon Young, OT (2016-17, 19-20)

New York Giants

Dru Phillips, DB (2020-23)
Wan'Dale Robinson, WR (2021)

Pittsburgh Steelers

Brandin Echols, CB (2019-20)

Seattle Seahawks

*Quinton Bohanna, DL (2017-20)

Tennessee Titans

Will Levis, QB (2021-22)

Washington Commanders

Chris Rodriguez Jr., RB (2019-22)

**practice squad*

BAND OF BROTHERS

Kentucky has four sets of brothers on its roster in Justin and Josh Kattus, David and Devon Gusta, twins Jerod and Jacob Smith, and Tavion Gadson and Lorenzo Cowan Here's how that stacks up nationally:

Programs with Sets of Brothers in 2025

1. 5 Illinois
2. 4 **KENTUCKY**
Auburn
Southern Cal

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAINS

- The Wildcats no longer have permanent team captains, instead opting for a system of weekly rotating captains for individual games.
- **Toledo** - DB Ty Bryant, OL Jager Burton, DB JQ Hardaway, TE Josh Kattus

WIFED UP

- The Wildcats have four married players, including OL Josh Braun, P Wilson Berry, DL David Gusta and WR Cole Lanter.

YOUNGSTOWN BOYS

- A neighbor of Pittsburgh, a.k.a. Steel City USA, Youngstown, Ohio, has a reputation as a blue collar community defined by hard work and relationships forged over generations that are stronger than steel. Kentucky's football program is, in many ways, defined by that bond as it creates a southern alumni club from Youngstown, the hometown of head coach Mark Stoops, his brother Mike Stoops and several other key members of the program. Below is a list of staffers and players from Youngstown:
 - **Mark Stoops** – Head Coach (Cardinal Mooney High School)
 - **Mike Stoops** – Inside Linebackers Coach (Cardinal Mooney)
 - **Eric Wolford** – Offensive Line (Ursuline High School)
 - *Was the Youngstown State University football head coach from 2010-14*
 - **Frank Buffano** – Safeties (Cardinal Mooney)
 - **Tino Merlo** – Junior, offensive lineman (Cardinal Mooney)
 - **DJ Waller Jr.** – Junior, defensive back (Chaney)
 - **Brian Robinson** – R-freshman, defensive lineman (Westerville North)

COACHING CHANGES

- Kentucky welcomes a pair of new coaches to its on-field coaching staff, including La'Damian Washington (wide receivers) and Derek Shay (tight ends).
- Washington, a former National Football League and Canadian Football League receiver, opens his first season in Lexington with a strong resume that includes both playing and coaching in the Southeastern Conference.
 - Washington starred at Missouri from 2009-2013, helping lead the Tigers to four bowl games. He returned for one year as the school's Director of Player Development in 2020. He then spent time at Southern University and Oklahoma as a wide receivers coach before moving to South Florida the past two seasons, which both ended in bowl appearances.
- Shay played at both Western and Eastern Illinois before beginning his coaching career as a student assistant in 2011.



- One of Shay's early stops included prep powerhouse IMG Academy, where he was the Co-Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach. He guided six All-American linemen while there and 10 who signed Division I.
- Shay's collegiate coaching experience includes stops at McNeese State, LSU, Missouri and Marshall before spending the 2024 season as a senior offensive analyst and run game specialist at Kentucky.

WILDCATS IN THE NFL DRAFT

- Two players were drafted in 2025, giving head coach Mark Stoops a total of 30 drafted players since his arrival in 2013.
 - Twenty-six of those 30 selections have come in the last seven drafts (2019-25).
 - Eighteen of those 30 selections were defensive players.
 - 26 of the 28 players in previous drafts (not including 2025) have played at least one season in the league
- The 2025 NFL Draft marked the seventh straight year UK had at least one player drafted in the first three rounds.
- UK has had at least two players drafted in seven consecutive drafts, the first time that has happened since the 1984-91 drafts.
- With DB Maxwell Hairston being selected 30th overall by the Buffalo Bills, UK has had four first-round draft choices under Stoops. They include Alvin "Bud" Dupree (2015), Josh Hines-Allen (2019), Jamin Davis (2021) and Hairston.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A picture of longevity, UK Equipment Manager Tom Kalinowski enters his 48th season in that role in 2025. He also was a student manager in 1974-77, now marking his 52nd year working with UK football in 2024.
 - He has worked more than 500 consecutive games. In honor of his 50th season in 2023, Kalinowski was named an honorary captain for the home finale against Alabama.
- UK is one of only 11 schools that have won an NCAA men's basketball championship, while also having a claim on a national

BY THE NUMBERS

	2025	Stoops
Record on field	1-0	78-73
SEC	0-0	36-62
West	0-0	7-17
East	0-0	28-38
Non-Conference	1-0	42-11
Home	1-0	54-33
Road	0-0	20-35
Neutral site	0-0	4-5
Night	0-0	35-35
Day	1-0	43-38
TV Games	1-0	71-73
ABC	0-0	4-4
CBS	0-0	0-6
ESPN	0-0	6-17
ESPNU	0-0	4-5
ESPN2	0-0	6-3
ESPN3	0-0	0-1
SEC Network	1-0	52-36
Fox Sports South	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network	0-0	1-0
August/September	1-0	37-14
October	0-0	17-25
November	0-0	19-29
December/January	0-0	5-4
Bowl Games	0-0	4-4
Coming off an open date	0-0	6-10
UK scores on 1st possession	0-0	38-18
Opp scores on 1st possession	0-0	21-33
UK scores first	1-0	50-23
Opponent scores first	0-0	28-49
UK leads after 1st quarter	1-0	46-14
Opponent leads after 1stQ	0-0	16-47
Teams are tied after 1stQ	0-0	16-11
UK leads at halftime	1-0	57-10
Opponent leads at halftime	0-0	11-56
Teams are tied at halftime	0-0	11-6
UK leads after 3rd quarter	1-0	66-8
Opponent leads after 3rdQ	0-0	7-61
Teams are tied after 3rdQ	0-0	5-3
Game goes to overtime	0-0	1-3
Scoring less than 20 pts	0-0	5-48
Scoring 20+ points	1-0	67-25
Scoring 30+ points	0-0	45-10
Allowing less than 20 pts	1-0	50-7
Allowing 20+ points	0-0	22-56
Allowing 30+ points	0-0	8-42
UK has more total yards	0-0	61-12
Opp. has more total yds	1-0	17-61
UK has more rushing yards	1-0	61-19
Opp. has more rushing yards	0-0	17-55
UK has more passing yards	0-0	40-23
Opp. has more passing yards	1-0	38-48
Rushing for less than 100 yds	0-0	9-27
Rushing for over 100 yards	0-0	64-45
Rushing for 200+ yards	1-0	46-11
Passing for 200+ yards	0-0	32-19
Passing for 300+ yards	0-0	13-7
UK has 100-yard rusher	1-0	48-19
Opp. has 100-yard rusher	0-0	18-41
No turnovers	0-0	21-11
One or two turnovers	1-0	47-45
3 or more turnovers	0-0	10-17
No takeaways	0-0	14-17
3 or more takeaways	0-0	18-4
UK has more penalties	0-0	28-30
Opp. has more penalties	1-0	43-39
Teams have equal penalties	0-0	7-4
UK has more TOP	1-0	53-27
Opp. has more TOP	0-0	24-45
UK defense scores	0-0	19-6
Opponent defense scores	1-0	9-13
UK returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	6-3
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD	0-0	0-5
Playing on natural grass	0-0	18-40
Playing on artificial surface	1-0	60-32
In blue uniforms	0-0	19-11
In white uniforms	0-0	14-17
In white jerseys/blue pants	0-0	6-19
In blue jerseys/white pants	1-0	27-6
In black uniforms	0-0	1-5
In blue jerseys/grey pants	0-0	2-3
In black jerseys/blue pants	0-0	0-1
In grey uniforms	0-0	6-6
In grey jerseys/blue pants	0-0	3-5

HONORING THE CATS

LB - Alex Afari Jr.

- Butkus Award Watch List
- Preseason Phil Steele All-SEC, Fourth Team

OL - Josh Bruan

- Preseason Phil Steele All-SEC, Third Team
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC, Third Team

OL - Jager Burton

- Reese's Senior Bowl Bowl Watch List

WR - Ja'Mori Maclin

- Reese's Senior Bowl Bowl Top 300

QB - Zach Clazda

- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List

DL - Josaih Hayes

- Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

TE - Josh Kattus

- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee
- Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- William V. Campbell Trophy Watch List

P - Aidan Laros

- Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Reese's Senior Bowl Bowl Watch List
- Preseason Coaches All-SEC, Third Team
- Preseason Media Days All-SEC, Third Team
- Preseason Phil Steele All-SEC, Second Team

WR - Ja'Mori Maclin

- Reese's Senior Bowl Bowl Top 300

RB - Seth McGowan

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List

LB - Kam Olds

- Reese's Senior Bowl Bowl Top 300

OL - Alex Wollschlaeger

- Preseason Phil Steele All-SEC, Third Team



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

Scored 40 points: 48 vs. Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Scored 50 points: 52 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
Scored 60 points: 62 vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
Scored 70 points: 77 vs. Texas El-Paso, Sept. 7, 2002
Scored 80 points: 83 vs. North Dakota, Nov. 18, 1950
Shut Out an Opponent: vs. Southern Miss (31-0), Aug. 31, 2024
Shut Out an Opponent in the 1st half: vs. Murray State (24-0), Nov. 16, 2024
Shut Out an SEC Opponent in the 1st half in consecutive games: at Georgia, Oct. 19, and vs. Missouri, Oct. 26, 2019
Did Not Allow an Offensive Point: vs. Southern Miss (31-0), Aug. 31, 2024
Game is scoreless at the half: at Georgia, Oct. 19, 2019
Shut Out an Opponent in the 2nd half: at Mississippi State, Nov. 4, 2023
Scored a TD on first series: vs. Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
Had 25 First Downs: 32 vs. Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Had 30 First Downs: 32 vs. Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Had 250 yards rushing: 269 vs. Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Had 300 yards rushing: 329 vs. Florida, Sept. 30, 2023
Had 400 yards rushing: 408 vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020
Had 500 yards rushing: 517 vs. Louisville, Nov. 30, 2019 (SCHOOL RECORD)
Had consecutive 400-yard rushing games: 401 at Vanderbilt (11/16/19), 462 vs. UT Martin (11/23/19) and 517 vs. Louisville (11/30/19)
Had below 50 yards rushing: 21 at Texas, Nov. 23, 2024
Had 300 yards passing: 313 vs. Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Had 400 yards passing: 459 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
Had below 50 yards passing: 44 vs. South Carolina, Sept. 7, 2024
Had 300 yards rushing and passing: (381/311) vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
Had 500 yards total offense: 582 Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
Had 600 yards total offense: 707 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
Had 700 yards total offense: 707 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
Had below 200 yards total offense: 183 at Georgia, Oct. 7, 2023
Held opp. below 100 yards rushing: 59, Toledo, Aug. 30, 2025
Held opp. below 50 yards rushing: 5, vs. Southern Miss, Aug. 31, 2024
Held opp. below 100 yards passing: 70, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Held opponent below 200 yards total offense: 192 vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 17, 2022
Held opp. below 100 yards total offense: 87 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
Had 10 or more tackles for loss: 12.0 vs. Clemson, Dec. 29, 2023
Had six or more sacks: 8.0 vs. Clemson, Dec. 29, 2023
Recorded a safety: vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019
Recorded zero penalties: at Louisville, Nov. 25, 2023
Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 31 by Chris Rodriguez Jr. vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 15, 2022
Had a player rush for 100 yards: Dante Dowdell (129), vs. Toledo, Aug. 30, 2025
Had two players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (121) and Will Levis (113) at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
Had three players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (133), Terry Wilson (129), A.J. Rose (117) vs. Ole Miss; Oct. 3, 2020 (ONLY TIME AT UK)
Had 2 players rush for 175 yards or more: Benny Snell (192) and Boom Williams (182) vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016
Had 2 players rush for 100 yards or more in consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. and Lynn Bowden Jr. at Vanderbilt (11/16/19); Bowden and A.J. Rose vs. UT Martin (11/23/19), Bowden and Rodriguez Jr. vs. Louisville (11/30/19)
Had a player rush for 100 yards in consecutive games: Jamarion Wilcox vs. Murray State (123), Nov. 16, 2024 and at Tennessee (102), Nov. 2, 2024
Had a player rush for 100 yards in three consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr., 119 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021; 121 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021 and Chris Rodriguez Jr. (107), vs. Iowa (Citrus Bowl), Jan. 1, 2022)
Had player rush for 100 yards in four consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2021)
Had player rush for 100 yards in five consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2021)
Had a true freshman rush for 100 yards: 152 by Benny Snell Jr. vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
Had a player rush for 200 yards: Ray Davis (280), vs. Florida, Sept. 30, 2023
Had 4 players with 50+ yards rushing in the same game: 4 vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019
Had a player with 3 rushing touchdowns: 3 by Ray Davis vs. Florida, Sept. 30, 2023
Had a player with 50 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
Had a player with 60 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
Had a player with 30 pass completions: 31 by Will Levis, vs. Tennessee, Nov. 6, 2021
Had a player with 300 passing yards: 306 by Devin Leary, vs. Clemson, Dec. 29, 2023
Had a player with 400 passing yards: 419 by Will Levis, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021

