

	19 AVG	FCS Rank
OVERALL DEFENSE	384.0	59th
PTS. ALLOWED	24.9	36th
VS. RUSH (YPG)	162.4	66th
VS. PASS (YPG)	221.6	68th
TAKEAWAYS	19	58th

#### DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

KEY & DIAGNOSE	Most players are good at diagnosing the play, but there are a few exceptions to exploit.
TACKLING	They tackle well and get a lot of players to the ball, the team pursues well as a whole.
SPEED	The team is very athletically average across the board.
PHYSICAL	Common theme is that they can be outworked at the POA.
PACKAGES	They consistently play out of a 3-3-5 formation with somewhat limited rotations.

#### COLOR GRADING SCALE

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#### GAMES VIEWED

Tennessee Tech  
Murray State  
Southern Illinois  
Tennessee State

Body
Production
Physicality & Toughness
Defending the Run
Pass Rush Ability
Motor

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Boundary DE		
#8	Korbin Harmon	
Oxford / MS / Pearl River CC		
6'5"	275	RS - SR
2019	23 TAK, 4.5 TFL, 2 Sacks, 3 Blocked Kicks	
RUN		PASS
-		+
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 2020 Preseason All-OVC, 11 games in '19, 9 games in '18		
Great length with an athletic build. Really long legs relative to the rest of his body.		
Average vertical penetration. Flashes as a playmaker but needs to develop more consistency.		
Doesn't come across as a particularly tough or aggressive player, average in this regard.		
Weak initial strike. Holds his own at the POA but isn't aggressive enough to be impactful.		
Capable of big plays and flashes on film. Uses his length well, shows great bend and hand usage.		
Very average effort, relies on his athleticism to make plays.		

Rotational Boundary DE		
#99	Kenyonte Davis	
Columbia / TN / Columbia Central		
6'5"	290	RS - SO
2019	9 TAK, 1.5 TFL, 1 Sack	
RUN		PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 12 games in '19		
Probably 6'4". Stout frame and thick build.		
Creates vertical penetration, physical specimen but lacks skill.		
Willingly physical, aggressive with a good initial strike.		
Stout at the POA but doesn't effectively rip off blocks.		
Lacks finesse but is fairly explosive and fights through contact.		
High motor, gives great effort on every play.		

Nose		
#47	Austin Pickett	
Lake Minneola / FL / Lake Minneola		
6'1"	270	RS - SR
2019	38 TAK, 7 TFL, 4.5 Sacks, 1 FF	
RUN		PASS
		+
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> All-OVC first team in '19, 2 year starter - 33 straight starts		
Probably 6'0" and 260. Lacks desired positional size but wins with athleticism.		
Produces vertical penetration when he can get to the shoulder of the center but is weak head-on.		
Average physicality, lacks the size and strength to be truly impactful in the trenches.		
Weak at the POA and frequently gets washed downfield. Just doesn't have the size to win.		
Athletic pass rusher, but will be completely stifled if he attacks the OL head-on.		
High effort player, consistently gives excellent effort until the whistle.		

Rotational Nose		
#95	Kameron Bowdry	
St. Louis / MO / St. Louis University		
6'2"	300	RS - SO
2019	30 TAK, 3 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 2 FF	
Run		Pass
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 12 games in '19, 4 games and a redshirt in '18		
Average length with a stout build.		
Generates vertical penetration but lacks the ability to finish the play.		
No hesitation about contact and offers plus aggression.		
Stout at the POA and moves the OL over the course of the play.		
Poor hands, lacks the ability to get off of blocks as a pass rusher.		
High effort player, gets off the snap quickly and pursues hard.		




Field DE		
#24	Jamarius Landers	
Deerfield Beach / FL / Deerfield Beach		
6'3"	245	SO
2019	17 TAK, 4 TFL, 2 Sacks, 2 PBU	
RUN		PASS
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<b>GAME NOTES:</b> Freshman All-American Honorable Mention in '19, 12 games in '19		
Positive length with a thinner build than the other DL on the 2-deep. Likely weighing in near 230 or 235.		
Offers the occasional flash of production but underwhelming on the whole.		
Lacks the physicality and toughness to be an impact player.		
Simply doesn't have the strength and weight to hold up at the POA. Ineffective on runs.		
Average at best. Uses length effectively but doesn't flash athletically or technically.		
High effort when he thinks he can affect the play, but jogs otherwise.		