Had 2 players pass for 100 yards: Maxwell Smith (109), Jalen Whitlow (105) vs. Louisville, Sept. 14, 2013
Had a player with 3 or more touchdowns passes: 3 by Devin Leary, at Louisville, Nov. 25, 2023
Had a player with 2 passing touchdowns and 2 rushing touchdowns: Patrick Towles, vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2014
Had a player with 10+ receptions: 10 by Barion Brown vs. Georgia, Nov. 19, 2022
Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 105 by Dane Key at Ole Miss, Sept. 28, 2024
Had a player with consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Dane Key, 2 (vs. Ohio, Sept. 21, 2024; at Ole Miss, Sept. 28, 2024)
Had a player with three consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Wan'Dale Robinson, 3 (vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021; vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021; vs. Chattanooga, Sept. 18, 2021)
Had 2 players with 100 yards receiving: 147 by Tayvion Robinson and 102 by Barion Brown, vs. Northern Illinois, Sept. 24, 2022
Had a player with 1,000 receiving yards in a season: 1334, Wan'Dale Robinson (2021)
Had a true freshman with receiving TDs in each of first three collegiate games: Dane Key, 2022
Had a player with TD receptions in at least three straight games: (3) Dane Key, 2023-24
Had a player with 3 touchdown receptions: 3 by C.J. Conrad vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
Had a player with 100 rushing and 100 receiving yards in the same game: Rafael Little (132 rushing, 114 receiving) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2006
Had a 100-yard passer and a 100-yard rusher in the same game: Terry Wilson (151 passing, 129 rushing) vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020
Had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (107 rush) and Wan'Dale Robinson (170 receiving), vs. Iowa (Citrus Bowl), Jan. 1, 2022
Had a player score a TD by rushing and receiving in the same game: Ray Davis, at Louisville, Nov. 25, 2023
Had a player throw a TD pass and score a rushing and receiving TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. Auburn, Oct. 9, 2010
Had a player score a touchdown in each of team's first six+ games of season: 8 Ray Davis (2023)
Had a player throw at least two TD passes and score a rushing TD in consecutive games: Patrick Towles in 2015
Had a player throw a TD pass, score a receiving TD and score on a punt return for a TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. WKU, Sept. 11, 2010
Had a player score a TD via rushing, receiving and kick return: Barion Brown, vs. Clemson, Dec. 29, 2023
Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Barion Brown (99 yards) at Florida, Oct. 19, 2024
Had a player return a punt for a TD: Josh Ali (74 yards) at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021
Had a player return an interception for a TD: Maxwell Hairston, 25 yards, vs. Ohio, Sept. 21, 2024
Had a player recover/return a fumble for a TD: Jamon Dumas-Johnson, at Texas, 25 yards, Nov. 23, 2024
Had two defensive TDs in the same game: Maxwell Hairston (2 INT) at Vanderbilt, Sept. 23, 2023* (only time in UK history player returned two INT for TD in same game)
Had a player recover two fumbles in one game: Jordan Wright vs. South Carolina, Dec. 5, 2020
Had a player block a punt: Martez Thrower vs. Youngstown State, Sept. 17, 2022
Had a player block a field goal: Keaten Wade vs. Missouri, Oct. 14, 2023
Had a player block a PAT: Lonnie Johnson Jr. vs. Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 9, 2017
Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: Trevin Wallace (76 yards) vs. Florida, Oct. 2, 2021
Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Andrew Hopewell (6 yards), vs. Arkansas, Nov. 1, 2006
Had a player score a TD on a fake field goal: Joe Mansour (25 yards), vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013
Had a field goal of 50 yards or more: Alex Raynor (55 yards) vs. Georgia, Sept. 14, 2024 **SCHOOL RECORD**
Had a punt of 70 yards or more: Colin Goodfellow (70 yards) at Miss. State, Oct. 30, 2021
Played an overtime game: vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020 - (L, 41-42)
Won an overtime game: vs. EKU, Oct. 3, 2015 - (W, 34-27)
Won a game on the last play of regulation as time expired: 15-14 at Missouri, Oct. 27, 2018 (2-yard TD pass); Untimed down



WHEN WAS THE TIME THE OPPONENT ...

Opponent scored 40 points: 48 by Florida, Oct. 19, 2024
 Opponent scored 50 points: 51 by Georgia, Oct. 7, 2023
 Opponent scored 10 or less points: 6 by Murray State, Nov. 16, 2024
 Shut Out Kentucky: 0-21 by Iowa, Dec. 31, 2022
 Shut Out Kentucky in 2nd half: by Auburn, Oct. 26, 2024
 Rushed for 300 yards: 326 by Auburn, Oct. 26, 2024
 Passed for 300 yards: 435 by Georgia, Oct. 7, 2023
 Had 500 yards of total offense: 608 by Georgia, Oct. 7, 2023
Recorded a safety: Toledo, Aug. 30, 2025 (tackled QB in end zone)
 Blocked a Kentucky punt: Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 9, 2023
 Blocked a Kentucky field goal: Vanderbilt, Nov. 12, 2022
 Blocked a Kentucky PAT: Florida, Sept. 30, 2023
 Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 37, Larry Rountree (Missouri, 126 yards), Oct. 24, 2020
 Had a player with 100 yards rushing: 158, Quintrevion Wisner (Texas, Nov. 23, 2024)
 Had a player with 200 yards rushing: 278, Jarquez Hunter (Auburn, Oct. 26, 2024)
 Had two players with 100 yards rushing: 129, Ray Davis (Vanderbilt) and 126, Mike Wright (Vanderbilt) Nov. 12, 2022
Had a player with 40 pass attempts: 40 by Tucker Gleason (Toledo, 23 completions), Aug. 30, 2025
 Had a player with 25 pass completions: 28 by Nico Iamaleava (Tennessee, 28 completions), Nov. 2, 2024
 Had a player with 300 yards passing: 389 by Carson Beck (Georgia, Oct. 7, 2023)
 Had two players with 100 yards passing: 174 by Feleipe Franks and 126 by Kyle Trask (Florida), Sept. 14, 2019
 Had a player with 10 pass receptions: 11, Tre Harris (Ole Miss, 176 yards), Sept. 28, 2021
 Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 148, Elijah Badger (Florida, 3 catches), Oct. 19, 2024, 2024
 Had a player with 200 yards receiving: 216 by Demarcus Robinson (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014
 Had two players with 100 yards receiving: 111, Korey Robertson and 103, Quez Watkins (Southern Miss), Sept. 2, 2017
 Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Evan Berry (UT), 100 yards, Oct. 31, 2015
 Had a player return a punt for a TD: Kadarius Toney (UF), 50 yards, Nov. 28, 2020
 Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: Neiko Thorpe (69 yards) vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009
 Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Chris Rainey (23 yards) vs. Florida, Sept. 26, 2009
 Had a player return an interception for a TD: Cormani McClain (Florida), 29 yards, Oct. 19, 2024
 Had a player return a fumble for a TD: Trevor Brohard (New Mexico State), 25 yards, Nov. 20, 2021



INDIVIDUAL/TEAM RECORDS

Most Career SEC Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. **32 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2. 25 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
3. 22 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. **48 Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2. 33 Paul Bryant (1946-53)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Career Wins vs. A Ranked Opponent, School History

1. **12 Mark Stoops (2013-Pres.)**
2. 9 Paul Bryant (1946-53)
- 9 Fran Curci (1973-81)

Kentucky has had 10 game-winning fourth quarter scores in SEC play, and 16 total, under Coach Mark Stoops

Date	Opponent	Time Left	Scoring Play
9/21/24	at Ole Miss	2:25	2-yard rush
11/5/22	at Missouri	5:18	22-yard pass
9/11/21	vs. Missouri	11:28	Offensive fumble recovery in end zone
10/12/19	vs. Arkansas	6:53	24-yard rush
10/27/18	at Missouri	0:00	2-yard pass
10/20/18	vs. Vanderbilt	8:04	7-yard rush
10/7/17	vs. Missouri	9:40	53-yard field goal
10/22/16	vs. Mississippi State	0:00	51-yard field goal
9/24/16	vs. South Carolina	10:21	1-yard rush
10/4/14	vs. South Carolina	2:29	6-yard interception return



KROGER FIELD

On game day, Kroger Field often becomes the third-largest city in Kentucky.



- Since its opening in 1973, Kentucky has played 333 games within the friendly confines of newly-named Kroger Field. **UK has a 184-148-4 record (.553), 48-32 (.600) under Mark Stoops.**
- 2024 marks the 52nd season at the facility.
- UK set a new Kroger Field attendance record when 63,543 fans packed the stadium for the Nov. 3, 2018 game vs. No. 6 Georgia.
- Two of the top five crowds in Kroger Field history came in 2018.
- UK announced its first sellout since 2015 when 62,945 fans attended the Florida game on Sept. 23, 2017.
- Since the 1999 expansion, UK has averaged 60,261 fans per game and ranked in the nation's top 30 teams in attendance in 17 of the last 19 seasons. Both the single game and season attendance record has been broken in recent years. *Note: Kroger Field capacity was limited to 12,000 fans per game in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions
- The stadium footprint is named C.M. Newton Grounds at Kroger Field in honor of the former UK Director of Athletics.

KROGER FIELD

Commonwealth Stadium was renamed to Kroger Field in May of 2017. The agreement--which is between Kroger and JMI Sports, UK's multimedia rights partner-- begins at approximately \$1.85 million annually with a term of up to 12 years. With the partnership, Kroger becomes the Official Fuel Partner of the University of Kentucky and the Official Grocery Partner of Move-In at UK while also providing additional engagement opportunities with UK students. Per the agreement, Kroger is also the Official Nutrition and Pharmacy Partner of UK Athletics.

Kroger Field was transformed into a state-of-the-art facility after a \$126-million reinvention which was completed prior to the 2015 season. The project was handled by HNTB. The outside of the stadium underwent a dramatic external facelift, receiving a modern look, but one that remained uniquely Kentucky. Inside, the capacity of Kroger Field was reduced over the course of the two-year project to approximately 61,000, but the value of all remaining seats were increased, from the top of the upper deck to front-row seats at midfield. Concourses were revamped and widened throughout the stadium with improved concessions, restrooms and security. Players and coaches reaped the benefits of the new Kroger Field as well, as home-team facilities were built, and a multi-purpose recruiting room hosts future Wildcats on their on-campus visits.

NEW LIGHTING, RIBBON BOARDS

In 2024, Kroger Field featured brand new lighting and ribbon boards. The LED lighting system will include the ability to do light shows during timeouts and breaks in play similar to those at games in Rupp Arena and Kentucky Proud Park. The new ribbon boards have greater functionality, featuring sharper visual resolution than the previous set and expanded capability for display of video and graphics.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Seating Capacity: 61,000, including the Commonwealth Suites

Playing Field: UK switched from natural grass to synthetic turf for the 2015 season. Other SEC schools with a turf surface are: Arkansas, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Missouri. The end zones and team sideline areas feature a checkerboard pattern in alternating shades of blue. It was designed to mimic the pattern of Secretariat's silks, which has been part of the football uniforms for five seasons. The school's

new interlocking "UK" logo is positioned in the center of the field.

Video Boards: Video boards by Daktronics measuring at 39 by 79 feet, each, bring a total of 6,162 square feet of video capability. The video boards put UK among the nation's leaders in video square footage.

Sound System: Sportsound system delivers pounding bass energy, smooth mid- and high-range frequencies, and high-impact entertainment. Components of the sound system include a main speaker cluster behind the end zone, under-balcony speakers and concourse speakers.

GAME DAY EXPERIENCES

The "Cat Walk" on Talbott Todd Way: With the unveiling of the new \$45 million Kentucky Football Training Facility in August of 2016, the headquarters of the program moved next door to Kroger Field. Therefore, the Cat Walk was moved to Talbott Todd Way. The Cat Walk typically begins outside Gate 1 two hours and 15 minutes prior to kickoff, and the team proceeds past Gate 1 and between Kroger Field and Nutter Field House. It was dedicated to former Wildcat Talbott Todd (1963-65) who passed away from ALS in August of 2017 and was an avid supporter of the program. From Talbott Todd Way the team walks to the locker room in the Joe Craft Kentucky Football Training Facility.

Lift Them Up: A unique partnership with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (TMMK), the Kentucky College of Engineering and the Kentucky Children's Hospital was launched in 2019 that brings special guests to the Cat Walk as the Kentucky football team arrives at Kroger Field. A specially built push cart vehicle provides a Kentucky Children's Hospital patient the chance to both accompany the Wildcats on the Cat Walk and attend a game at Kroger Field. A new patient is chosen by the Kentucky Children's Hospital each week to participate.

TOP ATTENDANCES AT KROGER FIELD (SINCE 2015 RENOVATION)

1.	63,543	Georgia	2018
2.	63,407	Auburn	2015
3.	63,380	EKU	2015
4.	63,081	South Carolina	2018
5.	63,076	Florida	2019
6.	63,040	Florida	2015
7.	62,945	Florida	2017
8.	62,933	UL Lafayette	2015
9.	62,512	Louisville	2015



HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / 13TH SEASON / IOWA, 1989



The longest-termed coach in Kentucky history and having the longest term of any current coach in the Southeastern Conference, Mark Stoops looks to add to his legacy of success entering his 13th season with the Wildcats in 2025.

Stoops holds school records for wins (68), home wins (48), SEC wins (31) and wins over ranked opponents (12). Last season's victory at No. 6 Ole Miss was fifth straight season that his Wildcats had knocked off a ranked opponent, yet another school record.

In addition to the records listed above, a partial accounting of Stoops' exploits features:

- **Seven bowl appearances**
- **A school-record, 16-game win streak against nonconference competition (2018-22), which was the nation's longest active streak at the time.**
- **First top-10 ranking in each the Associated Press poll and the coaches' poll since 2007 (Sept. 11, 2022)**
- **First consecutive top-10 rankings in each poll since 1977 (Sept. 18, 2022)**
- **First home win over Florida since 1986, also marking the first win over an Associated Press top 10-ranked opponent since 2010 (2021)**

- **First win at Tennessee since 1984 (2020)**
- **First New Year's Day Bowl win since 1951 (2018 season)**
- **First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)**
- **First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)**
- **First final poll ranking since 1984 (2018)**
- **First bowl win since 2008 (2018 season)**
- **First win vs. Florida since 1986 (2018)**
- **First bowl appearance since 2010 (2016)**

Individually, Stoops' players have won All-America accolades, along with honors such as the Bronko Nagurski Award, Chuck Bednarik Award, Paul Hornung Award, Ronnie Lott Trophy, Ray Guy Award, Danny Wuerffel Trophy, Jason Witten Man of the Year, Pop Warner Award, Freddie Solomon Spirit Award, Academic All-America and National Good Works Team.

Kentucky's football team has fared well academically under Stoops, as each year UK's football score in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate has been well above the benchmark of 930.

Off the field, Stoops is a staunch supporter of the Kentucky Children's Hospital, helping raise more than \$500,000 annually for the kids. He was named the Honorary Coach of the 2022 AFCA Good Works Team.

The bountiful crop of victories and honors are the fruit of the last nine seasons, but the harvest didn't come easily. Arriving in 2013, inheriting a team that had gone 2-10 the season before, it took three years of plowing, planting and growing before the results came.

Stoops earned his first bowl game as head coach in 2016, when the Wildcats overcame an 0-2 start to go 7-3 down the stretch and advance to the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. UK duplicated seven wins in 2017, playing in the Franklin-American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

Led by linebacker Josh Allen, the National Defensive Player of the Year, and Benny Snell Jr., the school's all-time leading rusher, the 2018 squad went 10-3. It was UK's best season in 41 years, topped by a win over Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. It was only the third 10-win season in school history.

In addition, the 2018 campaign featured a win at Florida -- the Wildcats' first victory over the Gators in 32 years -- resulting in UK being named the National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America. The regular season concluded with a 56-10 win at in-state rival Louisville, the largest margin of victory in the history of the Governor's Cup series.

UK was No. 11 in the final USA Today coaches' poll and No. 12 in the final Associated Press tabulation, the school's first appearance in the final rankings since 1984. The 2018 season also continued a remarkable trend -- since Stoops took over as coach of the Cats in 2013, UK was the only school in the nation that tied or improved its win total in six straight seasons.

CollegeFootballNews.com listed Stoops as the best coaching performance of the season and he was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year by The Associated Press, Athlon Sports and the league coaches.

The 2019 season was one of the most unusual in school history. A succession of injuries decimated the quarterbacks and Stoops turned to wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. to man the QB position. Running the ball almost exclusively, UK went 6-2 down the stretch and closed the season with four straight wins, topped by a dramatic come-from-behind Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech when Bowden threw the game-winning touchdown pass with only 15 seconds remaining.

Stoops followed with the Covid-shortened 2020 season that was capped by a Gator Bowl win over No. 23 North Carolina State.

More winning seasons and bowl appearances have followed, giving Stoops the school records in both categories, and prompting ESPN analyst Tom Luginbill to call Stoops "the best program



builder in all of college football.”

How has Stoops accomplished all of this? The coach would tell you that there’s been nothing magical about the process.

True to his blue-collar roots in Youngstown, Ohio, the methodical advancement made by Stoops’ teams is a reflection of the coach’s rock-steady work ethic, tireless recruiting, and ability to adapt.

Stoops came to Kentucky from Florida State, where he was defensive coordinator from 2010-12. He inherited a unit ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and turned it into one of the nation’s best. In the 2012 season, the Seminoles were second in the nation in total defense, allowing 254.1 yards per game, and sixth nationally in scoring defense at 14.7 points per game. Playing well against the run and the pass, FSU was third in the country in rushing defense and led the nation in pass defense. FSU led the ACC in seven defensive categories. Stoops also coached the defensive backs under head coach Jimbo Fisher.

Eight Seminoles on defense earned 2012 All-ACC honors, including four first-team selections, highlighted by one of the nation’s top defensive end duos in Bjoern Werner and Cornellius Carradine, who combined for 24 sacks and 31 tackles for loss. Werner was a finalist for the 2012 Bronko Nagurski Award as the National Defensive Player of the Year and was among the national leaders in sacks with 13.

Stoops also coached cornerback Ronald Darby to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year. The Seminoles’ prowess was a continuation of the 2011 season, when Stoops’ defenders led the nation in fewest yards allowed per carry (2.3),

ranked fourth in the nation in total defense (275 yards per game), second in rushing defense (82.7 ypg), fourth in scoring defense (15.1 points per game), and eighth in tackles for loss (8.6 per game) and quarterback sacks (3.1 per game). FSU led the ACC in eight defensive categories.

Stoops overhauled the Florida State defense in 2010, his first season as defensive coordinator. The Seminoles gave up 19.6 points per game, third-best in the ACC and 20th nationally. FSU ranked 42nd nationally in total defense that season; in contrast, the team was 108th nationally in total defense and 94th in scoring defense in 2009, the year before Stoops’ arrival. FSU improved its overall defense by more than 80 yards per game, primarily by limiting opponents to 75 fewer rushing yards per game. The Seminoles ranked third in the nation in quarterback sacks and were 21st in tackles for loss. In the secondary, Stoops coached Xavier Rhodes to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and National Defensive Freshman of the Year accolades.

During Stoops’ three seasons, FSU went 10-4, 9-4 and 12-2, including wins over South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Notre Dame in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl and Northern Illinois in the 2013 Orange Bowl.

Stoops was defensive coordinator and DBs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach of the Wildcats. During Mark’s time there, Arizona’s records improved steadily, going 3-8, 3-8, 6-6, 5-7, 8-5 and 8-5. The Wildcats advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl and Holiday Bowl during the last two years.

Stoops inherited an Arizona unit that was

109th in the nation in total defense and 107th in scoring defense in 2003, the year before he arrived. By the end of his term at Arizona, the Wildcats ranked in the nation’s top 25 in total defense his final two seasons and ranked as high as 33rd in scoring defense.

Mark and Mike are also brothers of Bob Stoops, who spent 18 years as the Oklahoma head coach and has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. The eldest Stoops brother, Ron Jr., is retired after coaching at Youngstown State. Mark and Mike have reunited in Lexington, as Mike joined the UK staff in 2022 as inside linebackers coach.

Prior to Arizona, Mark Stoops coached the defensive backs three years at Miami (Fla.). The 2001 national champion Hurricanes led the nation in pass efficiency defense, scoring defense and turnover margin. That team also established a school record with 27 interceptions and 45 total takeaways.

Stoops’ 2002 secondary led the nation in pass defense and pass efficiency defense. Despite having to replace all four starters in the defensive backfield, the 2003 team led the nation in pass defense. In his three seasons, Miami went 35-3, including the 12-0 Rose Bowl title campaign, plus appearances in the Fiesta and Orange bowls. Ten Miami defensive backs who played at least one season under Stoops were eventually selected in the National Football League draft – seven in the first round.

Stoops got his first experience in leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in the 2000 season. He coached the secondary at Wyoming from 1997-99 and the Cowboys notched three straight winning seasons. A highlight of his time there was

STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

Now in his 13th season at the helm of the Kentucky football program, head coach Mark Stoops and his staff have been making noise on the recruiting trail. Kentucky’s 13 classes under Stoops have ranked in the top 50 by all four major recruiting services. Below is a look at UK’s recruiting success under Stoops and Co.

Kentucky’s Signing Day class for 2022 was UK’s highest-rated class in the available history of recruiting rankings.

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29	#26	#30	#30	#20	#45	#10	#23	#24	#28
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34	#30	#36	#36	#23	#40	#13	#34	#24	#29
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34	#29	#38	#34	#22	#39	#11	#27	#24	#29



a school-record 24 interceptions in the '97 season. His first full-time coaching job was in 1996 at South Florida, helping USF in the start-up of its program before the Bulls had their first kickoff in '97.

Stoops has recruited and developed numerous outstanding defensive backs, many of whom went on to National Football League careers. Among the notables are Antoine Carson and Michael Johnson at Arizona, Miami's Philip Buchanon, Kelly Jennings, Brandon Meriweather, Ed Reed, Antrel Rolle, Mike Rumph and Sean Taylor and Wyoming's Brian Lee.

Stoops was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. As did brothers Bob and Mike, Mark played in the secondary at the University of Iowa for Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry. He participated in four bowl games as a player. Fry hired Stoops as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in the 1990 and '91 seasons. The Hawkeyes won the 1990 Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl, duplicating feats Stoops also achieved as a player. Stoops went on to coach four years in high school before entering the collegiate ranks.

Stoops has two sons, Will and Zack.

STOOPS' KENTUCKY RECORDS

Most Wins By A Head Coach

1. **68 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
- 41 Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
7. 32 Harry Gamage (1927-1933)
8. 26 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

Most Home Wins By A Head Coach

1. **48 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2. 33 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
4. 29 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
5. 25 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Record
Akron	1-0
Alabama	0-4
Alabama State	1-0
Arkansas	1-0
AUBURN	0-3
Austin Peay.....	1-0
Ball State	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0
Charlotte.....	1-0
Chattanooga	#0-0
Clemson.....	0-1
Eastern Kentucky.....	3-0
EASTERN MICHIGAN.....	2-0
FLORIDA	#3-8
GEORGIA	0-12
Georgia Tech.....	0-1
Iowa.....	#0-1
Louisiana-Lafayette.....	1-0
Louisiana-Monroe	#1-0
LOUISVILLE	#5-5
LSU	#0-1
Miami (Ohio)	2-0
Middle Tennessee	1-0
Mississippi State.....	5-6
Missouri.....	#6-4
Murray State.....	2-0
New Mexico State	#1-0
North Carolina State.....	1-0
Northern Illinois	1-0
Northwestern	0-1
Ohio.....	2-0
OLE MISS.....	1-3
Penn State	1-0
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	#6-5
Southern Miss	2-1
TENNESSEE.....	2-10
Tennessee-Martin.....	2-0
TENNESSEE TECH.....	0-0
TEXAS.....	0-1
Texas A&M.....	0-1
TOLEDO	2-0
VANDERBILT	#7-4
Virginia Tech	1-0
Western Kentucky	0-1
Youngstown State.....	1-0
TOTAL	*68-73

* Note: 10 wins from the 2021 season vacated by the NCAA; on-field record is 77-70
record does not include win from the 2021 season, now vacated by the NCAA



THE MARK STOOPS COACHING FILES

Year	School	Position	W-L	SEC	Bowl
1990	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	8-4		Rose
1991	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	10-1-1		Holiday
1992-95	Nordonia HS	Defensive Backs			
1996	South Florida	Defensive Backs	0-0		
1997	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-6		
1998	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	8-3		
1999	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-4		
2000	Houston	Co-Defensive Coord., Safeties	3-8		
2001	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-0		Rose
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-1		Fiesta
2003	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	11-2		Orange
2004	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8		
2005	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8		
2006	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	6-6		
2007	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	5-7		
2008	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5		Las Vegas
2009	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5		Holiday
2010	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	10-4		Chick-fil-A
2011	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	9-4		Champs Sports
2012	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	12-2		Orange
2013	Kentucky	Head Coach	2-10	0-8	
2014	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2015	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2016	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	TaxSlayer
2017	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	Music City
2018	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-3	5-3	Citrus
2019	Kentucky	Head Coach	8-5	3-5	Belk
2020	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-6	4-6	TaxSlayer Gator
2021	Kentucky	Head Coach	*0-3	0-3	Vrbo Citrus, NCAA vacated
2022	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	3-5	Music City
2023	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	3-5	TaxSlayer Gator
2024	Kentucky	Head Coach	4-8	1-7	
2025	Kentucky	Head Coach	1-0	0-0	
Overall	Head Coach		*68-73	31-62	*10 wins vacated by NCAA

STOOPS' NFL DRAFT PICKS

Name	Year	Rd	Pick	Overall	Team
Avery Williamson	2014	5	11	151	Titans
Bud Dupree	2015	1	22	22	Steelers
Za'Darius Smith	2015	4	23	122	Ravens
Josh Forrest	2016	6	15	190	Rams
Josh Allen	2019	1	7	7	Jaguars
Lonnie Johnson	2019	2	22	54	Texans
Mike Edwards	2019	3	35	99	Bucs
Benny Snell Jr.	2019	4	19	122	Steelers
George Asafo-Adjei	2019	7	18	232	Giants
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2020	3	16	80	Raiders
Logan Stenberg	2020	4	15	121	Lions
Jamin Davis	2021	1	19	19	Washington
Kelvin Joseph	2021	2	12	44	Cowboys
Quinton Bohannon	2021	6	8	192	Cowboys
Brandin Echols	2021	6	16	200	Jets
Landon Young	2021	6	22	206	Saints
Phil Hoskins	2021	7	3	232	Panthers
W. Robinson	2022	2	11	43	Giants
Josh Paschal	2022	2	14	46	Lions
Luke Fortner	2022	3	1	65	Jaguars
Darian Kinnard	2022	5	2	145	Chiefs
Will Levis	2023	2	2	33	Titans
Chris Rodriguez	2023	6	16	193	Washington
Carrington Valentine	2023	7	15	232	Packers
Andru Phillips	2024	3	6	70	Giants
Trevin Wallace	2024	3	8	72	Panthers
Ray Davis	2024	4	28	128	Bills
Devin Leary	2024	6	42	218	Ravens
Maxwell Hairston	2025	1	30	30	Bills
Deone Walker	2025	4	7	109	Bills



STOOPS' YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013 – Won 2, Lost 10

26	WKU*	35	Nashville	Aug. 31
41	Miami (Ohio)	7	Lexington	Sept. 7
13	Louisville	27	Lexington	Sept. 14
7	Florida*	24	Lexington	Sept. 28
28	South Carolina*	35	Columbia	Oct. 5
7	Alabama*	48	Lexington	Oct. 12
22	Mississippi State*	28	Starkville	Oct. 24
48	Alabama State*	14	Lexington	Nov. 2
17	Missouri	48	Lexington	Nov. 9
6	Vanderbilt	22	Nashville	Nov. 16
17	Georgia*	59	Athens	Nov. 23
13	Tennessee*	27	Lexington	Nov. 30

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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Avery Williamson and game captains

2014 – Won 5, Lost 7

59	UT Martin	14	Lexington	Aug. 30
20	Ohio	3	Lexington	Sept. 6
30	Florida* (3 OT)	36	Gainesville	Sept. 13
17	Vanderbilt	7	Lexington	Sept. 27
45	South Carolina*	38	Lexington	Oct. 4
48	ULM	14	Lexington	Oct. 11
3	LSU*	41	Baton Rouge	Oct. 18
31	Mississippi State	45	Lexington	Oct. 25
10	Missouri	20	Columbia	Nov. 1
31	Georgia	63	Lexington	Nov. 8
16	Tennessee	50	Knoxville	Nov. 15
40	Louisville	44	Louisville	Nov. 29

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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Javess Blue, Alvin "Bud" Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Jordan Swindle