Rotational Field DE		
#1	Eyabi Anoma	
Baltimore / MD / Houston		
6'5"	235	RS - SO
2019	N/A	
Run		Pass
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> SEC All-Freshman in '18 at Alabama, redshirt at Houston in '19, HS film used for analysis		
Exceptional length with a comparatively thin build.		
He's a playmaker when he sees an opportunity but lacks consistency.		
Lacks physicality and shies away from heavy contact with the OL.		
Quick first step, able to rip off blocks and pursue the play.		
Great bend coming off the edge, average hands, lacks refined skills.		
Inconsistent motor, shows high effort when he can make a play.		

#### Important Personnel Note

They do a lot of strange rotations with the DL, sometimes it looks like a left/right but it more frequently looks to be field/boundary. The ends line up on their listed side about 60-70% of the time. Austin Pickett will play about 2/3 of snaps. There are several reserve linemen who might see time, but they will see a maximum of 5 snaps per game.

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 Tennessee State

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Fox Linebacker		
#31	<b>D'Carrious Stephens</b>	
Union City / TN / Union City		
6'0"	225	RS - SR
2019	24 TAK, 3 TFL, 3 INT, 6 PBU, 1 FF	
RUN		PASS
		+
<b>GAME NOTES:</b>		
2 games (8 starts) in '19, special teams player in '17 and '18 after a redshirt in '16		
Poor length with an average frame and build. Probably weights 210.		
Reads the play fairly well and consistently stays in position to affect the play.		
You can tell he embraces contact, film definitely indicates his toughness and physicality.		
Breaks down well to make the play, works hard to keep the run in front of him.		
Much more comfortable in space than the average LB, matches up fairly well in both man and zone.		
Relies on speed, athleticism, and angles to get past the OL. Loses the rep once the OL makes contact.		

Rotational Fox LB		
#35	<b>Tevin Shipp</b>	
Smyrna / TN / Smyrna		
6'2"	230	RS - FR
2019	n/a	
RUN		PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b>		
1 game and a redshirt in '19, region defensive MVP junior year of HS, HS film used for analysis		
Good height, but his arms are shorter than you'd expect.		
Reads the play fairly well overall, but his reaction time is average.		
Puts his whole body into the tackle but not aggressive enough.		
Average in shedding blocks, pursues the play very hard.		
Played safety in HS and was frequently left alone in coverage.		
Average acceleration, nothing special on the blitz.		

Mike Linebacker		
#41	<b>John Ford</b>	
Nashville / TN / John Overton		
6'3"	230	RS - JR
2019	14 TAK, 3.5 TFL, 1 Sack	
RUN		PASS
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<b>GAME NOTES:</b>		
2 games in '19, no action in '18 and a redshirt in '17		
Tall and lengthy, thicker build for a LB but appears to have relatively poor body control.		
Poor diagnose. Prone to misdirection and frequently goes in the wrong direction with his initial step.		
Makes an effort to be physical but simply isn't effective and doesn't come across as overly tough.		
Pursues hard and cleanly wraps up the runner, but his issues reading the play hurt his impact.		
Seems uncomfortable in space, flails his arms a lot and seems out of control.		
Ineffective blitz, lacks the skillset to get past the offensive lineman.		

Rotational Mike LB		
#50	<b>Chris Hunter</b>	
Knoxville / TN / Austin East		
6'1"	240	RS - FR
2019	n/a	
RUN		PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b>		
Redshirt in '19, played QB in HS in addition to defense, HS film used for analysis		
Looks closer to 6'2", 230. Big and athletic, well built.		
Reads the play extremely well and is impactful as a result.		
Fairly tough and physical but doesn't stand out in this regard.		
Navigates through traffic to make the tackle, decent block shedding.		
Looks comfortable in space and boasts plus ball skills.		
Doesn't blitz on his HS film but has the athleticism to succeed.		