2015 – Won 5, Lost 7

40	UL Lafayette*	33	Lexington	Sept. 5
26	South Carolina*	22	Columbia	Sept. 12
9	Florida*	14	Lexington	Sept. 19
21	Missouri*	13	Lexington	Sept. 26
34	Eastern Ky. (OT)*	27	Lexington	Oct. 3
27	Auburn*	30	Lexington	Oct. 15
16	Mississippi State*	42	Starkville	Oct. 24
21	Tennessee*	52	Lexington	Oct. 31
3	Georgia	27	Athens	Nov. 7
17	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov. 14
58	Charlotte*	10	Lexington	Nov. 21
24	Louisville	38	Lexington	Nov. 28

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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Farrington Huguenin, Josh Forrest, Patrick Towles, Jordan Swindle, Melvin Lewis, A.J. Stamps

2016 – Won 7, Lost 6

35	Southern Miss*	44	Lexington	Sept. 3
7	Florida	45	Gainesville	Sept. 10
62	New Mexico St.	42	Lexington	Sept. 17
17	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept. 24
6	Alabama*	34	Tuscaloosa	Oct. 1
20	Vanderbilt	13	Lexington	Oct. 8
40	Mississippi State*	38	Lexington	Oct. 22
35	Missouri	21	Columbia	Oct. 29
24	Georgia*	27	Lexington	Nov. 5
36	Tennessee	49	Knoxville	Nov. 12
49	Austin Peay	13	Lexington	Nov. 19
41	Louisville	38	Louisville	Nov. 26

TAXSLAYER BOWL

18	Georgia Tech	33	Jacksonville	Dec. 31
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Jon Toth, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love, Jeff Badet, Jojo Kemp, Marcus McWilson

2017 – Won 7, Lost 6

24	Southern Miss	17	Hattiesburg	Sept. 2
27	Eastern Ky.	16	Lexington	Sept. 9
23	South Carolina*	13	Columbia	Sept. 16
27	Florida*	28	Lexington	Sept. 23
24	Eastern Mich.	20	Lexington	Sept. 30
40	Missouri*	34	Lexington	Oct. 7
7	Mississippi State	45	Starkville	Oct. 21
29	Tennessee*	26	Lexington	Oct. 28
34	Ole Miss	37	Lexington	Nov. 4
44	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov. 11
13	Georgia	42	Athens	Nov. 18
17	Louisville	44	Lexington	Nov. 25

FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL

23	Northwestern	24	Nashville	Dec. 29
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Mike Edwards, Nick Haynes, Stephen Johnson, Courtney Love, Garrett Johnson, Charles Walker

2018 – Won 10, Lost 3

35	Central Michigan	20	Lexington	Sept. 1
27	Florida*	16	Gainesville	Sept. 8
48	Murray State	10	Lexington	Sept. 15
28	Mississippi State*	7	Lexington	Sept. 22
24	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept. 29
14	Texas A&M (OT)*	20	College Station	Oct. 6
14	Vanderbilt*	7	Lexington	Oct. 20
15	Missouri	14	Columbia	Oct. 27
17	Georgia	34	Lexington	Nov. 3
7	Tennessee	24	Knoxville	Nov. 10
34	Middle Tennessee	23	Lexington	Nov. 17
56	Louisville*	10	Louisville	Nov. 24

VRBO CITRUS BOWL

27	Penn State	24	Orlando	Jan. 1
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.

2019 – Won 8, Lost 5

38	Toledo	24	Lexington	Aug. 31
38	Eastern Michigan*	17	Lexington	Sept. 7
21	Florida*	29	Lexington	Sept. 14
13	Mississippi State	28	Starkville	Sept. 21
7	South Carolina*	24	Columbia	Sept. 28
24	Arkansas*	20	Lexington	Oct. 12
0	Georgia*	21	Athens	Oct. 19
29	Missouri*	7	Lexington	Oct. 26
13	Tennessee*	17	Lexington	Nov. 9
38	Vanderbilt	14	Nashville	Nov. 16
50	UT Martin	7	Lexington	Nov. 23
45	Louisville	13	Lexington	Nov. 30

BELK BOWL

37	Virginia Tech	30	Charlotte	Dec. 31
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Lynn Bowden Jr., Kash Daniel, Logan Stenberg, Terry Wilson, Josh Paschal

2020 – Won 5, Lost 6

13	Auburn	29	Auburn	Sept. 26
41	Ole Miss (OT)	42	Lexington	Oct. 3
24	Mississippi State*	2	Lexington	Oct. 10
34	Tennessee	7	Knoxville	Oct. 17
10	Missouri	20	Columbia	Oct. 24
3	Georgia	14	Lexington	Oct. 31
38	Vanderbilt	35	Lexington	Nov. 14
3	Alabama	63	Tuscaloosa	Nov. 21
10	Florida	34	Gainesville	Nov. 28
41	South Carolina*	18	Lexington	Dec. 5

TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL

23	North Carolina St.	21	Jacksonville	Jan. 2
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Josh Ali, Quinton Bohanna, Yusuf Corker, Max Duffy, Drake Jackson, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square, Boogie Watson, Terry Wilson and Landon Young

Due to COVID 19, 2020 was a 10-game SEC-only schedule

2021 – Won 0, Lost 3 (10 wins vacated by NCAA)

45	ULM	10	Lexington	Sept. 4
35	Missouri*	28	Lexington	Sept. 11
28	Chattanooga	23	Lexington	Sept. 18
16	South Carolina*	10	Columbia	Sept. 25
20	Florida*	13	Lexington	Oct. 2
42	LSU*	21	Lexington	Oct. 9
13	Georgia	30	Athens	Oct. 16
17	Mississippi State*	31	Starkville	Oct. 30
42	Tennessee*	45	Lexington	Nov. 6
34	Vanderbilt*	17	Nashville	Nov. 13
56	New Mexico State	16	Lexington	Nov. 20
52	Louisville*	21	Louisville	Nov. 27

VRBO CITRUS BOWL

20	Iowa	17	Orlando	Jan. 1
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, DeAndre Square, Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Will Lewis, Josh Paschal and Chris Rodriguez Jr.

2022 – Won 7, Lost 6

37	Miami (Ohio)*	13	Lexington	Sept. 3
26	Florida*	16	Gainesville	Sept. 10
31	Youngstown State	0	Lexington	Sept. 17
31	Northern Illinois*	23	Lexington	Sept. 24
19	Ole Miss	22	Oxford	Oct. 1
14	South Carolina*	24	Lexington	Oct. 8
27	Mississippi State*	17	Lexington	Oct. 15
6	Tennessee*	44	Knoxville	Oct. 29
21	Missouri	17	Columbia	Nov. 5
21	Vanderbilt	24	Lexington	Nov. 12
6	Georgia	16	Lexington	Nov. 19
26	Louisville	13	Lexington	Nov. 26

TRANSPERFECT MUSIC CITY BOWL

0	Iowa	21	Nashville	Dec. 31
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Will Lewis, Jordan Wright, Chris Rodriguez Jr., Deandre Square, JJ Weaver, Jacquez Jones, and Kenneth Horsey

2023 – Won 7, Lost 6

44	Ball State	14	Lexington	Sept. 2
28	Eastern Kentucky	17	Lexington	Sept. 9
35	Akron*	3	Lexington	Sept. 16
45	Vanderbilt	28	Nashville	Sept. 23
33	Florida	14	Lexington	Sept. 30
13	Georgia*	51	Athens	Oct. 7
21	Missouri*	38	Lexington	Oct. 14
27	Tennessee*	33	Lexington	Oct. 28
24	Mississippi State*	3	Starkville	Nov. 4
21	Alabama	49	Lexington	Nov. 11
14	South Carolina	17	Columbia	Nov. 18
38	Louisville	31	Louisville	Nov. 25

TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL BOWL

35	Clemson	38	Jacksonville	Dec. 29
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Zion Childress, Eli Cox, Kenneth Horsey, Devin Leary, Deone Walker, Trevin Wallace, J.J. Weaver

2024 – Won 4, Lost 8

31	Southern Miss*	0	Lexington	Aug. 31
6	South Carolina	31	Lexington	Sept. 7
12	Georgia*	13	Lexington	Sept. 14
41	Ohio	6	Lexington	Sept. 21
20	Ole Miss	17	Oxford	Sept. 28
13	Vanderbilt*	20	Lexington	Oct. 12
20	Florida*	48	Gainesville	Oct. 19
10	Auburn*	24	Lexington	Oct. 26
18	Tennessee*	28	Knoxville	Nov. 2
48	Murray State	6	Lexington	Nov. 16
14	Texas	31	Austin	Nov. 23
14	Louisville	41	Lexington	Nov. 30

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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Barion Brown, Zion Childress, Eli Cox, Marqus Cox, Maxwell Hairston, D'Eryk Jackson, Dane Key, Deone Walker, J.J. Weaver, Brock Vandagriff

* Indicates night game



ASSISTANT COACHES



FRANK BUFFANO

SAFETIES

Frank Buffano was hired in March of 2020 after serving seven years as the director of football operations at UK. He assists Chris Collins with the defensive backs and works primarily with the safeties. In 2022, he also was the co-special teams coordinator.

Prior to Kentucky, Buffano was a secondary coach and linebackers coach at Youngstown State. He began his career at Arizona under Mike Stoops, serving as a defensive graduate assistant coach his last two seasons after three years of working as a video graduate assistant with the Wildcats.

2008-09	Defensive Grad Assistant	Arizona
2010	Secondary	Youngstown State
2011-12	Linebackers	Youngstown State
2020	Safeties	Kentucky
2021-2022	Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky
2023-present	Safeties	Kentucky



JAY BOULWARE

RUNNING BACKS/SPECIAL TEAMS

Jay Boulware came to Kentucky on Dec. 12, 2022, bringing a plethora of success to the Commonwealth. He has more than 25 years of coaching experience and has been a part of 17 teams that advanced to bowl games. Before UK, he served as an offensive intern in the NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers, working specifically with the running backs, including UK's all-time leading rusher, Benny Snell Jr.

Prior to the Steelers, he served as the associate head coach for special teams and tight ends coach at Texas, his alma mater, helping the No. 19 Longhorns finish 7-3 overall and capture the Alamo Bowl title in 2020.

He also spent seven years at Oklahoma, working under then-head coach Bob Stoops from 2013-16 and Lincoln Riley from (2017-19) and had stints at Auburn, Utah, Stanford, Arizona and Northern Illinois.

Boulware was an offensive lineman at Texas before entering the coaching ranks.

1994-95	Student Assistant	Texas
1996	Graduate Assistant	Texas
1997-2000	Tight Ends/Co-Offensive Line	Northern Illinois
2001-03	Tight Ends/Running Backs/Offensive Line	Arizona
Summer of 2004	NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program	San Francisco 49ers
2004	Running Backs	Stanford
2005-06	Tight Ends/Co-Special Teams	Utah
2007-08	Running Backs/Special Teams	Iowa State
2009-12	Tight Ends/Special Teams	Auburn
2013-19	Running Backs/Special Teams	Oklahoma
Summer of 2014	NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program	New Orleans Saints
2020	Assoc. Head Coach/Tight Ends/Special Teams	Texas
2021	Offensive Intern	Pittsburgh Steelers
2023-present	Running Backs/Special Teams Coord.	Kentucky



CHRIS COLLINS

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DBS

Chris Collins enters his fifth season at Kentucky coaching the defensive backs, his first as co-defensive coordinator.

Collins was hired in June of 2021 after four seasons as the safeties coach at Georgia State. He helped the Panthers advance to a bowl game in three of his four seasons.

Collins was a four-year letter winner and two-year captain as a safety and outside linebacker at Western Carolina from 2006-09. He finished his career with 303 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, nine forced fumbles and five pass breakups.

2011-12	Defensive Assistant	Western Carolina
2013-14	Secondary / Special Teams Coordinator	Catawba
2015	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Appalachian State
2016	Assistant Linebackers Coach	Western Carolina
2017-18	Assistant Safeties Coach	Georgia State
2019-20	Assistant Safeties Coach / Recruiting Coordinator	Georgia State
2021-23	Defensive Backs	Kentucky
2024-present	Co-Defensive Coord./DBs	Kentucky



BUSH HAMDAN

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QBS

Bush Hamdan was hired as the new offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach on Feb. 14, 2024.

Hamdan comes to the Bluegrass with 15 years of collegiate and NFL coaching experience combined, most recently serving as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at his alma mater, Boise State.

Boise State tied for the 2023 regular-season championship of the Mountain West Conference, then won the league championship game with a victory at UNLV. The Broncos went on to play in the LA Bowl. The Broncos were second in the MWC in scoring offense and third in total offense.

Hamdan was a three-year letter winner and two-time team captain as a quarterback at Boise State from 2006-08. His last three seasons, all played under Petersen, the Broncos posted a 35-4 overall record, including a perfect 13-0 mark and a win over Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl in 2006. As a senior, he earned the Bronco Excellence Award for integrity and leadership.

2009	Student Coach	Colorado
2010	Offensive Quality Control	Maryland
2011	Tight Ends	Sacramento State
2012	Wide Receivers	Florida
2013	Co-Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	Arkansas State
2014	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	Davidson
2015	Offensive Quality Control	Washington
2016	Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator	Washington
2017	Quarterbacks	Atlanta Falcons
2018-19	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	Washington
2020-21	Wide Receivers/Quarterbacks	Missouri
2022	Quarterbacks	Missouri
2023	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	Boise State
2024-present	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks	Kentucky



2025 GAME NOTES



DEREK SHAY TIGHT ENDS

Derek Shay is in his first season as Kentucky's tight ends coach, having previously served as the Wildcats' senior offensive analyst and run game specialist for the past 16 months. In that role, he played a key part in game planning and run scheme development, contributing to the overall success of Kentucky's offensive attack.

Shay, 34, has significant knowledge of the position, having developed his skills at Marshall (2023), LSU (2020, 2021), McNeese State (2019) and Bowling Green State (2014).

In 2024 for the Wildcats, Shay worked specifically with the offensive line and assistant coach Eric Wolford.

Shay arrived in the Bluegrass in March of 2024 after spending one season as the tight ends coach at Marshall in 2023. He served as a senior offensive analyst at Missouri in 2022. There, he worked closely with current UK offensive coordinator and former UM quarterbacks coach Bush Hamdan. He also directly oversaw UM's summer youth camps.

In July 2022, he was recognized by On3.com as one of the "65 Rising Star Support Staff Coaches."

2011-13	Student Assistant (TE/OL)	Eastern Illinois
2014-15	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends	Bowling Green State
2015-17	Co-Offensive Coord./OL	Warren Central HS
2017-19	Co-Offensive Coord./OL	IMG Academy
2019-20	Tight Ends/Offensive Tackles	McNeese State
2020-22	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends	LSU
2022-23	Senior Offensive Analyst	Missouri
2023-24	Tight Ends	Marshall
2024	Senior Offensive Analyst/Run Game	Kentucky
2025-present	Tight Ends	Kentucky



L'DAMIAN WASHINGTON WIDE RECEIVERS

L'Damian Washington is in his first year as the wide receivers coach at Kentucky.

Washington came to the Bluegrass after two seasons (2023-24) as the wide receivers coach and pass game coordinator under head coach Alex Golesh at USF. He was the wide receivers coach in 2023 before adding pass game coordinator to his title in 2024. In his first season at USF in 2023, Washington helped the Bulls produce 12 team and 16 individual records, capping the biggest turnaround in program history (a six-win improvement). He also has spent time at Southern University, Oklahoma and Missouri.

2020	Director of Player Development	Missouri
2021	Wide Receivers	Southern Univ.
2022	Wide Receivers	Oklahoma
2023	Wide Receivers	South Florida
2024	Wide Receivers/Pass Game Coord.	South Florida
2025-present	Wide Receivers	Kentucky



ANWAR STEWART DEFENSIVE LINE

Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart was named the defensive line coach at Kentucky in January of 2020. He returned to the Bluegrass after one season as the defensive line coach at Appalachian State.

Stewart is quite familiar with the Kentucky football program after playing linebacker/defensive end from 1996-99 under head coaches Bill Curry and Hal Mumme and having served as a student assistant and defensive assistant under head coach Mark Stoops from 2017-18.

During his playing days at Kentucky, he totaled 64 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and eight sacks, playing both linebacker and defensive end.

2014	Defensive Quality Control	Montreal Alouettes
2015	Defensive Ends	Montreal Alouettes
2016	Defensive Line	Montreal Alouettes
2017-18	Defensive Assistant	Kentucky
2019	Defensive Line	Appalachian State
2020-present	Defensive Line	Kentucky



MIKE STOOPS INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Mike Stoops, a 35-year collegiate coaching veteran who is the brother of head coach Mark Stoops, was named the inside linebackers coach in January of 2022. He replaced Jon Sumrall, who was named the head coach at Troy.

Before UK, Mike Stoops coached at Florida Atlantic where he spent the 2021 season as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach. Prior to that, he spent two seasons (2019 and 2020) at Alabama as an analyst on Nick Saban's staff, highlighted by the 2020 national championship. He also was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Oklahoma from 2012-18 and was the head coach at Arizona from 2004-11. He had a first term at Oklahoma from 1999-2003, including the 2000 national championship season.

1987	Graduate Assistant	Iowa
1988-91	Volunteer Assistant	Iowa
1992-95	Defensive Ends	Kansas State
1996	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Ends	Kansas State
1997	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Kansas State
1998	Asst. Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Kansas State
1999-2003	Asst. Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Oklahoma
2004-11	Head Coach	Arizona
2012-14	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs	Oklahoma
2015-18	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers	Oklahoma
2019-20	Quality Control	Alabama
2021	Defensive Coordinator/Safeties	Florida Atlantic
2022-present	Inside Linebackers	Kentucky



BRAD **WHITE**

**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**

Brad White is in his eighth season at Kentucky as the outside linebackers coach and sixth as the Cats’ defensive coordinator. He was elevated to the DC position by head coach Mark Stoops in February of 2019.

White came to Kentucky after spending six years as the outside linebackers coach with the Indianapolis Colts.

A graduate of Wake Forest, White started at linebacker and finished his playing career with 227 tackles, 19.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and eight passes defended, while starting 34-of-35 games played. White was a three-time Academic All-ACC selection and was named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District III team.

2007-08	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Wake Forest
2009	Safeties	Murray State
2010-11	Inside Linebackers	Air Force
2012-13	Defensive Quality Control	Indianapolis (NFL)
2014	Assistant Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2015-17	Outside Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2018	Outside Linebackers	Kentucky
2019-present	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers	Kentucky



ERIC **WOLFORD**

OFFENSIVE LINE

Eric Wolford returned to Kentucky as the Wildcats’ offensive line coach in January 2024. Wolford, who was Kentucky’s offensive line coach in 2021, spent the 2022 and 23 two seasons at Alabama.

Prior to UK in 2021, Wolford spent four seasons at South Carolina. Wolford has over 25 years of coaching experience, including two in the NFL.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Wolford, attended Ursuline High School where he was enshrined into the school’s athletics Hall of Fame in 2009.

He received his bachelor’s degree in social sciences with

1996	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	Emporia State (Division II)
1997-99	Offensive Line	South Florida
2000-02	Offensive Line	Houston
2003	Offensive Line	North Texas
2004-06	Offensive Line	Arizona
2007-08	Offensive Line	Illinois
2009	Offensive Line	South Carolina
2010-14	Head Coach	Youngstown State
2015-16	Offensive Line	San Francisco 49ers
2017-20	Offensive Line	South Carolina
2021	Offensive Line	Kentucky
2022-23	Offensive Line	Alabama
2024-present	Offensive Line	Kentucky



**2025 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS****OFFENSIVE STARTERS**

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE	RB	QB
TOLEDO	Rodriguez	Pete	Braun	Burton	Farmer	Wollschlaeger	Maclin	Gilmore	Jo. Kattus	McGowan	Calzada
OLE MISS											
E. MICHIGAN											
at South Carolina											
at Georgia											
TEXAS											
TENNESSEE											
at Auburn											
FLORIDA											
TENNESSEE TECH											
at Vanderbilt											
at Florida											

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	CB	DE	NG	DT	LB/DE	MLB	WLB	NICK/LB	SS	FS	CB
TOLEDO	Hardaway	Humphrey-Grace	Gusta	Saunders	Greene	Rayner	Afari Jr.	Scott	Bryant	Lovett	Waller
OLE MISS											
E. MICHIGAN											
at South Carolina											
at Georgia											
TEXAS											
TENNESSEE											
at Auburn											
FLORIDA											
TENNESSEE TECH											
at Vanderbilt											
at Florida											

2025 **GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS**

Game	Score	First Downs	Time of Possession	Rushing (No-Yds-TD)	Passing (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (Plays-Yds-TD)	3rd Down Conversions	Fumbles- Lost
KENTUCKY	24	17	31:41	43-220-3	10-23-1-85-0	66-305-3	8-15	2-1
Toledo	16	17	28:19	29-59-1	23-40-1-270-1	69-329-2	7-17	2-0
KENTUCKY								4-0
Ole Miss								3-0
KENTUCKY								3-1
Eastern Michigan								3-0
KENTUCKY								2-0
at South Carolina								2-1
KENTUCKY								1-0
at Georgia								1-1
KENTUCKY								2-1
Texas								0-0
KENTUCKY								1-0
Tennessee								0-0
KENTUCKY								1-0
at Auburn								0-0
KENTUCKY								2-1
Florida								2-1
KENTUCKY								1-1
Tennessee Tech								0-0
KENTUCKY								5-0
at Vanderbilt								6-2
KENTUCKY								3-2
at Louisville								1-1

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

(No-Yds-TD)	Dowdell	McGowan	Patterson	Calzada
TOLEDO	14-129-1	18-78-1	0-0-0	10-14-1
OLE MISS				
E. MICHIGAN				
at South Carolina				
at Georgia				
TEXAS				
TENNESSEE				
at Auburn				
FLORIDA				
TENNESSEE TECH				
at Vanderbilt				
at Florida				

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

(Rec-Yds-TD)	Farrier II	Stellato	Rodriguez	Hester	Law	Jo. Kattus	Gilmore IV	Maclin	Dowdell	McGowan
TOLEDO	1-6-0	0-0-0	2-31-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-43-0	2/-5-0	1-11-0	1/-1-0	0-0-0
OLE MISS										
E. MICHIGAN										
at South Carolina										
at Georgia										
TEXAS										
TENNESSEE										
at Auburn										
FLORIDA										
TENNESSEE TECH										
at Vanderbilt										
at Florida										



GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Calzada	Boley
TOLEDO	10-23-1-85-0	-
OLE MISS		
E. MICHIGAN		
at South Carolina		
at Georgia		
TEXAS		
TENNESSEE		
at Auburn		
FLORIDA		
TENNESSEE TECH		
at Vanderbilt		
at Louisville		

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	Laros	Berry
TOLEDO	5-219-43.8-54-4	-
OLE MISS		
E. MICHIGAN		
at South Carolina		
at Georgia		
TEXAS		
TENNESSEE		
at Auburn		
FLORIDA		
TENNESSEE TECH		
at Vanderbilt		
at Louisville		

GAME-BY-GAME FG

FG Made (Miss)	Kauwe
TOLEDO	1 (0)
OLE MISS	
E. MICHIGAN	
at South Carolina	
at Georgia	
TEXAS	
TENNESSEE	
at Auburn	
FLORIDA	
TENNESSEE TECH	
at Vanderbilt	
at Louisville	

GAME-BY GAME DEFENSIVE LINE (Tackles-Tackles For Loss-Sacks)

Game	Saunders	Gusta	Hayes	Je. Smith	Gadson	Humphrey-Grace
TOLEDO	0-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0
OLE MISS						
E. MICHIGAN						
at South Carolina						
at Georgia						
TEXAS						
TENNESSEE						
at Auburn						
FLORIDA						
TENNESSEE TECH						
at Vanderbilt						
at Louisville						

GAME-BY GAME LINEBACKERS (Tackles-Tackles For Loss-Sacks-Pass Breakups)

Game	Greene	D. Rayner	Watson	Afari Jr.	Olds	Godfrey	Soles
TOLEDO	1-0-0-0	6-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	13-2-1-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-2-2-2 FF
OLE MISS							
E. MICHIGAN							
at South Carolina							
at Georgia							
TEXAS							
TENNESSEE							
at Auburn							
FLORIDA							
TENNESSEE TECH							
at Vanderbilt							
at Louisville							

GAME-BY GAME DEFENSIVE BACKS (Tackles-Pass Breakups-Int.)

Game	Dunn	Hardaway	Scott	Waller Jr.	Ja. Smith	Lovett	Thomas	T. Bryant	Nichols	Dooley
TOLEDO	2-0-0	2-0-1	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0
OLE MISS										
E. MICHIGAN										
at South Carolina										
at Georgia										
TEXAS										
TENNESSEE										
at Auburn										
FLORIDA										
TENNESSEE TECH										
at Vanderbilt										
at Louisville										



2025 GAME NOTES

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
TOLEDO	0	1	1	-1	7	1	1	2	0
OLE MISS									
E. MICHIGAN									
at South Carolina									
at Georgia									
TEXAS									
TENNESSEE									
at Auburn									
FLORIDA									
TENNESSEE TECH									
at Vanderbilt									
at Louisville									
TOTALS	0	1	1	-1	7	1	1	2	0

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
TOLEDO	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
OLE MISS											
E. MICHIGAN											
at South Carolina											
at Georgia											
TEXAS											
TENNESSEE											
at Auburn											
FLORIDA											
TENNESSEE TECH											
at Vanderbilt											
at Louisville											
TOTALS	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
TOLEDO	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
OLE MISS											
E. MICHIGAN											
at South Carolina											
at Georgia											
TEXAS											
TENNESSEE											
at Auburn											
FLORIDA											
TENNESSEE TECH											
at Vanderbilt											
at Louisville											
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0

DRIVE CHART STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Avg Plays	Avg Yds	For TD	Avg Plays	Avg Yds
TOLEDO	13	5.1	23.5	3	6.7	61.3
OLE MISS						
E. MICHIGAN						
at South Carolina						
at Georgia						
TEXAS						
TENNESSEE						
at Auburn						
FLORIDA						
TENNESSEE TECH						
at Vanderbilt						
at Louisville						



2025 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+**Dowdell**

16 yards

79 yards*

2 rush, 95 yards, 47.5 avg., 1 TD

Total: 2 rush, 95 yards, 47.5 avg., 1 TD**RECEIVING 20+****Rodriguez**

23 yards

1 rec., 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 0 TD

Total: 1 rec. for 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 0 TD**KICK RETURNS 30+****Total: 0 returns, 0 yards, 0.0 avg. 0 TD****PUNT RETURNS 20+****Total: 0 returns, 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 TD****DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+****Total: 0 returns, 0 yards, 0.0 avg., 0 TD****UK LONG PLAYS (20+) BY THE NUMBERS**

20+ Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	0	0
80-89	0	0
70-79	1	1
60-69	0	0
50-59	0	0
40-49	0	0
30-39	0	0
20-29	1	0
TOTAL	2	1

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	1	1
Passing	1	0
Punt returns	0	0
Kick returns (30+)	0	0
Interceptions	0	0
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	2	1

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS**Total:**

Run (15+) 0 for 0 yds

Receiving (20+) 5 for 124 yds

Kick Returns (30+) 0 for 0 yds

Punt Returns (20+) 0 for 0 yds

Defensive Returns (20+) 0 for 0 yds

TOTAL: 5 for 124 yards (24.8 avg.)

2025 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 24, TOLEDO 16

AUG. 30, 2025 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (56,457)



Dante Dowdell rushed for 129 yards and a touchdown as Kentucky topped Toledo 24-16 at Kroger Field in the season opener.

Kentucky got 78 rushing yards from Seth McGowan. The Cats rushed for 252 total yards in the game.

Quarterback Zach Calzada and the UK passing game had their moments in the game. Calzada connected on 10 of 23 through the air for 85 yards. Josh Kattus caught a career-high three passes for 43 yards for the Cats.