Will Linebacker		
#34	<b>Malik Harris</b>	
Nashville / TN / Maplewood		
6'2"	225	RS - SR
2019	24 TAK, 0.5 TFL	
RUN		PASS
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<b>GAME NOTES:</b>		
12 games (1 start) in '19, 10 games in '18 and 11 games in '16, redshirt in '15 and no action in '17		
Athletic build with average length. Probably in the vicinity of 6'1", 215.		
Reads the play fairly well but can be moved out of his gap by a decent block.		
Never shies away from contact but doesn't appear effective when he attempts to be physical.		
Average block shedding, nothing special and can't hold up against an offensive lineman.		
Doesn't look particularly comfortable in space, he will not succeed against shifty players.		
Doesn't really blitz on film, but he projects well coming off the edge and poorly on the interior.		

Rotational Will LB		
#43	<b>Isaiah Abdullah</b>	
Los Angeles / CA / Wyoming		
6'3"	215	RS - FR
2019	n/a	
RUN		PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b>		
Redshirted at Wyoming in '19, conference defensive MVP in HS, HS film used for analysis		
Great length with a very thin build, probably weighing in closer to 205.		
Doesn't read the play particularly well and is prone to misdirection.		
Leaves no questions about his physicality, forceful tackler.		
Pursues as he sees fit, diagnose issues compromise his success.		
Played a lot of WR on his HS tape and looks dynamic in space.		
Typically tries to just run over the OL, lacks finesse.		

**Important Personnel Note**

Stephens and Harris both saw time at Field LB last year but Stephens is more likely to retain the starting spot. Rotations are inconsistent, but they'll line up on the expected side about 2/3 of the time. Ford and Harris are the likely starters at the other positions but it remains unseen who will be at which spot.

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Left CB	
#14	Chrisun Jackson
Tunica / MS / Northeast Miss. CC	
6'0"	180 RS-JR
2019	n/a
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> Transfer from Northeast Mississippi CC in '18, redshirt in '19	
Good length with an average frame and build.	
Forces incompletions on any contested pass.	
Doesn't have the best speed but keeps up with most WRs.	
Hips open up naturally, footwork is very clean.	
Has the ball skills to create PBU's but not interceptions.	
Maintains positive leverage on the WR and never gets in a bad spot.	

Rotational Left CB	
#10	Jay Woods
Pinson / AL / South Alabama	
5'9"	190 RS - SR
2019	n/a
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> Grad transfer from South Alabama, only appears to have played 4 career games due to injury	
We really don't have much to go off of since he has barely played in his college career. Had a short highlight video on his Twitter, but that only included two plays. High school film shows him to be fairly quick and fast but not explosive. Willing tackler who pulls the trigger and lays a hit on the receiver.	

Boundary Safety	
#17	JaQuez Akins
Starkville / MS / East Mississippi CC	
5'9"	185 SR
2019	92 TAK, 5.5 TFL, 1 INT, 6 PBU, 2 FF, 2 FR
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> All-OVC first team in '19, Preseason All-OVC for 2020, 12 starts in '19	
Listed height is true, more likely weighs in at 180. Good frame and build for his size.	
Doesn't make contact unless he has to, but plays without fear and lays down hits as necessary.	
Above average range, they move him around a lot and put him in a position to go chase down plays.	
Smooth and natural in open space, really comfortable moving in all directions.	
Has demonstrated a knack for making plays on the ball.	
Always stays in position to make a play, but doesn't make contact unless he needs to.	

Rotational Boundary Safety	
#28	Vincent Guy
Memphis / TN / Whitehaven	
6'0"	180 RS - FR
2019	n/a
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 2 star DB prospect, HS film used for analysis	
Probably 5'10", but the weight is accurate. Solid frame and build.	
Plays hard and physical - might be overly aggressive	
Most explosive of the second-string DBs, but speed is lacking.	
Hips and feet look natural as hell, excels in coverage.	
Very dynamic with the ball in his hands, played QB too.	
Makes plays all over and serves as an enforcer on the back end.	