The UK defense held Toledo in check for most of the after-

noon. The Cats held the Rockets to just 59 yards on the ground. Senior linebacker Alex Afari led the defense with a career-high 13 tackles, including a sack and two tackles for loss. Davern Rayner and Ty Bryant each had six tackles for UK, while sophomore linebacker Steven Soles had two sacks for the Cats.

Kentucky received the opening kickoff and the Cats were able to make a first down when Calzada connected with Ja'Mori Maclin for an 11-yard gain. UK appeared to have another first down but Calzada's pass to JJ Hester was ruled incomplete after video review and the Cats were forced to punt.

Toledo took over at its own 10 yard line and on the second play of the possession, JQ Hardaway intercepted a Tucker Gleason pass and the Cats took over at the Toledo 29.

UK would turn to the ground game on the ensuing drive, which ended with a one-yard touchdown rush by Calzada. Jacob Kauwe added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 6:27 remaining in the first quarter.

The UK defense held Toledo in check again on the next drive and the Rockets were forced to punt. Kentucky took over at its own 43 yard line with 4:02 left in the first period.

Kentucky would give the ball back on the third play of the next possession when Calzada was intercepted by Toledo's Nasir Bowles at the Toledo 46 yard line. The Rockets would drive deep into UK territory as the first quarter ended with the Cats leading 7-0.

The Rockets would get inside the UK five yard line, but on fourth and two, Afari stopped Gleason short of a first down and the Cats took over at their own three with 13:13 left in the half.

On the first play of the ensuing drive, Calzada was sacked in the end zone for a safety, making the score 7-2.

After the UK free kick, Toledo took over at its own 23 yard line. However, the Rockets were unable to do anything with the possession and were forced to punt. Kentucky took over at its own 47 with 11:25 left in the half.

On the second play of the next drive, Calzada hit tight end Willie Rodriguez for a big gain, but Rodriguez fumbled and Toledo recovered at its own 27. The Rockets would make one first down but the UK defense stopped Toledo on fourth and one near midfield and the Cats took over with 7:28 left in the half.

Kentucky got into Toledo territory but the drive stalled and the Cats settled for a 45-yard field goal from Kauwe, taking a 10-2 lead with 2:04 left in the half.

The Rockets made one first down before punting the ball back to the Cats with 1:07 left in the half. UK punted it back to Toledo and after one play, the half expired with Kentucky leading 10-2.

Toledo got the ball at the beginning of the third quarter, but the UK defense forced a three-and-out and the Rockets punted. Kentucky took over at its own 12 yard line.

Kentucky moved the ball into Toledo territory when Calzada connected with Kattus for 18 yards. However, the drive stalled and the Cats were forced to punt. Toledo took over at its own seven with 10:03 left in the third quarter.

After getting one first down, Toledo punted again and UK took over at its own 38 yard line with 8:21 left in the third quarter. The teams would then exchange punts before Kentucky was able to move the ball near the end of the quarter. Calzada and Kattus connected again, this time for 12 yards, followed by a 16-yard rush from Dante Dowdell got the Cats to the Toledo 35. UK was threatening as the quarter ended with the Cats leading 10-2.

On the sixth play of the fourth quarter, UK's Seth McGowan rushed for a six-yard touchdown to cap a 12-play, 76-yard drive. Kauwe added the extra point and UK led 17-2 with 12:30 left in the game.

Toledo answered with its first scoring drive of the game. The Rockets went 69 yards in seven plays, capped by a nine-yard touchdown run from Gleason. Dylan Cunanan added the point after and UK's lead was cut to 17-9 with 9:38 to play.

On the first play of the next drive, Dowdell broke loose on the right and scampered 79 yards for a touchdown. Kauwe added the PAT and Kentucky led 24-9 with 9:22 remaining.

Toledo was able to add a late touchdown, but Kentucky recovered an onside kick and ran out the clock to preserve the victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

Toledo	0	2	0	14	-	16
Kentucky	7	3	0	14	-	24

1st 06:27 UK - #5 Z.Calzada 1 yd rush (#91 J.Kauwe kick), 7-29, 03:38 0-7
2nd 13:08 TOL - #20 L.Long SAFETY, 00:05 2-7
2nd 02:04 UK - #91 J.Kauwe 45 yd FG, 10-23, 05:24 2-10
4th 12:30 UK - #3 S.McGowan 6 yd rush (#91 J.Kauwe kick), 12-76, 06:27 2-17
4th 09:38 TOL - #4 T.Gleason 9 yd rush (#45 D.Cunanan kick), 7-69, 02:45 9-17
4th 09:22 UK - #2 D.Dowdell 79 yd rush (#91 J.Kauwe kick), 1-79, 00:12 9-24
4th 01:55 TOL - #2 J.Vandeross III 20 yd pass from #4 T.Gleason (#45 D.Cunanan kick), 7-95, 02:28 16-24

TEAM STATISTICS

	ROCKETS	CATS
First Downs	17	17
Rush Att./Net Rush	29/59	43/220
Passing C/A/I	23/40/1	10/23/1
Offensive Plays	69	66
Total Offense	329	305
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	11/93	3/30
Punts/Average	6/37.8	5/43.8
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 17	8 of 15
Time of Possession	28:19	31:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

TOLEDO - Traynum 14-41, Walendzak 3-11, Christian 3-5, Gleason 9-2-1
UK - Dowdell 14-129-1, McGowan 18-78-1, Calzada 1-(-1)-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

TOLEDO - Gleason 23-40-1-270-1
UK - Calzada 10-23-1-85-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

TOLEDO - Vandeross III 7-88-1, Traynum 3-42, Rudolph 3-27, Peterson 2-21, Christian 2-20, Brown 1-39
UK - Kattus 3-43, Rodriguez 2-31, Gilmore 2-(-5), Maclin 1-11, Farrier II 1-6, Dowdell 1-(-1)

TACKLES

TOLEDO - McNeil-Warren 11, Sherman 8, Smith 6, D'Appolonia 5, Awls 5, Long 5
UK - Afari Jr. - 13, Bryant 6, Rayner 6, Jerod Smith II 4



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Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
08/30/2025	Toledo	W	24-16	1-0	0-0	3:23	56457



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot			
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off	
08/30/2025	Toledo	43	220	3	79	10	85	0	23	10-23-1				85	0	23	2	43	0	25	2	-3	0	0	305
Kentucky		43	220	3	79	10	85	0	23	10-23-1				85	0	23	2	43	0	25	2	-3	0	0	305
Opponents		29	59	1	12	23	270	1	39	23-40-1				270	1	39	2	45	0	31	2	2	0	2	329

Kentucky Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	5.1	8.5	65.8	21.5	-1.5	345.0	305.0

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble	Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off			
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/30/2025	Toledo	35	30	65	6.0-27	3-21	2	0-0	1-0	5	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Kentucky		35	30	65	6.0-27	3-21	2	0-0	1-0	5	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24
Opponents		35	32	67	4.0-10	0-0	1	1-0	1-0	4	4	0	2-2	0	0	1	0	16

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/30/2025	Toledo	5	219	43.8	54	0	1	2	1	4	1-1	45	0	6	396	66.0	4	0	
Kentucky		5	219	43.8	54	0	1	2	1	4	1-1	45	0	6	396	66.0	4	0	
Opponents		6	227	37.8	55	0	0	2	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	124	62.0	0	0	



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		Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot		
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	off
08/30/2025	Toledo	29	59	1	12	23	270	1	39	23	40	1	270	1	39	2	45	0	31	2	2	0	2	329
Opponents		29	59	1	12	23	270	1	39	23	40	1	270	1	39	2	45	0	31	2	2	0	2	329
Kentucky		43	220	3	79	10	85	0	23	10	23	1	85	0	23	2	43	0	25	2	-3	0	0	305

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effc	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
1	2.0	11.7	117.5	22.5	1.0	376.0	329.0

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd	PAT attempts			off		
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
08/30/2025	Toledo	35	32	67	4.0-10	0-0	1	1-0	1-0	4	4	0	2-2	0	0	1	0	16
Opponents		35	32	67	4.0-10	0-0	1	1-0	1-0	4	4	0	2-2	0	0	1	0	16
Kentucky		35	30	65	6.0-27	3-21	2	0-0	1-0	5	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	7	24

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/30/2025	Toledo	6	227	37.8	55	0	0	2	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	124	62.0	0	0	
Opponents		6	227	37.8	55	0	0	2	1	1	0-0	0	0	2	124	62.0	0	0	
Kentucky		5	219	43.8	54	0	1	2	1	4	1-1	45	0	6	396	66.0	4	0	



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Team Statistics

	UK	OPP
Scoring	24	16
Points per game	24.0	16.0
Points Off Turnovers	7	0
First Downs	17	17
Rushing	10	3
Passing	4	13
Penalty	3	1
Rushing Yardage	220	59
Yards gained rushing	225	86
Yards lost rushing	5	27
Rushing attempts	43	29
Average per rush	5.1	2.0
Average per game	220.0	59.0
TDs Rushing	3	1
Passing Yardage	85	270
Comp-Att-Int	10-23-1	23-40-1
Average per pass	3.7	6.8
Average per catch	8.5	11.7
Average per game	85.0	270.0
TDs Passing	0	1
Total offense	305	329
Total plays	66	69
Average per play	4.6	4.8
Average per game	305.0	329.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-43	2-45
Punt returns: #-Yards	2--3	2-2
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	1-0
Kick return average	21.5	22.5
Punt return average	-1.5	1.0
Int return average	0.0	0.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	11-93
Average per game	30.0	93.0
Punts-Yards	5-219	6-227
Average per punt	43.8	37.8
Net punt average	41.4	38.3
Kickoffs-Yards	6-396	2-124
Average per kick	66.0	62.0
Net kick average	41.8	40.5
Time of possession / game	31:41	28:19
3rd-down conversion	8/15	7/17
3rd-down pct	53%	41%
4th-down conversion	0/0	1/4



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	UK	OPP
4th-down pct	0%	25%
Sacks by-Yards	3-21	0-0
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	3	2
Field goals - attempts	1-1	0-0
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-1
Red-zone scores	(2-2) 100%	(2-3) 67%
Red-zone touchdowns	(2-2) 100%	(2-3) 67%
PAT-attempts	(3-3) 100%	(2-2) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%
Attendance	56457	0
Games / Avg per game	1/56457	0/0
Neutral site games	-	0/0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kentucky	7	3	0	14	0	24
Opponents	0	2	0	14	0	16



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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Alex Afari Jr.	1	9	4	13	2-3	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Daveren Rayner	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
14	Ty Bryant	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Jerod Smith II	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Steven Soles Jr.	1	3	.	3	2-20	2-20	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
1	Kameron Olds	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Tavion Gadson	1	1	2	3	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Quay'sheed Scott	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jordan Lovett	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jantzen Dunn	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Landyn Watson	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
97	Josaih Hayes	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	JQ Hardaway	1	1	1	2	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Terhyon Nichols	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
18	Cam Dooley	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Grant Godfrey	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jaden Smith	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Cedric "CJ" Works	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Kevis Thomas	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Sam Greene	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Alex McLaughlin	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	DJ Waller	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
48	Aidan Laros	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
60	David Gusta	1	1	.	1	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Kahlil Saunders	1	1
Totals		1	35	30	65	6-27	3-21	1-0	1	5	0-0	2	0	0
Opponents		1	35	32	67	4-10	0-0	1-0	4	4	1-0	1	0	1



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Kentucky - Game Highs

RUSHES	43	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	220	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RUSHES	3	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	23	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	10	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	85	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	3.7	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD PASSES	0	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	66	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	305	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.6	Toledo (08/30/2025)
POINTS	24	Toledo (08/30/2025)
SACKS BY	3	Toledo (08/30/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	17	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTIES	3	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	30	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TURNOVERS	2	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS	5	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	43.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	54	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Toledo (08/30/2025)



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Opponent - Game Highs

RUSHES	29	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	59	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.0	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RUSHES	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	40	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	23	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	270	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	6.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD PASSES	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	69	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	329	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
POINTS	16	Toledo (08/30/2025)
SACKS BY	0	Toledo (08/30/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	17	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTIES	11	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	93	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TURNOVERS	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS	6	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	37.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	55	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	2	Toledo (08/30/2025)



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Kentucky - Game Lows

RUSHES	43	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	220	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	5.1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RUSHES	3	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	23	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	10	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	85	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	3.7	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD PASSES	0	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL PLAYS	66	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	305	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.6	Toledo (08/30/2025)
POINTS	24	Toledo (08/30/2025)
SACKS BY	3	Toledo (08/30/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	17	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTIES	3	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	30	Toledo (08/30/2025)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS	5	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	43.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	54	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Toledo (08/30/2025)



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Opponent - Game Lows

RUSHES	29	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	59	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.0	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RUSHES	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	40	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	23	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	270	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PASS	6.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
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TOTAL PLAYS	69	Toledo (08/30/2025)
TOTAL OFFENSE	329	Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PER PLAY	4.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
POINTS	16	Toledo (08/30/2025)
SACKS BY	0	Toledo (08/30/2025)
FIRST DOWNS	17	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTIES	11	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PENALTY YARDS	93	Toledo (08/30/2025)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS	6	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	37.8	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	55	Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	2	Toledo (08/30/2025)



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RUSHES	18	Seth McGowan vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	129	Dante Dowdell vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RUSHES	1 1 1	Zach Calzada vs Toledo (08/30/2025) Seth McGowan vs Toledo (08/30/2025) Dante Dowdell vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG RUSH	79	Dante Dowdell vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	23	Zach Calzada vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	10	Zach Calzada vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	85	Zach Calzada vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD PASSES	none	
LONG PASS	23	Zach Calzada vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
RECEPTIONS	3	Josh Kattus vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RECEIVING	43	Josh Kattus vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RECEPTIONS	none	
LONG RECEPTION	23	Willie Rodriguez vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS	5	Aidan Laros vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	43.8	Aidan Laros vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	54	Aidan Laros vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Aidan Laros vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	none	
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	25	Kendrick Law vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TACKLES	13	Alex Afari Jr. vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
SACKS	2	Steven Soles Jr. vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2 2	Alex Afari Jr. vs Toledo (08/30/2025) Steven Soles Jr. vs Toledo (08/30/2025)



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RUSHES	14	Chip Trayanum vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RUSHING	41	Chip Trayanum vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RUSHES	1	Tucker Gleason vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG RUSH	12	Chip Trayanum vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS ATTEMPTS	40	Tucker Gleason vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PASS COMPLETIONS	23	Tucker Gleason vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS PASSING	270	Tucker Gleason vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD PASSES	1	Tucker Gleason vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PASS	39	Tucker Gleason vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
RECEPTIONS	7	Junior Vandeross III vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
YARDS RECEIVING	88	Junior Vandeross III vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Junior Vandeross III vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG RECEPTION	39	Javon Brown vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
FIELD GOALS	none	
LONG FIELD GOALS	none	
PUNTS	6	Emilio Duran vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTING AVG	37.8	Emilio Duran vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT	55	Emilio Duran vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	1	Emilio Duran vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG PUNT RETURN	2	Bryson Hammer vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	31	Trayvon Rudolph vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
TACKLES	11	Emmanuel McNeil-Warren vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
SACKS	none	
TACKLES FOR LOSS	1 1 1 1	Langston Long vs Toledo (08/30/2025) Malachi Davis vs Toledo (08/30/2025) Avery Smith vs Toledo (08/30/2025) Chris D'Appolonia vs Toledo (08/30/2025)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	Nasir Bowers vs Toledo (08/30/2025)



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Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dante Dowdell	1	14	130	1	129	9.2	1	79	129.0
Seth McGowan	1	18	78	0	78	4.3	1	7	78.0
Zach Calzada	1	10	17	3	14	1.4	1	6	14.0
Team	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	43	225	5	220	5.1	3	79	220.0
Opponents	1	29	86	27	59	2.0	1	12	59.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Zach Calzada	1	65.8	10-23-1	43.5	85	0	23	85.0
Total	1	65.8	10-23-1	43.5	85	0	23	85.0
Opponents	1	117.5	23-40-1	57.5	270	1	39	270.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Josh Kattus	1	3	43	14.3	0	18	43.0
Hardley Gilmore IV	1	2	-5	-2.5	0	0	-5.0
Willie Rodriguez	1	2	31	15.5	0	23	31.0
Ja'Mori Maclin	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Fred Farrier II	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Dante Dowdell	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	10	85	8.5	0	23	85.0
Opponents	1	23	270	11.7	1	39	270.0

Scoring

Player	PAT								
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
Zach Calzada	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Seth McGowan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dante Dowdell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jacob Kauwe	-	1-1	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	3	1-1	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	24
Opponents	2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	1	16

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Jacob Kauwe	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	45	0
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

FG Sequence

Team Name	Kentucky	Opponents
Toledo	(45)	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ty Bryant	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Total	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Opponents	2	2	1.0	0	2

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JQ Hardaway	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kendrick Law	2	43	21.5	0	25
Total	2	43	21.5	0	25
Opponents	2	45	22.5	0	31

Fumbles Recovered

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Total	0	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Dante Dowdell	1	14	129	0	129	129.0
Zach Calzada	1	33	14	85	99	99.0
Seth McGowan	1	18	78	0	78	78.0
Team	1	0	-1	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	66	220	85	305	305.0
Opponents	1	69	59	270	329	329.0

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Aidan Laros	5	219	43.8	54	1	2	4	1	0
Total	5	219	43.8	54	1	2	4	1	0
Opponents	6	227	37.8	55	0	2	1	1	0

Kickoffs

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Aidan Laros	6	396	66.0	4	0			
Total	6	396	66.0	4	0	2	41.8	23
Opponents	2	124	62.0	0	0	2	40.5	24



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All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dante Dowdell	1	129	-1	0	0	0	128	128.0
Seth McGowan	1	78	0	0	0	0	78	78.0
Josh Kattus	1	0	43	0	0	0	43	43.0
Kendrick Law	1	0	0	0	43	0	43	43.0
Willie Rodriguez	1	0	31	0	0	0	31	31.0
Zach Calzada	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	14.0
Ja'Mori Maclin	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Fred Farrier II	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	6.0
Ty Bryant	1	0	0	-3	0	0	-3	-3.0
Hardley Gilmore IV	1	0	-5	0	0	0	-5	-5.0
Team	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-1.0
Total	1	220	85	-3	43	0	345	345.0
Opponents	1	59	270	2	45	0	376	376.0



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Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/30/2025	Toledo	W	24-16	56457

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Dante Dowdell	1	14	130	1	129	9.2	1	79	129.0
Seth McGowan	1	18	78	0	78	4.3	1	7	78.0
Zach Calzada	1	10	17	3	14	1.4	1	6	14.0
Team	1	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	43	225	5	220	5.1	3	79	220.0
Opponents	1	29	86	27	59	2.0	1	12	59.0

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Zach Calzada	1	65.8	10-23-1	43.5	85	0	23	85.0
Total	1	65.8	10-23-1	43.5	85	0	23	85.0
Opponents	1	117.5	23-40-1	57.5	270	1	39	270.0

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Josh Kattus	1	3	43	14.3	0	18	43.0
Hardley Gilmore IV	1	2	-5	-2.5	0	0	-5.0
Willie Rodriguez	1	2	31	15.5	0	23	31.0
Ja'Mori Maclin	1	1	11	11.0	0	11	11.0
Fred Farrier II	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Dante Dowdell	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-1.0
Total	1	10	85	8.5	0	23	85.0
Opponents	1	23	270	11.7	1	39	270.0

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	UK	OPP
First Downs	17	17
Rushing	10	3
Passing	4	13
Penalty	3	1
Rushing Yardage	220	59
Rushing attempts	43	29
Average per rush	5.1	2.0
Average per game	220.0	59.0
TDs Rushing	3	1
Passing Yardage	85	270
Comp-Att-Int	10-23-1	23-40-1
Average per pass	3.7	6.8
Average per catch	8.5	11.7
Average per game	85.0	270.0
TDs Passing	0	1
Total offense	305	329
Average per play	4.6	4.8
Average per game	305.0	329.0
Kick returns: #-Yards	2-43	2-45
Punt returns: #-Yards	2--3	2-2
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	11-93
Punts-Avg	5-43.8	6-37.8
Time of possession / game	31:41	28:19
3rd-down conversion	8/15	7/17
4th-down conversion	0/0	1/4
PAT-attempts	(3-3) 100%	(2-2) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-0) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
JQ Hardaway	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	1	0	0.0	0	0



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	lg	blk
Jacob Kauwe	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	45	0
Opponents	0-0	0.0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT					dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass				
Zach Calzada	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Seth McGowan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Dante Dowdell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jacob Kauwe	-	1-1	3-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	3	1-1	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Opponents	2	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	1	16

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kentucky	7	3	0	14	0	24
Opponents	0	2	0	14	0	16

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Aidan Laros	5	219	43.8	54	1	2	4	1	0
Total	5	219	43.8	54	1	2	4	1	0
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Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
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Total	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Opponents	2	2	1.0	0	2

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kendrick Law	2	43	21.5	0	25
Total	2	43	21.5	0	25
Opponents	2	45	22.5	0	31

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Dante Dowdell	1	129	-1	0	0	0	128	128.0
Seth McGowan	1	78	0	0	0	0	78	78.0
Josh Kattus	1	0	43	0	0	0	43	43.0
Kendrick Law	1	0	0	0	43	0	43	43.0
Willie Rodriguez	1	0	31	0	0	0	31	31.0
Zach Calzada	1	14	0	0	0	0	14	14.0
Ja'Mori Maclin	1	0	11	0	0	0	11	11.0
Fred Farrier II	1	0	6	0	0	0	6	6.0
Ty Bryant	1	0	0	-3	0	0	-3	-3.0
Hardley Gilmore IV	1	0	-5	0	0	0	-5	-5.0
Total	1	220	85	-3	43	0	345	345.0
Opponents	1	59	270	2	45	0	376	376.0

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Dante Dowdell	1	14	129	0	129	129.0
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Seth McGowan	1	18	78	0	78	78.0
Total	1	66	220	85	305	305.0
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Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
3	Alex Afari Jr.	1	9	4	13	2-3	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Daveren Rayner	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
14	Ty Bryant	1	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Jerod Smith II	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Kameron Olds	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Tavion Gadson	1	1	2	3	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Quay'sheed Scott	1	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Steven Soles Jr.	1	3	.	3	2-20	2-20	.	.	.	.	2	.	.
97	Josaih Hayes	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jordan Lovett	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Jantzen Dunn	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Landyn Watson	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	JQ Hardaway	1	1	1	2	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Grant Godfrey	1	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	Cam Dooley	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Terhyon Nichols	1	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
60	David Gusta	1	1	.	1	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	Aidan Laros	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	DJ Waller	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42	Alex McLaughlin	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	Sam Greene	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	Kevis Thomas	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Jaden Smith	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
15	Cedric "CJ" Works	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Kahlil Saunders	1	1
	Totals	1	35	30	65	6-27	3-21	1-0	1	5	0-0	2	0	0
	Opponents	1	35	32	67	4-10	0-0	1-0	4	4	1-0	1	0	1



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##	Player	GP-GS	UT
0	Troy Stellato	1/0	XXX
1	Kameron Olds	1/0	XXX
1	Kendrick Law	1/0	XXX
2	Sam Greene	1/1	START
2	Dante Dowdell	1/0	XXX
3	Seth McGowan	1/1	START
3	Alex Afari Jr.	1/1	START
4	J.J. Hester	1/0	XXX
4	Martels Carter, Jr.	1/0	XXX
5	Zach Calzada	1/1	START
5	DJ Waller	1/1	START
6	JQ Hardaway	1/1	START
7	Daveren Rayner	1/1	START
7	DJ Miller	0/0	...
8	Cutter Boley	0/0	...
9	Ja'Mori Maclin	1/1	START
9	Landyn Watson	1/0	XXX
10	Jantzen Dunn	1/0	XXX
10	Jamarion Wilcox	0/0	...
11	Beau Allen	0/0	...
12	Quay'sheed Scott	1/1	START
12	Stone Saunders	0/0	...
13	Fred Farrier II	1/0	XXX
13	Dyllon Williams	0/0	...
14	Ty Bryant	1/1	START
14	Brennen Ward	0/0	...
15	Cedric "CJ" Works	1/0	XXX
16	Jacob Smith	0/0	...
17	Hardley Gilmore IV	1/1	START
18	Cam Dooley	1/0	XXX
18	Mikkel Skinner	0/0	...
19	Kevis Thomas	1/0	XXX
19	Montavin Quisenberry	0/0	...
20	Terhyon Nichols	1/0	XXX
21	Nasir Addison	0/0	...
22	Grant Godfrey	1/0	XXX
22	Cameron Miller	0/0	...
23	Brian Robinson	0/0	...
24	Jaden Smith	1/0	XXX
25	Jordan Lovett	1/1	START
26	Jason Patterson	1/0	XXX
26	Andrew Purcell	0/0	...
28	Tovani Mizell	0/0	...
28	Demarcus Gardner	0/0	...
29	Jackson Schulz	1/0	XXX
30	Grant Grayton	0/0	...
31	Quintavion Norman	0/0	...
32	Devin Smith	1/0	XXX
33	Rico Crowder	1/0	XXX
34	Lorenzo Cowan	0/0	...
35	Steven Soles Jr.	1/0	XXX
35	James Dalrymple	0/0	...
36	Chy Rivers	0/0	...
36	Andrew Weber	0/0	...
37	Spencer Leadbetter	0/0	...
38	Devon Gusta	0/0	...
39	Saxton Howard	0/0	...
40	Aumad Edwards	0/0	...
42	Alex McLaughlin	1/0	XXX
44	Justin Kattus	0/0	...



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##	Player	GP-GS	UT
44	Antwan Smith	1/0	XXX
45	Kris Thompson	0/0	...
46	Rushaune Vilane	0/0	...
48	Aidan Laros	1/0	XXX
49	Wyatt Phyle	0/0	...
50	Alex Wollschlaeger	1/1	START
52	Jalen Farmer	1/1	START
53	Hayden Dawahare	1/0	XXX
53	Aba Selm	0/0	...
55	Nic "Happy" Smith	0/0	...
56	Javeon Campbell	0/0	...
58	Evan Wibberley	0/0	...
59	David Laganga	0/0	...
60	David Gusta	1/1	START
61	Jason Ekperuoh	0/0	...
62	Jager Burton	1/1	START
63	Kyle Mixon	0/0	...
64	Jackson Bunn	0/0	...
66	Tino Merlo	0/0	...
67	Brady Pullins	0/0	...
68	Alexander DiMartino	0/0	...
69	Darrin Strey	0/0	...
70	Rob Fogler	0/0	...
71	Malachi Wood	1/0	XXX
72	Hayes Johnson	1/0	XXX
73	Shiyazh Pete	1/1	START
74	Jermiel Atkins Jr.	0/0	...
75	Joshua Braun	1/1	START
76	Austin Ramsey	0/0	...
77	Bryan J. Auguste	0/0	...
78	Cameron Jones	0/0	...
79	Jay Clark	0/0	...
80	Ashton Cozart	0/0	...
81	Willie Rodriguez	1/1	START
82	David Washington Jr.	0/0	...
83	Jack Monday	0/0	...
84	Josh Kattus	1/1	START
85	Elijah Brown	0/0	...
86	Cole Lanter	0/0	...
87	Henry Boyer	1/0	XXX
88	Quintin Simmons Jr.	0/0	...
89	Preston Bowman	0/0	...
90	Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace	1/1	START
91	Jaden Williams	1/0	XXX
91	Jacob Kauwe	1/0	XXX
92	Kahlil Saunders	1/1	START
93	Wilson Berry	1/0	XXX
93	Kalen Edwards	0/0	...
94	Tavion Gadson	1/0	XXX
95	Jerod Smith II	1/0	XXX
97	Josaih Hayes	1/0	XXX
97	Zach Schreiner	0/0	...
98	Kenyatta Hardge II	1/0	XXX