Field Safety	
#3	Takeem Young
Greeneville / TN / Greeneville	
6'1"	200 RS - JR
2019	64 TAK, 2 INT, 8 PBU, 1 FR
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 12 starts in '19, 10 games on special teams in '18, redshirt in '17	
Great length and build for a safety.	
Makes contact and contributes in the run game with good consistency. Not overly tough.	
Solid speed with the ability to make plays all over the field.	
Hips flip more naturally than his feet, can get crossed up at times when his feet are slow.	
Capable of serving as a ballhawk on the backend of the defense.	
Sometimes slow to diagnose, which can mitigate his effectiveness as a centerfielder.	

Rotational Field Safety	
#12	Carson Evans
Memphis / TN / First Assembly Christian	
6'1"	185 RS - FR
2019	n/a
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> Medical redshirt in '19, HS film used for analysis	
Average length with a solid build and frame.	
Fights for contested catches and makes plays through contact.	
Has solid play speed and acceleration, but nothing special.	
Flips his hips fairly well and feet look very good.	
Played WR and shows great ability to generate interceptions.	
Always keeps the play in front of him and is never out of position.	

Nickel	
#22	Wanya Moton
Murfreesboro / TN / Oakland	
6'1"	190 RS - JR
2019	30 TAK, 1.5 TFL, 2 INT, 1 PBU
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 7 games (7 starts) in '19, missed rest of '19 with a torn right ACL, 11 games (10 starts) in '18	
Probably 6'0", 180. Narrow frame with a limited build.	
Not very tough or physical, fails to put his body into tackles and is ineffective at shedding blocks.	
Average speed and acceleration. Pulls the trigger to defend the play but takes a little time to get there.	
Really good feet with natural hips. Lower half responds well to any changes in the WR's route.	
Has not demonstrated quality ball skills on film.	
Stays in position to make the play but fails to make an impact in the run game.	

Rotational Nickel	
#30	Deven Sims
Smyrna / TN / Smyrna	
6'2"	195 RS - JR
2019	41 TAK, 1 TFL, 7 PBU, 1 FF
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 12 games (5 starts) in '19, 6 games on special teams in '18, redshirt in '17	
More likely 6'0" and 190, average length and frame.	
Doesn't hesitate to make contact and plays without fear.	
Average speed and acceleration, nothing special athletically.	
A tad stiff in his backpedal but opens up his hips fairly well.	
Able to force incompletions but has not demonstrated great ball skills.	
Plays pass before run and frequently won't affect the play.	

Right CB	
#16	Tamel McCall
Riverview / FL / Riverview	
6'0"	175 RS - SO
2019	9 TAK, 1 INT, 1 FF
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> #25 in '19, 12 games in '19, redshirt in '18	
Narrow frame with a thin build, probably weighs under 165.	
Not a tough player, doesn't contribute in the run game unless absolutely necessary.	
Nothing special athletically, very average speed and burst for the position.	
A little bit stiff in his backpedal, but his hips flip very naturally.	
Has shown decent ball skills in limited action.	
Stays in good position and maintains positive leverage against the WR.	

Rotational Right CB	
#27	Tyler Shorter
Sardis / MS / North Panola	
6'0"	165 RS - FR
2019	n/a
RUN	PASS
<b>GAME NOTES:</b> 2 star DB prospect, HS film used for analysis	
Probably 5'10" and thin as hell.	
Breaks up contested catches and plays with a little bit of an edge.	
More quick than fast and will struggle against speedy receivers.	
A bit stiff when he opens up his hips, but feet look good.	
Played WR in HS but ball skills are nothing special.	
Stays in position to make a play, great leverage in coverage.	

**Important Personnel Note**

Last year the starting corners never came out and the remaining starters played 80% of the snaps. The corners maintain a left/right alignment with the nickel moving around the formation. The safeties align on the listed side about 90% of the time. When there is no receiver out wide on one side of the formation, the safety will line up at the LOS and the corner will line up a bit deeper. Young is typically used in deeper alignments, while Akins will move around the formation a bit more.