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Total Tackles Game-by-Game
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Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	UT
Alex Afari Jr.	9-4	13	9-4
Daveren Rayner	2-4	6	2-4
Ty Bryant	2-4	6	2-4
Jerod Smith II	2-2	4	2-2
Steven Soles Jr.	3-0	3	3-0
Quay'sheed Scott	2-1	3	2-1
Kameron Olds	1-2	3	1-2
Tavion Gadson	1-2	3	1-2
Cam Dooley	2-0	2	2-0
Terhyon Nichols	2-0	2	2-0
JQ Hardaway	1-1	2	1-1
Landyn Watson	1-1	2	1-1
Jantzen Dunn	1-1	2	1-1
Jordan Lovett	1-1	2	1-1
Grant Godfrey	0-2	2	0-2
Josaih Hayes	0-2	2	0-2
Cedric "CJ" Works	1-0	1	1-0
Kevis Thomas	1-0	1	1-0
Alex McLaughlin	1-0	1	1-0
Aidan Laros	1-0	1	1-0
David Gusta	1-0	1	1-0
Sam Greene	0-1	1	0-1
DJ Waller	0-1	1	0-1
Jaden Smith	0-1	1	0-1



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Rushing/Receiving Game-by-Game
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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	UT
Seth McGowan	18-78/1	18-78/1
Dante Dowdell	14-129/1	14-129/1
Zach Calzada	10-14/1	10-14/1

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	UT
Josh Kattus	3-43/0	3-43/0
Willie Rodriguez	2-31/0	2-31/0
Hardley Gilmore IV	2--5/0	2--5/0
Ja'Mori Maclin	1-11/0	1-11/0
Fred Farrier II	1-6/0	1-6/0
Dante Dowdell	1--1/0	1--1/0



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Punt Returns

Player	No-Yds	UT
Ty Bryant	2--3	2--3

Kick Returns

Player	No-Yds	UT
Kendrick Law	2-43	2-43

Interceptions Returns

Player	No-Yds	UT
JQ Hardaway	1-0	1-0

Fumble Returns

Player	No-Yds	UT
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Sacks Game-by-Game
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Player	UA-A	Total	UT
Steven Soles Jr.	2-0	2	2-20
Alex Afari Jr.	1-0	1	1-1



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Tackles For Loss Game-by-Game
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Player	UA-A	Total	UT
Alex Afari Jr.	2-0	2.0	2.0-3
Steven Soles Jr.	2-0	2.0	2.0-20
David Gusta	1-0	1.0	1.0-2
Tavion Gadson	1-0	1.0	1.0-2



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Fumbles

Player	No-Lost	UT
Zach Calzada	1-1	1-1
Ty Bryant	1-0	1-0

Fumbles Forced

Player	Number	UT
Steven Soles Jr.	2	2

Fumbles Recovered

Player	Number	UT
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#5 Zach Calzada	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Toledo	10	23	1	43.5	85	0	23	0-0	65.8
Totals	10	23	1	43.5	85	0	23	0-0	65.8



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Kentucky Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	TDs	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts		TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/2025	Toledo	W 24-16	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 2 of 2 (100.0%)			2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Opponents Inside Kentucky Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	TDs	Rush	Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts		TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/2025	Toledo	W 24-16	3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 2 of 3 (66.7%)			3	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0



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Tackles Breakdown
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All Tackles

Player	Total	Rush	Pass	Sack	KO	Punt	Int	Fumb	FF	Other
Alex Afari Jr.	13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
Daveren Rayner	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Ty Bryant	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Jerod Smith II	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kameron Olds	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tavion Gadson	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Quay'sheed Scott	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Steven Soles Jr.	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Josaih Hayes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jordan Lovett	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jantzen Dunn	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Landyn Watson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
JQ Hardaway	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grant Godfrey	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cam Dooley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Terhyon Nichols	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
David Gusta	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aidan Laros	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DJ Waller	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Alex McLaughlin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sam Greene	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kevis Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jaden Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cedric "CJ" Works	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	65	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	59

Rushing Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0

Passing Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0

Special Teams Tackles

Player	Total	KO	Punt
Total	0	0	0

Kickoff return Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0

Punt Return Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0



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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/30/2025	Toledo	W	24-16	8-15	53.3	2-4	50.0	2-4	50.0	2-4	50.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
Kentucky				8-15	53.3	2-4	50.0	2-4	50.0	2-4	50.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
Opponents				7-17	41.2	1-2	50.0	2-6	33.3	0-3	0.0	4-6	66.7	0-0	0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
08/30/2025	Toledo	W	24-16	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
Kentucky				0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
Opponents				1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
08/30/2025	Toledo	W	24-16	31:41	09:14	07:08	05:40	09:39	00:00
Kentucky			Total	31:41	09:14	07:08	05:40	09:39	00:00
			Avg.	31:41	09:14	07:08	05:40	09:39	00:00
Opponents			Total	28:19	03:03	10:35	05:23	09:18	00:00
			Avg.	28:19	03:03	10:35	05:23	09:18	00:00



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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Toledo	24-16	17 / 17	10 / 3	4 / 13	3 / 1	43-220 / 29-59	10-23-1 / 23-40-1	85 / 270	66-305 / 69-329	40 / 47	2 / 1
Totals	24-16	17 / 17	10 / 3	4 / 13	3 / 1	43-220 / 29-59	10-23-1 / 23-40-1	85 / 270	66-305 / 69-329	40 / 47	2 / 1

Opponents	3rd Down	4th Down	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties	
	Conversion	Conversion							Number-Yards	Sacks
Toledo	8-15 / 7-17	0-0 / 1-4	31:41 / 28:19	03:22	5.1 / 2.0	3.7 / 6.8	4.6 / 4.8	5-43.8 / 6-37.8	3-30.0 / 11-93.0	3 / 0
Totals	8-15 / 7-17	0-0 / 1-4	31:41 / 28:19	03:22	5.1 / 2.0	3.7 / 6.8	4.6 / 4.8	5-43.8 / 6-37.8	3-30.0 / 11-93.0	3 / 0

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



2025 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE (GAME 2)

Left Tackle

- 73 Shiyazh Pete, 6-8, 322, Sr-Tr, Navajo Nation (New Mexico State/Shiprock)
71 Malachi Wood, 6-8, 328, So-1L, Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central)

Left Guard

- 75 Joshua Braun, 6-6, 342, Gr-Tr, Live Oak, Fla. (Arkansas/Florida/Suwanee)
53 Aba Selm, 6-4, 323, Fr-RS, Independence, Ky. (Simon Kenton)

Center

- 62 Jager Burton, 6-4, 323, Sr-3L, Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
58 Evan Wibberley, 6-5, 304, Jr-Tr, Edgewood, Ky. (Western Kentucky/Dixie Heights)

Right Guard

- 52 Jalen Farmer, 6-5, 318, Jr-1L, Covington, Ga. (Florida/Eastside)
79 Jay Clark, 6-4, 325, Fr-HS, Cleveland, Ohio (Northmont)

Right Tackle

- 50 Alex Wollschlaeger, 6-7, 311, Gr-Tr, Aurora, Ill. (Bowling Green State/Oswego East)
69 Darrin Strey, 6-7, 322, Fr-HS, Paw Paw, Mich. (Paw Paw)

Wide Receiver (X)

- 17 Hardley Gilmore IV, 6-1, 183, So-Tr, Belle Glade, Fla. (Nebraska/Kentucky/Pahokee)
or 4 J.J. Hester, 6-5, 203, Gr-Tr, Tulsa, Okla. (Oklahoma/Missouri/Booker T. Washington)
7 DJ Miller, 6-3, 204, Fr-HS, St. Louis, Mo. (Cardinal Ritter)

Wide Receiver (F)

- 1 Kendrick Law, 6-0, 205, Sr-Tr, Shreveport, La. (Alabama/Captain Shreve)
or 0 Troy Stellato, 6-1, 184, Sr-Tr, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Clemson/Cardinal Gibbons)
19 Montavin Quisenberry, 5-10, 170, Fr-HS, Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)

Wide Receiver (Z)

- 9 Ja'Mori Maclin, 5-11, 191, Sr-1L, Kirkwood, Mo. (North Texas/Missouri/Kirkwood)
or 13 Fred Farrier II, 6-1, 188, Sr-1L, Frankfort, Ky. (UAB/Franklin County)
22 Cameron Miller, 5-11, 167, Fr-HS, Camden, N.J. (Winslow Township)

Tight End (Y)

- 84 Josh Kattus, 6-4, 247, Sr-3L, Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
87 Henry Boyer, 6-6, 265, Jr-Tr, Chicago, Ill. (Illinois/Brother Rice)
or 85 Elijah Brown, 6-6, 258, Jr-Tr, Dayton, Ohio (UCF/FAU/Alabama/Wayne)

Tight End (F)

- 81 Willie Rodriguez, 6-4, 252, So-1L, Taylor Mill, Ky. (Covington Catholic)
18 Mikkel Skinner, 6-4, 231, Fr-HS, Greer, S.C. (Riverside)

Quarterback

- 5 Zach Calzada, 6-4, 230, Gr-Tr, Buford, Ga. (Incarnate Word/Auburn/Texas A&M/Lanier)
8 Cutter Boley, 6-5, 220, Fr-RS, Hodgenville, Ky. (Lexington Christian)

Running Back

- 2 Dante Dowdell, 6-2, 227, Jr-Tr, Picayune, Miss. (Nebraska/Oregon/Picayune)
or 3 Seth McGowan, 6-1, 215, Sr-Tr, Mesquite, Texas, (New Mexico State/
Butler CC/Oklahoma/Poteet)

SPECIALISTS (GAME 2)

Kicker

- 91 Jacob Kauwe, 6-1, 212, Fr-RS, Billings, Mont. (Billings West)
97 Zach Schreiner, 6-0, 181, Gr-TR, Rocklin, Calif. (Sacramento State/
American River JC/Whitney)

Kickoff

- 48 Aidan Laros, 6-2, 218, Sr-1L, Cape Town, South Africa (UT Martin/
Charlotte/Northwood)
97 Zach Schreiner, 6-0, 181, Gr-TR, Rocklin, Calif. (Sacramento State/
American River JC/Whitney)

Punter

- 48 Aidan Laros, 6-2, 218, Sr-1L, Cape Town, South Africa (UT Martin/
Charlotte/Northwood)
93 Wilson Berry, 6-4, 214, Sr-2L, Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)

Long Snapper

- 42 Alex McLaughlin, 5-10, 228, Sr-1L, Weddington, N.C. (Illinois/NC State/
Weddington)
59 David LaGanga, 6-0, 212, Jr-Tr, Staten Island, N.Y. (Lehigh/Xaverian)

Short Snapper

- 42 Alex McLaughlin, 5-10, 228, Sr-1L, Weddington, N.C. (Illinois/NC State/
Weddington)
59 David LaGanga, 6-0, 212, Jr-Tr, Staten Island, N.Y. (Lehigh/Xaverian)

Holder

- 93 Wilson Berry, 6-4, 214, Sr-2L, Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)
48 Aidan Laros, 6-2, 218, Sr-1L, Cape Town, South Africa (UT Martin/
Charlotte/Northwood)

Kickoff Return

- 1 Kendrick Law, 6-0, 205, Sr-Tr, Shreveport, La. (Alabama/Captain Shreve)
12 Quay'sheed Scott, 6-0, 196, So-1L, Marion, S.C. (Marion)

Punt Return

- 14 Ty Bryant, 6-0, 198, Jr-2L, Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
0 Troy Stellato, 6-1, 184, Sr-Tr, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Clemson/Cardinal Gibbons)

DEFENSE (GAME 2)

Defensive End

- 90 Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace, 6-4, 270, Jr-Tr, Cincinnati, Ohio (South Dakota/
Princeton)
95 Jerod Smith II, 6-4, 275, So-1L, Somerset, Ky. (Corbin)

Nose Guard

- 60 David Gusta, 6-3, 317, Sr-Tr, San Bernardino, Calif. (Washington State/Cajon)
97 Josaih Hayes, 6-3, 322, Sr-3L, Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

Defensive Tackle

- 92 Kahlil Saunders, 6-5, 293, Sr-3L, Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
94 Tavion Gadson, 6-5, 298, So-Sq, Savannah, Ga. (Jenkins)

Outside Linebacker (Jack)

- 2 Sam Greene, 6-2, 248, So-Tr, Washington, D.C. (Southern Cal/St. Frances Academy)
35 Steven Soles Jr., 6-2, 235, So-1L, Powell, Tenn. (Powell)
or 1 Kam Olds, 6-4, 252, Sr-Tr, Richmond, Va. (Kent State/Buffalo/Midlothian)

Middle Linebacker (Mike)

- 7 Daveren Rayner, 6-2, 217, Sr-1L, Indianapolis, Ind. (Northern Illinois/
Lawrence Central)
22 Grant Godfrey, 6-3, 234, So-1L, Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett)
or 9 Landyn Watson, 6-1, 242, Sr-Tr, Austin, Texas (Marshall/TCU/Hutto)

Weakside Linebacker (Will)

- 3 Alex Afari Jr., 6-2, 227, Sr-3L, Cincinnati, Ohio (Lakota West)
44 Antwan Smith, 6-3, 215, So-1L, Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake)

Med/Nickel

- 12 Quay'sheed Scott, 6-0, 196, So-1L, Marion, S.C. (Marion)
or 10 Jantzen Dunn, 6-0, 185, Sr-2L, Bowling Green, Ky. (Ohio State/South Warren)
or 24 Jaden Smith, 6-3, 208, Fr-RS, Charlotte, N.C. (West Charlotte)

Field Cornerback

- 5 DJ Waller Jr., 6-3, 203, Jr-1L, Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan/Chaney)
19 Kevis Thomas, 6-0, 181, Jr-Tr, Perry, Fla. (Maryland/Lowndes)

Boundary Cornerback

- 6 JQ Hardaway, 6-3, 193, Sr-2L, Columbus, Ga. (Cincinnati/
Central-Phenix City - Ala.)
20 Terhyon Nichols, 5-11, 198, So-1L, Cincinnati, Ohio (Withrow)

Strong Safety

- 14 Ty Bryant, 6-0, 198, Jr-2L, Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
18 Cam Dooley, 6-2, 208, So-1L, Valley, Ala. (Valley)

Free Safety

- 25 Jordan Lovett, 6-2, 208, Sr-3L, Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
4 Martels Carter Jr., 6-0, 200, Fr-HS, Chattanooga, Tenn. (Paducah Tilghman - Ky.)